

ORDINANCE NO. 15196

BILL NO. 16 – 2015

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April 1, 2015

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending Articles 533, Parking Meters and 534, Residential Permit Parking, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown by extending hours of parking meters in all parking meter areas and increasing the meter rate from \$1 to \$2 per hour in the central business district.

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

SECTION ONE: That Article 533.04 is amended to include the following:

**533.04 TIME OF PARKING LIMITED BY ZONE; HOURS OF OPERATION**

On all days, other than those set forth in Section 533.03, parking in all zones is hereby limited not to exceed the maximum time stated in each meter. The hours of operation of on-street parking meters and residential permit parking are Monday through Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. (8024 §5 4/3/56; 13201 §1 6/3/93; 14312 §1 8/18/05)

SECTION TWO: That Article 533.08 be amended to read as follows:

**533.08 DEPOSIT OF PROPER COINS IN METER**

A. Upon parking any vehicle in any parking meter space, the operator shall immediately deposit, in the meter controlling such space, the proper coin of the United States as designated for such parking on the instructions for operations of such meter. Upon the deposit of such coin and placing the meter in operation, such meter space may be lawfully occupied by any vehicle during the period of parking time as indicated on the meter. (9844 §2 7/3/62)

B. Pursuant to this section, Council is hereby authorized and empowered to designate the proper coin or amount to be placed in such meter and to amend the instructions on the meter to reflect the proper coin or amount required for the operation of such meter. The rate per hour shall be One (\$1) Dollar except for Hamilton Street between 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Streets and the unit blocks between Walnut and Linden Streets, where the rate shall be Two (\$2) Dollars. (12161 §1 12/22/75) (14312 §1 8/18/05)

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

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

AMENDMENT TO REMOVE SECTION 3 PASSED, 6 – 0

	Yea	Nay
Joe Davis	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Jeff Glazier	X	
Daryl Hendricks	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota		
Julio A. Guridy, VP	X	
Ray O'Connell, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on April 15, 2015 and signed by the Mayor on April 21, 2015.



CITY CLERK

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

Public Works and the Allentown Parking Authority

- Summary and Facts of the Bill

Bill extends parking meter hours from 6pm to 10pm in all parking meter areas. Bill also increases the hourly parking rate from \$1 to \$2 only on Hamilton Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> streets and the unit blocks between Walnut and Linden streets. All other affected parking meter areas remain \$1 per hour. This bill does not change or affect residential parking permit fees, which remain unchanged.

- 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

Based on a survey conducted by the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, 82 percent of responding downtown merchants say their customers 'sometimes' or 'always' complain about lack of parking close to the business destination. Also, this survey indicated that the average length of stay by these customers is one to two hours, which is the appropriate use of metered parking. To that end this bill expands enforcement hours to provide the necessary parking turnover for businesses and restaurants. This change will also improve traffic on event evenings at the arena.

Additionally, a recent Allentown Parking Authority survey conducted of residential parking permit customers indicates that only 20 percent of respondents believe that there is ample parking on their street after 5pm and only 16 percent believe ample parking exists on the weekend. This bill will positively impact neighborhood parking.

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

Minimal financial impact to the city; driven by the nominal cost of the sign/sticker modification using existing signage and poles.

- 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.

No funding sources necessary.

- Priority status/Deadlines, if any

Would like to be passed as soon as possible so that improvements can be made.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

Expanded parking meter hours will positively impact residents and the business community.