

Introducing **back-in angle parking** in downtown **Royal Oak**

Street parking is getting a new look with the addition of back-in angle parking on S Washington Avenue and on W Seventh Street.

Back-in angle parking uses the same process and motions as parallel parking but is much easier and safer. It provides motorists with better vision of bicyclists, pedestrians and other cars as they exit a parking space and enter the roadway.

In addition, back-in angle parking allows safer access to trunk space and allows passengers to enter and exit a vehicle safely.

For more information - including a video - go to romi.gov/parking



Look for back-in angle parking on **S Washington Avenue** on both sides of the road between Fourth Street and Lincoln Avenue; and on **W Seventh Street** on the south side of the road only.



Want to practice?

Whenever the market is not in use, we'll be setting up cones for practicing back-in angle parking **in the west parking lot of the Royal Oak Farmers Market**, 316 E 11 Mile Rd. Stop by and try it. As with parallel parking, even if you do not quite get it the first time, you will be able to get your vehicle between the lines eventually, so do not panic. You are just parking a car!



BACK-IN ANGLE PARKING



STEP 1: SIGNAL

When you spot an open parking space, immediately turn on your right turn signals to indicate that you will be slowing down to back into a parking space.

On a street that has two-way traffic, the open spot should always be on the passenger side of your vehicle.

Never park crossing over a lane of traffic to the other side of the street.

STEP 2: STOP

Stop just ahead of the space as you would when parallel parking. Turn your wheel all the way toward the side of your car that the space is on before you begin moving the car. Press on the gas gently as your vehicle begins to turn.

Be sure to check your mirrors for pedestrians and cyclists.

STEP 3: REVERSE

Carefully reverse into the space. As a bonus, back-in angle parking spaces are wider than typical parking spaces! Make sure to pull back far enough so that your vehicle is fully in the space and that your front end isn't sticking out into traffic. If you're not sure when to stop, try to line up your wheels with the wheels of the vehicle beside you as a rough guideline.

