



CITY COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole

Monday, May 17, 2021

5:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Agenda

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I. Parking Authority

20 mins total

- **Bill 40-2021** – Amending City Code Section 576-403, Parking Prohibited in Specific Areas by adding the requirement to park inside parking stall lines ***Introduced at the May 10 regular meeting***
- **Bill 41-2021** – Amending City Code Section 576-416 by adding a fine of \$45 and additional 10 and 30 day penalties each in the amount of \$22.50 for parking outside the parking stall lines ***Introduced at the May 10 regular meeting***

- **Ordinance** – amending City Code Chapter 576 Vehicles & Traffic Section 503 clarifying that parking meter enforcement is exempted on Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Eve and Christmas
- **Update on Loading Zone Parking Fee – in transition period**

II. Introduction of Sustainability Coordinator 10 mins

III. Downtown Plus Study Update 45 mins

IV Executive Session – Litigation Update

V. Adjourn

Drafted by: RPA Solicitor
Referred by: Reading Parking Authority
Introduced on: May 10, 2021
Advertised on:

**BILL NO. _____ -2021
AN ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING THE CITY OF READING CODE SECTION 576-403,
PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIC AREAS AS ATTACHED**

The Council of the City of Reading hereby ordains as follows:

Section One: The City of Reading hereby amends City of Reading Code Section 576-403, Parking Prohibited in Specific Areas as attached.

Section Two: All relevant ordinances, regulations and policies of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania not amended per the attached shall remain in full force and effect.

Section Three: If any section, subsection, sentence or clause of this ordinance is held, for any reason, to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

Section Four: This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its adoption in accordance with 219 and 221 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Reading.

Adopted _____,
2021

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk

Sent to Mayor _____

Date: _____

Signed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Over-ridden by Council: _____

Date: _____

§ 576-403. Parking prohibited in specific areas.

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to protect the safety of any person or in compliance with law or the direction of a police officer or other traffic control device, no person shall:

A. Stop, stand or park a vehicle:

(1) In a lane of traffic.

(2) On a sidewalk.

(3) Within an intersection.

(4) On a crosswalk.

(5) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by official traffic control devices.

(6) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.

(7) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel.

(8) On any railroad tracks.

(9) In the area between roadways of a divided highway, including crossovers.

(10) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

(11) All nonemergency vehicles along East Wyomissing Boulevard between/from Lancaster Avenue and/to Brookline Avenue.

(12) Outside the center of lines designating a parking space. No portion of a vehicle shall be located on or over a line designating a parking space but shall be located within a single marked space. No vehicle shall be permitted to occupy more than one parking space at any time.

B. Stand or park a vehicle:

(1) In front of a public driveway or in front of a private driveway upon complaint received.

(2) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.

(3) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk.

(4) Within 30 feet of upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway.

(5) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station or when properly sign posted, on the opposite side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of the entrance.

(6) Where the vehicle would prevent the free movement of a streetcar, municipal bus or other means of public transportation.

(7) On limited-access highways unless authorized by official traffic control devices.

(8) At any place where official signs prohibit standing.

(9) At a yellow curb.

C. Park a vehicle:

(1) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail or railroad crossing.

(2) At any place where official signs prohibited parking.

(3) In an alley less than 18 feet wide.

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Introduced on: May 10, 2021
Advertised on:

**BILL NO. _____ -2021
AN ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 576-416 TO INCLUDE
A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF CITY CODE SECTION 576-403(A)(12)**

The Council of the City of Reading hereby ordains as follows:

Section One: The City of Reading hereby amends City Code Section 576-416, to include a penalty for violation of City Code Section 576-403(A)(12).

Section Two: A violation of City Code Section 576-403(A)(12) shall be \$45.00 with a 10-day penalty of \$22.50 and a 30-day penalty of \$22.50.

Section Three: All relevant ordinances, regulations and policies of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section Four: If any section, subsection, sentence or clause of this ordinance is held, for any reason, to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

Section Five: This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its adoption in accordance with 219 and 221 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Reading.

Adopted _____,
2021

President of Council

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City Clerk
Sent to Mayor _____
Date: _____
Signed by Mayor: _____
Date: _____
Vetoed by Mayor: _____
Date: _____
Over-ridden by Council: _____

Date: _____

Drafted by: RPA Solicitor
Referred by: RPA
Introduced on: May 24, 2021
Advertised on: June 7, 2021

**BILL NO. _____ -2021
AN ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING THE CITY OF READING CODE SECTION 576-503,
SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS EXCEPTED AS ATTACHED**

The Council of the City of Reading hereby ordains as follows:

Section One: The City of Reading hereby amends City of Reading Code Section 576-503, Sundays and Holidays Excepted as attached.

Section Two: All relevant ordinances, regulations and policies of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania not amended per the attached shall remain in full force and effect.

Section Three: If any section, subsection, sentence or clause of this ordinance is held, for any reason, to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

Section Four: This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its adoption in accordance with 219 and 221 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Reading.

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Date: _____

§ 576-503. Sundays and holidays excepted.

~~Parking restrictions and limitations~~ **Unless otherwise posted, the enforcement of timed parking** in any parking zone ~~are exempted~~ **shall not occur** on Sundays, and on all City holidays, ~~Parking restrictions and limitation shall not be enforced on~~ New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Eve and Christmas ~~unless otherwise posted~~. These exemptions shall not apply to event parking. The Parking Authority shall provide notice of event parking to the general public via its website and mobile parking applications.