



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

David Watkins, Chair

Mavina Moore, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Meeting was held remotely at <https://zoom.us/j/94465861528>

The Transportation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Watkins, Vice Chair Moore and Committee Member Reps. Curtis, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Michelson, Patterson, Pendell and Wallace. Also present were Reps. McMullen and Zelinsky; Jim Travers, Frank Petise and Luke Bittenwieser, Transportation, Traffic & Parking Bureau.

Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. T30.052	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Amending Article III (Residential Parking Program) Section 231-36 (Technical Evaluation Criteria) of the Code of Ordinances to Add Sub-Section (I) New Residential Permit Program Zones. 06/02/20 – Submitted by Bureau Chief Travers	Approved 9-0-0

Mr. Travers explained the proposed change to the residential parking program, which is the introduction of a new section 231-36.I, which waives the requirement for a parking occupancy study finding peak occupancy of more than 75% for a petition to establish a residential parking permit area within 1/3 of mile of a park, beach or open water access point deemed a major traffic destination by the Director of Operations.

Committee members discussed

- Whether the study should be waived in these areas but not near the train stations to see if the program is warranted
- Whether the \$100 processing fee should be waived if there is no study
- An application would still be required and 65% of the households would have to be in support
- The traffic engineers would still need to review the application for accuracy and verify the 65% approval, and would have to erect and maintain signs
- Residents who submit applications that are subsequently denied would not get a refund;
- The Traffic bureau provides support to residents seeking to put in an application; as a result, no applications have been denied since the ordinance was revised
- None of these areas are expansions of current residential parking permit zones
- A \$100 fee for an entire street or neighborhood is not high
- Waiving the fee for one street and not others may seem unfair

A motion to amend Item 1 to add the phrase “and waive the \$100 processing fee” to the end of proposed Section I was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 2-7-0 (Reps. Michelson and Wallace in favor; Reps. Watkins, Moore, Curtis, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson and Pendell opposed).

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Watkins, Moore, Curtis, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Michelson, Patterson, Pendell and Wallace in favor).

2. [T30.051](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 231 (Vehicles and Traffic) Section 231-6 (Prohibited Stopping, Standing or Parking) of the Code of Ordinances. J. Travers
K. Emmett
06/02/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
3. [T30.053](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 231 (Vehicles and Traffic) Section 231-44 (Violations And Penalties) of the Code of Ordinances. J. Travers
K. Emmett
06/02/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

The Committee discussed Item Nos. 2 and 3 together with Mr. Travers.

Mr. Travers explained that the goal of Item No. 2 is to make the violations more consistent. It was noted that there was a conflict between Section 231-6 and 231-44. The City has been charging the fine of Section 231-44 (\$90) for violations of the residential parking program, which the Law Department has said is the correct fine. Future changes could result in inconsistencies again.

A motion to change Item No. 3 as follows (shown in green), was made, second and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Watkins, Moore, Curtis, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Michelson, Patterson, Pendell and Wallace in favor):

F. The violation of Subsection B, C, D, ~~or E~~ ~~or G~~ shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of ~~\$90.00~~ \$120.00.

~~G. It shall be a violation of this article for a person to park in a residential parking permit area without a valid permit.~~

H.G Whenever there is found any motor vehicle which has received three (3) or more parking citations issued for violations of this section, which are delinquent, unpaid or otherwise uncontested, such vehicle may be towed or immobilized in the same manner as provided in § 231-8.

The Committee then discussed Subsection C, which was noted to apply only to passes issued for a specific vehicle.

A motion to approve Item No. 3, as amended, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Watkins, Moore, Curtis, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Michelson, Patterson, Pendell and Wallace in favor).

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Watkins, Moore, Curtis, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Michelson, Patterson, Pendell and Wallace in favor).

The Transportation Department will provide committee members with data regarding fine imposition.

Chair Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Watkins, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).