

ORDINANCE NO. 15053

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 84 - 2012

December 19, 2012

Amending Parking regulations by providing certain exemptions for city and school district vehicles conducting official business.

SECTION ONE: That Article 533.13 be amended to read as follows:

533.13 EXCEPTIONS

Nothing in this article shall be construed as prohibiting the Authority from providing for free parking space for loading or unloading of commercial vehicles, for bus stops, taxicab stands or for other matters of a similar nature. (8024 §14 4/3/56; 14312 §1 8/18/05). The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to Vehicles of the City of Allentown or to the Allentown School District which display a Municipal plate and are engaged in official business."

SECTION TWO: That Article 534.08 be amended to read as follows:

534.08 PERMIT PARKING EXEMPTION

A resident vehicle on which is displayed a valid parking permit as provided for herein shall be permitted to stand or be parked in the Residential Permit area for which the permit has been issued without being limited by time restrictions or meter requirements established pursuant to this article. However, said resident's vehicle shall not be exempt from parking restrictions or prohibitions established pursuant to authority other than this article including Article 531, Stopping and Parking, and Article 539, Street Sweeping, of the Codified Ordinances as well as loading zones, five minute parking zones, handicapped zones and other special parking restrictions. All other motor vehicles parked within a Residential Permit Parking area shall be subject to the time restrictions and meter requirements adopted as provided in this article as well as the penalties provided for herein. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to Vehicles of the City of Allentown or to the Allentown School District which display a Municipal plate and are engaged in official business. A person shall not allow a vehicle to be parked, stopped, standing or drifted to conceal an officer's chalk mark. (12595 §3 2/15/84; 13901 §4 4/19/01)

A Residential Parking Permit shall not guarantee or reserve to the holder thereof an on-street parking space within the designated Residential Permit Parking area. (12568 §1 9/7/83)

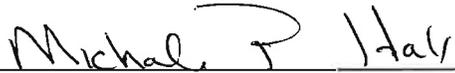
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Joe Davis	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Jeff Glazier	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Ray O'Connell, VP	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Julio A. Guridy, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on January 16, 2013 and signed by the Mayor on January 24, 2013.



CITY CLERK

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

The Office of the Managing Director. The initiative was borne of conversations with Department heads and Bureau Managers.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

This ordinance revises Article 533.13 of TITLE FIVE, STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING of the Consolidated Ordinances to reflect changes to allow City of Allentown vehicles as well as School District of Allentown vehicles which display a Municipal plate and are engaged in official business to forego parking meter fees.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City’s Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The goals and parallel benefits of the bill are multifold: (1) reduce administrative staff time on managing current parking meter fees under current system for both City and Parking Authority; (2) forgoes significant investment in new swipe card technology for city employees as Parking Authority moves to new smart meters; (3) improves mobility and effectiveness of staff deployment; and (4) aligns the city with practices in other cities such as Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia and Reading.

This bill accomplishes additional streamlining of the administrative bureaucracy by reducing staff time on the current management of the meter key program; and (2) relieves bureau managers and department heads from paying parking tickets for their employees who were performing work duties and were cited.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

There are no costs associated with implementing this new system. In fact, costs are eliminated in both the short term and long term. In the short term, there will be no need to manage meter keys, fill meter keys and track them for employees. In the long term, this new system will save the APA from investing approximately \$15,000 in new technology and swipe cards for City employees when they transition from their current meters to new meters which will not have a key capacity.

Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:

- **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Not applicable

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

Before January 2013.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

City Council should support this Bill because it is consistent with our joint effort to reduce costs, streamline administrative processes and improve productivity and morale.