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BILL NO. 41 - 2015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF READING AMENDING THE CITY OF READING CODE BOOK, CHAPTER 576 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," PART 5 ENTITLED "PARKING METERS" TO ADD KIOSKS TO BE AN ACCEPTABLE TYPE OF PARKING METER, TO ADD ELECTRONIC PAYMENT AS AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF PAYMENT FOR PARKING AND TO AUTHORIZE THE READING PARKING AUTHORITY, BY RESOLUTION, TO LOWER THE MAXIMUM RATES ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY OF READING AND ESTABLISH PERIODS OF TIME FOR PARKING

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

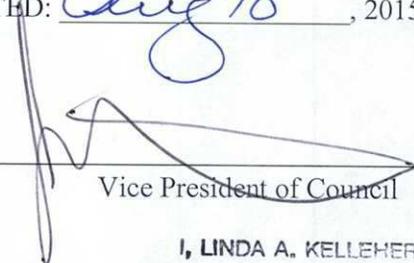
SECTION 1. Amending the City of Reading Codified Ordinances, Chapter 576 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Part 5 entitled "Parking Meters", as attached in Exhibit A:

SECTION 2. All relevant ordinances, regulations and policies of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania not amended by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence or clause of this Ordinance is held for any reason to be invalid, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, in accordance with Section 219 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

ENACTED: Aug 10, 2015



 Vice President of Council

ATTEST:



 City Clerk

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 10 day of Aug, A. D. 2015. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 10 day of Aug, A. D. 2015.



 CITY CLERK

Submitted to the Mayor: _____
 Date: 8/11, 2015

Received by the Mayor's Office: _____
 Date: 8/11, 2015

Approved by the Mayor: _____
 Date: 8/11, 2015

Vetoed by the Mayor: _____

Date: _____, 2015

EXHIBIT A

Part 5
Parking Meters or Kiosks

A
Regulations

§ 576-501. Definitions.

The following words, whether in the singular or plural, when used in this part, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Part except in those instances where the context clearly indicates otherwise:

DIRECTOR - - The Executive Director of the Reading Parking Authority or designee.

PARKING METER *or* KIOSK - - A device intended to assist municipalities and public authorities in enforcing ordinances limiting the time during which vehicles may be parked on any street or highway or other public place within *Parking Zone*. *A Parking Meter shall include any area where payment may be made by mobile electronic means.*

PARKING ZONE - - Streets or highways, or portions thereof, or municipal parking lots operated by the City or the Parking Authority of the City on which Parking Meters *or* Kiosks are installed, operated and used.

PAYMENT - - Any proper currency that is legal tender of the United States, which shall also mean any and all other approved electronic means and methods of payment of the amount due at a Parking Meter, Kiosk or at any parking space, including but not limited to credit cards, debit cards, any and all approved mobile or other electronic means of transferring funds to pay for parking at a space in the Parking Zone.

PUBLIC PLACES - - Any municipal parking lot operated by the City or the Parking Authority of the City.

§ 576-502. Parking zones established. [Amended 11-27-2006 by Ord. No. 85-2006; 2-12-2007 by Ord. No. 3-2007]

All municipal parking lots operated by the City of Reading or the Parking Authority of the City of Reading.

- A. Parking zones shall be established and set forth by legend on the traffic control maps of the City; the provisions of this section shall not become effective until the adoption of the traffic control maps by Council.
- B. *The Parking Authority shall have the authority to extend the limit of the time period to park in each zone by a properly adopted Resolution of the Parking Authority.*
- C. Parking zones are hereby established on the following streets, highways and blocks in the City of Reading and on municipal parking lots operated by the City or the Parking Authority of the City of Reading, as follows:

(1) Parking Zone 1 (~~one hour parking~~).

[Amended 9-26-2011 by Ord. No. 47-2011; 9-10-2012 by Ord. No. 94-2012]

Cherry Street – 800, 600, 500, 400

Penn Street – 400, ~~500~~, 700, 800, 900

Court Street – 300, 400, 500, ~~600~~, 700, 800 (500 has a mix of thirty minutes and one hour)

Walnut Street – 400, 500

Reed Street – 100

Elm Street – 500

Church Street – 000

South Third Street – 000

South Fourth Street – 000

North Fourth Street - 000

South Fifth Street – 100

North Sixth Street – ~~000~~, 100

South Sixth Street – 000

North Eighth Street – 100

South Eighth Street – 000

North Ninth Street – 000

South Ninth Street – 000

(2) Parking Zone 2 (~~two hour parking~~).

