

Wilmington, Delaware
March 19, 2020

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WHEREAS, Council is requesting for a review of the City's Parking issues, which will take place by establishing a Council City-Wide Parking Taskforce Commission, who will study/research and recommend solutions to City Parking issues through legislative action; and

Sponsor:

**Council
President
Shabazz**

WHEREAS, the Legislative Branch of Wilmington City Government is aware of 1) the overarching and wide-ranging issues related to Parking within City Limits, 2) the individual impacts Parking has on the economy of our City, and 3), quality of life and public image problems caused by a number of Parking issues; and

Co-Sponsors:

**Council
Members
Harlee
Oliver**

WHEREAS, the last concerted and successful efforts of the 2007 Parking Summit produced many results in the ensuing decade or more; however, several new issues relevant to Parking in all areas of our City now require examination and legislative solutions; and

WHEREAS, in order to address and recommend solutions to current pressing Parking issues that are occurring throughout the City of Wilmington, the Legislative Branch of Wilmington City Government has made outreach to and has heard from a diverse and representative group of concerned citizens on parking issues throughout all areas of our City of Wilmington: and

WHEREAS, several Wilmington City Council Members, a representative group of concerned citizens including corporate leaders, small business owners, leaders and representatives of Neighborhood Planning Councils and civic organizations, representatives of merchant associations, DART Transit Authority representatives, City Officials, and managers/owners of parking facilities throughout the City have volunteered to identify current parking issues and engage in research to assist in the development of solutions to those issues; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Parking Taskforce members would focus their work in three (3) subgroups populated by their interests and areas of expertise to address parking issues in 3 Focus Areas; and

WHEREAS, the 3 Focus Areas of the Council City-Wide Parking Taskforce Commission are 1) Signage in Residential, Downtown and Riverfront areas of the City relevant to confusing, inadequate, or outdated signage; 2) Administrative Parking Operations and Collection of Data such as the Parking Appeals Process, Cost of Parking Tickets, PREO Enforcement Schedules, Optimal uses of Parkmobile services, Handicap Parking Rules and Utilization, and the Process for Keeping Signage updated; and, 3) Neighborhood, Business, and College Parking issues such as learning from the Neighborhood Planning Councils and Civics the specific parking issues being experienced in each Neighborhood; learning from Businesses/Merchants the parking concerns for their customers throughout the City; and learning Parking Garage use and trends; and

WHEREAS, the 3 Sub-Groups will engage in their research and report to the full Commission their findings and recommendations in a timeframe beginning March 18, 2020 through the end of June 2020 culminating in proposed Legislation and a report to the Full Council sharing the findings of the Parking Taskforce Commission and next steps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council City-Wide Parking Taskforce Commission is hereby established, comprised of members as determined by the President of City Council, including Members of City Council, residents representing corporate and small businesses, resident leaders from the Neighborhood Planning Councils and Civic associations who are not holding or seeking elected public office, City Officials, area transit authority representatives, managers/owners of parking facilities, Wilmington Parking Authority, and colleges in the City.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the findings and recommendations made by the Council City-Wide Parking Taskforce Commission should be subsequently discussed and considered among the full body of City Council, and the adoption of all or part of the findings and legislative recommendations, if approved, shall take place no later than the second scheduled meeting of City Council in July 2020.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution establishes a Council City-Wide Parking Taskforce Commission to Conduct a Review of parking problems and concerns affecting residents, businesses and visitors throughout the City of Wilmington, Delaware and to propose legislative action, make Recommendations and to Report to this Council within 120 Days of its establishment. The primary Focus Areas of the Commission are 1) Signage in Residential, Downtown and Riverfront areas of the City 2) Administrative Parking Operations and Collection of Data such as the Parking Appeals Process, Cost of Parking Tickets, Optimal uses of Parkmobile services, Handicap Parking Rules, etc. and, 3) Neighborhood, Business, and College Parking issues such as learning from the Neighborhood Planning Councils and Civics the specific parking Issues residents are experiencing in each Neighborhood; Businesses/Merchants parking concerns, and Parking Garage use and trends.