

Ordinance No. 522-2026

By Council Member Bishop

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

To amend Sections 453.01, 403.04, and 403.06 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 817-2023, passed September 18, 2023, and Ordinance No. 1806-2000, passed March 19, 2021, relating to paid parking regulations.

WHEREAS, amendments to Ordinance No. 817-2023, passed September 18, 2023, were motioned in committee but never voted on that would have required cash as a viable option for all on-street paid parking, ensured neighborhoods had lower parking rates than downtown parking, and that neighborhoods and Council Members were given meaningful input to new paid parking zones; and

WHEREAS, since the roll-out of the new paid parking program, this Council has received numerous complaints and concerns from residents, business owners, and employees; these amendments seek to address some of these concerns; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That Sections 453.01, 403.04, and 403.06 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 817-2023, passed September 18, 2023, and Ordinance No. 1806-2000, passed March 19, 2021, are amended to read as follows:

Section 453.01 Parking Regulations in Parking Meter Zones

(a) No person shall park a vehicle in an individual street parking space within a parking meter zone unless the curb side wheels of such a vehicle are parallel with and not more than twelve (12) inches from the curb. Whenever a vehicle is parked in a street parking meter zone, the person parking such vehicle shall remit the required parking fee. Payment method by cash and coins must be available within 600 feet of each individual street parking space.

(b) The Director of Public Works is authorized to charge and cause to be collected the payment required in parking meter zones such charges and fees ranging from one dollar (\$1.00) per hour to eight dollars (\$8.00) per hour in the Downtown Parking Area and one dollar (\$1.00) per hour for up to eight hours, and up to three dollars (\$3.00) per hour after eight hours to five dollars (\$5.00) per hour outside of the Downtown Parking Area and is further authorized to establish regulations that set forth the days of the week, hours of the day, and intervals of time for which parking is permissible. The days and times the Director is authorized to charge for parking shall be as follows:

(1) In the Downtown Parking Area: Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.; Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Sundays only during special events; and

(2) Outside of the Downtown Parking Area: Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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(c) Notice to the public shall be given by appropriate signs, setting forth the length of time for which parking is permitted and the conditions thereof. These may be upon the parking meter stand or in the immediate vicinity. Any vehicle which remains in a metered parking zone after the prescribed time for parking is hereby determined to be illegally parked. At each place where street metered parking zones are so established as provided in Section 403.06, each vehicle shall be parked entirely within a metered parking zone. The provisions of this section shall not apply to vehicles parking upon the street of the City Monday through Thursday between the hours of ~~10:00~~ 8:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. the following morning, Fridays between the hours of 10:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. the following morning, Saturdays between the hours of 10:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. the following day, and Sundays except during special events in the Downtown Parking Area, and between the hours of 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. the following morning and Saturdays and upon Sundays outside of the Downtown Parking Area, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving Day ("Black Friday"), Christmas Day, and the day after Christmas Day, ~~unless a different rule or regulation is otherwise set forth in this Traffic Code. The Director of Public Works, in the Director's discretion, may exempt provisions of this section on an as-needed basis.~~

(d) The Director shall file regulations referred to in division (b) of this Section and any changes or additions to such regulations with the Clerk of Council. Such regulations shall be published in the City Record and be effective seven days after publication. The Director shall report to Council regarding the implementation of this Section and parking data one year after its effective date.

Section 403.04 Downtown Area Parking

(a) Except as provided herein and in Chapter 451, no regulation adopted pursuant to Section 403.03 shall limit the time of parking nor prohibit parking Monday through Thursday between ~~10:00~~ 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., Fridays between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., and Saturdays between the hours of 10:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. the following day upon streets or parts of streets within the Downtown Parking Area as defined in division (c) of this section. Any regulations that specifically state otherwise are hereby disapproved, and signs evidencing such regulations or otherwise contrary to this section shall be removed.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of the Codified Ordinances to the contrary, any parking meter space in the Downtown Parking Area shall be free of charge on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving Day ("Black Friday"), Christmas Day, ~~and~~ the day after Christmas Day, and Sundays except during special events.

(c) As used in this section, "Downtown Parking Area" means the area bounded by Lake Erie from the Cuyahoga River to the easterly line of East 30th Street extended; the easterly lines of East 30th Street connected from Lake Erie to Carnegie Avenue; the southerly line of Carnegie Avenue from East 30th Street to East 9th Street; the easterly line of East 9th Street to Carnegie Avenue; the southerly line of Carnegie Avenue from Broadway to the Cuyahoga River; and the Cuyahoga River from Carnegie Avenue to Lake Erie.

Section 403.06 Powers of Commissioner of Traffic Engineering and Commissioner of Streets

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(a) The Commissioner of Traffic Engineering is hereby authorized to supervise erection and maintenance of traffic control devices as required by this Traffic Code and as the Commissioner of Traffic Engineering may deem necessary to regulate, guide or warn traffic, which are consistent with the provisions of this Traffic Code. All traffic control devices placed pursuant to the provisions of this Traffic Code shall conform to the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, as set forth in RC 4511.09.

(b) The Commissioner of Traffic Engineering is hereby authorized to:

(1) Designate by appropriate devices or markings upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks or intersections and at such other places as he or she deems necessary. The Commissioner of Streets shall place such devices and markings;

(2) Establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as he or she deems necessary for the protection of pedestrians;

(3) Determine lanes for traffic at such places as he or she deems necessary. The Commissioner of Streets shall mark such lanes on street pavements;

(4) Determine the right and left side of laned streets. The Commissioner of Streets shall mark the center line of such streets;

(5) Establish temporarily a zone of quiet upon any street where a person is seriously ill if requested by the written statement of at least one (1) registered physician certifying to its necessity. A temporary zone of quiet shall embrace all territory within a radius of two hundred (200) feet of the building occupied by the person named in the request of the physician, and shall be designated by placing at a conspicuous place in the street a sign bearing the words "Quiet Zone," which sign shall be placed by the Commissioner of Streets;

(6) Determine the location of truck zones and placement of appropriate signs indicating such and stating the hours during which the provisions regarding truck zones are applicable;

(7) Designate by means of markers or signs placed above, within or adjacent to intersections, the lanes from which right or left turns only shall be made, or the lanes from which right or left turns may be made by vehicles turning at such intersections;

(8) Determine the location of loading and unloading zones where there are physically recessed areas from the street provided for loading and unloading and when no parking is permitted within the block. The appropriate signs indicating such and stating the hours during which the provisions regarding such loading and unloading zones are applicable shall be placed and maintained by the Commissioner of Streets;

(9) Determine the location of taxicab stands signs indicating such and stating the prohibitions or provisions relative thereto shall be placed and maintained by the Commissioner of Streets;

(10) Establish parking meter zones on streets or parts thereof where parking meters shall be installed and maintained by the Division of Parking Facilities, and where parking shall be regulated by the provisions of Chapter 453. Any parking meter zone established after May 15, 2026 shall be approved by ordinance of Council;

(11) Establish criteria for the installation of traffic control signals at private accessways. All costs relative to such installations shall be borne by the industrial or commercial establishment or other traffic generator or any part or combination thereof who benefits from such installation.

Section 2. That existing Sections 453.01, 403.04, and 403.06 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 817-2023, passed

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September 18, 2023, and Ordinance No. 1806-2000, passed March 19, 2021, are repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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READ FIRST TIME on APRIL 20, 2026
and referred to Directors of Public Works, Finance, Law;
Committees on Municipal Services and Properties, Finance,
Diversity Equity, and Inclusion

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