[Amended 9-26-2011 by Ord. No. 47-2011; 9-10-2012 by Ord. No. 94-2012]

Cherry Street – 300

Penn Street – 200, 300

Franklin Street – 400, 500

Court Street – 200

Walnut Street – 600, 700, 800

North Third Street – 000 (meters added by Chiarelli Garage)

North Fifth Street – 100, 200, 300

South Sixth Street – 100

North Sixth Street – 200

North Ninth Street – 100

Washington Street – 100

(3) ~~Parking Zone 3 (one-half hour parking).~~

Court Street – 500

North Fifth Street – 000

East side of North Fifth Street from Court Street to Washington Street.

North side of Court Street from North Fifth Street to Church Street (post office)

(4) *Parking Zone 4 (shall have a mix of one hour and two hour parking)*

Penn Street – 500

North Sixth Street – 000

Court Street - 600

§ 576-503. In the Parking Zones, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays exempted. [Amended 9-26-2011 by Ord. No. 47-2011; 9-10-2012 by Ord No. 94-2012]

Parking restrictions and limitations in any *Parking Zone* are exempted on Saturdays, Sundays and on the holidays of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve and Christmas unless otherwise posted.

§ 576-504. ~~Reserved. Time of parking limited by zone; hours of operation. [Amended 9-26-2011 by Ord. No. 47-2011; 9-10-2012 by Ord. No. 94-2012]~~

~~On all days, other than those set forth in § 576-503; parking in Parking Zone 1 is hereby limited to a period of one hour, and in Parking Zone 2 a period of two hours, and in Parking Zone 3 a period of 30 minutes between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and in Parking in Zone 4 shall be a mix of one hour and two hour parking. The Parking Authority shall have the authority to extend the limit of the time period to park in each zone by a properly adopted Resolution of the Parking Authority.~~

§ 576-505. Marking of spaces.

In all Parking Zones, *either a Parking Meter, a sign for electronically controlled areas or a Kiosk* shall be installed for each parking space *or a Kiosk or sign for mobile electronically controlled areas for multiple spaces*. All parking spaces shall be plainly designated by lines or markings on the surface of the street or

highway or parking lot and may be placed parallel, diagonal or perpendicular to the curb. Parking in other than designated parking spaces where so marked is prohibited in any *Parking Zone*.

§ 576-506. *Meter signals and Kiosk receipts.*

Parking *Meters* shall be placed immediately adjacent to each designated parking space and in such manner as to show or display by signal that the parking space controlled by such meter is or is not legally occupied. Each *Parking Meter* shall indicate by a proper legend the established legal parking time and, when in operation, shall also indicate on or by its daily, display, pointer or printed receipt the duration of the period of legal parking or any legal or overtime parking.

Kiosks and signs for mobile electronically controlled spaces shall be placed where they will cover multiple parking spaces within a block face. Upon payment, the parking receipt shall be placed on driver's side dashboard or, where applicable, the car's state license plate number shall be entered into the Kiosk. For mobile electronic applications, no receipt is necessary.

§ 576-507. *Manner of parking.*

Every vehicle parked parallel with the curb in any *Parking Zone* on a street or highway shall be parked with the front end of such parked vehicle at or immediately adjacent to the *Parking Meter* controlling such parking space, *or in the case of a Kiosk or a mobile electronically controlled area, in the center of the lines of the parking space.* Every vehicle parked perpendicular to the curb of any street or highway or any parking lot within a *Parking Zone* shall be parked with the front end or the rear end of such parked vehicle, as the situation may be, at or immediately adjacent to the *Parking Meter* controlling such parking space, *or in the case of a Kiosk or a mobile electronically controlled area, in the center of the lines of the parking space.* All vehicles shall be parked entirely within the confines of the designated parking space.

§ 576-508. *Deposit of proper Payments in a Parking Zone.*

- A. Upon parking any vehicle in any parking ~~meter~~ space *in a Parking Zone*, the operator shall immediately deposit in the *Parking Meter, Kiosk or through mobile electronic means* controlling such space the proper *Payment* as designated for such parking on the instructions for operations of such *Parking Meter, mobile electronically controlled space or the Kiosk.* Upon the deposit of such *Payment*, such space may be lawfully occupied during the period of parking time as indicated on the *Parking Meter, the mobile electronic program or the Kiosk.*
- B. Pursuant to this section, the Executive Director is hereby authorized and empowered to designate the *methods of proper Payment* ~~or amount~~ to be placed in such *Parking Meter, mobile electronic format or Kiosk* and to amend the instructions on the *Parking Meter or Kiosk* to reflect the proper *Payment* or amount required *to occupy the parking space. Maximum Parking Meter rates for each Parking Zone shall be established by the City Council from time to time in the City Fee Schedule located in § 212-144. Vehicles and Traffic.; and authorizing the Parking Authority to reduce the maximum Parking Meter rates established by City Council from time to time by a properly adopted Resolution of the Parking Authority.*

