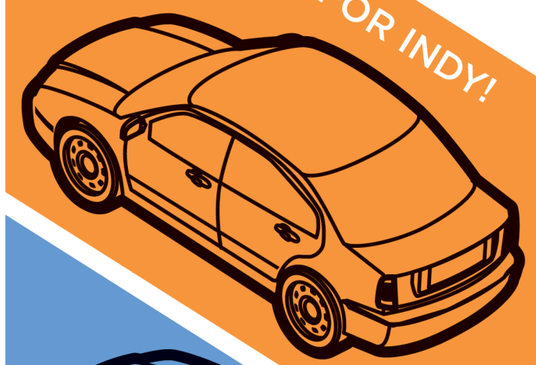
# REVERSE ANGLE PARKING

SMART PARKING FOR INDY!



## What is Reverse Angle Parking?

Reverse angle parking is similar to traditional diagonal parking, except that drivers enter a parking space by backing into it instead of pulling forward.

Reverse angle parking operates under the basic premise that it's always better to "reverse into the known versus into the unknown". With reverse angle parking, drivers are able to "see" a parking space before backing into it — a far better option than traditional diagonal parking, which requires backing out of a space into unknown conditions due to obstruction of vision.

★ The City of Indianapolis will incorporate its first reverse angle public parking spaces along Michigan Street in front of the **Athenaeum Building.**

## Benefits for Indianapolis

Reverse angle parking will create **more parking spaces** in areas typically occupied by parallel parking locations. With Indy's anticipated growth, reconfiguring our existing on-street parking is vital to growing our commercial areas.

Reverse angle parking will **reduce the number of accidents** and injuries related to parking by providing drivers an unobstructed view of oncoming traffic, bicyclists and/or pedestrians.

Reverse angle parking will offer **convenience and safety when it comes to loading and unloading vehicles**, with the back of the vehicle pointing toward the sidewalk and an open car door acting as a barrier to busy streets.

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# EASY TO LEARN

1. Turn on your right-turn signal as you approach the parking space.
2. Do not make any turns away from or into the spot before reversing. Just continue along your normal path of travel alongside the parking spaces.
3. Similar to parallel parking, you will pull past the selected parking space just until the rear tires of your vehicle are even with the end of the selected parking space. Then, turn your steering wheel to the right while slowly backing into the space, similar to parallel parking. Always look for bicyclists before backing up.
4. Use both of your side-view mirrors to center your vehicle between the parking stripes as you back in.
5. Use the front of your vehicle as a reference for how far to back in - if you drive a pickup truck or larger vehicle with a lot of overhang, be careful not to pull too far back and block the sidewalk.
6. Practice - it only takes a few times to get the hang of it.




# EASY TO DO

1. Signal
2. Stop
3. Reverse