

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2011-0020

Sponsored by: Rogers, Miller, Jones, Brady, Germana, Conwell, Connally, Simon and Gallagher	An Ordinance providing for complimentary parking for members of the public to attend regularly scheduled evening and committee meetings of the County Council, at the Huntington Park Garage, on a space-available basis, in order to encourage public attendance and participation in the new County government; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council is proud to serve the citizens of Cuyahoga County and invites citizens to voice their opinions, ideas, and concerns; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council encourages public attendance at and participation in its meetings, yet is cognizant of the fact that many members of the public may be discouraged or unable to attend because of the additional cost of parking; and,

WHEREAS, this Council has discussed that public attendance Council meetings may be increased if members of the attending public are provided with complimentary parking and therefore provide more public participation in the new County government; and,

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County owns the Huntington Park Garage, located at 1141 West 3rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio and has determined that it will provide complimentary parking vouchers for citizens who choose to attend regularly scheduled Cuyahoga County Council meetings; and,

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members finds that it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that the functions of Council can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the County shall provide complimentary parking for the public to attend evening and committee meetings of the County Council at the Huntington Park Garage, on a space-available basis, as provided in this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: Complimentary parking will be available beginning at 4 PM on any day when the Council or any of its committees holds evening meetings.

SECTION 3: That Clerk of Council will make vouchers available for visitors to pick up when leaving the County Council meeting. The voucher will be stamped for the day of the meeting and will be honored for complimentary parking at the Cuyahoga County Huntington Park Garage, located at 1141 West 3rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio on that day only.

SECTION 4: On days when all available parking at Huntington Park Garage may be needed for a major event, the Director of Public Works, or their designee, may cancel complimentary parking for that day. At least two weeks' notice shall be provided on the County's website.

SECTION 5. Complimentary parking vouchers for County Council shall be printed so as to be distinct from other parking documents used at the Huntington Park Garage. The Director of Public Works shall maintain a record showing the dates that vouchers were honored and the number honored on each date, and shall provide this information to the Clerk of Council on a quarterly basis.

SECTION 6. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that the functions of Council can continue, and to and to provide for the usual, daily operation Council. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least eight (8) members of Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by the Council and signature of the County Executive.

SECTION 7. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jones, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas: Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Connally and Rogers

Nays: None

County Council President Date

County Executive Date

Clerk of Council Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee/Additional Sponsors: March 22, 2011
Committee Assigned: Public Works, Procurement & Contracting

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