§ 576-509. *No parking beyond indicated time.*

No owner or operator of any vehicle shall cause, allow, permit or suffer such vehicle to be parked overtime or beyond the period of legal parking time as indicated or set forth on the instructions of such sign, device, *Parking Meter, mobile electronic format or Kiosk.* A vehicle which continues to be parked in violation for a period of

three (3) hours after receiving notice of such violation, may be cited with an additional violation notice for the same infraction.

§ 576-510. Use of *Parking Meter or Kiosk* funds.

The *Payment* required to be deposited in *Parking Meters, Kiosks or through mobile electronic means* is levied and assessed as fees to provide for the proper regulations and control of traffic upon the streets and highways and other public places in the City, including the cost of supervising and regulating the parking of vehicles in the *Parking Zones* created hereby, and the cost of the purchase, supervision, protection, inspection, installation, operation, maintenance, control and use of the *Parking Meters, the mobile electronic formats or Kiosks* and municipal parking lots and garages. The *Payment* required to be deposited in *Parking Meters, the mobile electronic formats or Kiosks* shall be collected and accounted for under the direction of the Executive Director of the Parking Authority and deposited by the Executive Director or their designee.

§576-511. Slugs prohibited.

No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in any *Parking Meter or Kiosk* any slug, device or metallic substitute for legal coins of the United States (*not issued by the Parking Authority*) or attempt to substitute or evade any electronic payment.

§576-512. Injuring or defacing meters.

No person shall deface, injure, tamper with, break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any *Parking Meter or Kiosk* installed by authority of Council or by the Parking Authority of the City.

§576-513. Exceptions.

Nothing in this Part shall be construed as prohibiting the Mayor or Council from providing for free parking spaces for loading or unloading of commercial vehicles, for bus stops, taxicab stands or for other matters of a similar nature.

§576-514. Enforcement.

The duty of enforcing the provisions of this Part shall be on the Department of Police and the Reading Parking Authority. In case of emergency, any of the provisions of this Part may temporarily be suspended by such Chief of Police or Executive Director, who shall then have the authority to adopt and enforce such other temporary rules and regulations as traffic conditions, during such emergency, may demand or require.

§576-515. Duty of police and authorized agents.

It shall be the duty of police officers, Parking Authority personnel or other duly authorized City employees of the City, acting in accordance with instructions issued by the Chief of Police or designee or the Director of the Parking Authority, to deposit a copy of the violation ticket in a designated receptacle in the Police or Parking Authority office. The copy shall contain:

- A. The number of each *Parking Meter, mobile electronically controlled space or Kiosk* which indicates that the vehicles occupying the parking space adjacent to such *Parking Meter, mobile electronically controlled space or designated by a Kiosk*, is, or has been, parked in violation of any of the provision of this Part.
- B. The state license *plate* number of such vehicle.

- C. The day and hour at which such vehicle is parked in violation of any of the provisions of this Part at the time of inspection.
- D. Any other facts and knowledge of which may be considered necessary to a thorough understanding of the circumstances attending such violation.

§576-516. Verification of *Parking Meters or Kiosks*. [Amended 6-26-2006 by Ord. No. 48-2006]

All *Parking Meters and Kiosks* located in the City shall be checked for accuracy at least once every three (3) years. A statement verifying that the inspection has been completed shall be submitted to City Council. *Parking Meters and Kiosks* shall meet maintenance and acceptable tolerances established by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Weights and Measures.

§576-517. Notice of violation; violations and penalties; waiver. [Amended 5-27-2003 by Ord. No. 16-2003; 11-10-2008 by Ord. No. 71-2008; 9-27-2010 by Ord. No. 75-2010]

- A. Any police officer or other duly authorized Parking Authority employee shall place on motor vehicles/conveyance parked in violation of the provisions of this Part a notice of said violation.
- B. Each such owner may within 10 days of the time when such notice was attached to his motor vehicle/conveyance, pay as penalty in full satisfaction of each violation the sum of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) and after ten (10) days but within twenty (20) days of the violation the sum of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) and, in default of payment of fine and costs, be imprisoned not more than ten (10) days.