

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
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WHEREAS, Chapter 37 of the City Code establishes regulations on parking and operation of motor vehicles within the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan identifies “Resident and Visitor Friendly Wilmington” through the legislative oversight of parking enforcement as a key goal for the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, parking guidelines serve an array of functions for the City. They facilitate land use planning measures to accommodate the motor vehicles of residents and facilitate commerce. Parking enforcement also impacts the financial capacity of both individuals and the economy of our City; and

WHEREAS, the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have led to changes in numerous aspects of City policy, including the regulation and enforcement of parking. As we enter a new phase of this public health and economic emergency, this resolution calls for an updated assessment of the policies concerning night and evening parking enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Council has from time to time worked collaboratively with relevant City departments to evaluate and adapt parking enforcement regulations so that they are appropriate for the needs of our population. Decisions to adjust parking policy should involve careful study of the benefits and potential drawbacks of such actions, as well as a consideration of the current socioeconomic contexts; and

WHEREAS, in the present economic climate, a thorough, rigorous assessment of the optimal approach to night and weekend parking enforcement is necessary to facilitate

evidence-based determinations on what, if any, adaptations to parking enforcement should be instituted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Legislative body requests that an assessment of the current night and weekend parking enforcement be undertaken by the Administration to better inform the City's parking policies going forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such an assessment should provide consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of the status quo policy for the continued functioning of our City's parking infrastructure, weigh alternative approaches that are informed by the values of fairness and equity, provide reliable projections of the economic potential of each night and weekend parking enforcement model, and advise on the ideal scope and scale of alternative enforcement models.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution requests that the Administration conduct an assessment of night and weekend parking enforcement to determine an optimal strategy that meets the current needs of residents and visitors to the City of Wilmington.