



Overnight parking restrictions eliminated in certain metered parking areas in the city

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Atlanta, Ga., July 20, 2010 – In an effort to facilitate the efficient operation of metered parking to the benefits of residents, business owners and visitors, the Atlanta City Council agreed by a vote of 10-0 to increase the time limits of metered parking in certain areas and to eliminate overnight parking restrictions in certain metered parking areas altogether.

“Due to the hard work and commitment of our citizens, as well as the staff of the Department of Public Works, we have made a significant first step forward in addressing the City’s parking enforcement issues,” said Post 1 At-Large City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond, who sponsored the legislation and serves as chairman of the City Council’s Transportation Sub-Committee on Parking Enforcement.

Metered on-street parking is enforcement by PARKAtlanta, a collaborative initiative led by the City’s Department of Public Works that is modernizing the City’s parking operations to improve convenience, access, fairness, and service for City motorists, residents, businesses, and visitors.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Atlanta City Council Transportation Sub-Committee on Parking Enforcement, the Department of Public Works is enhancing the service levels for the PARKAtlanta On-street Parking Management Program. The new parking time limits listed below came as a result.

Under the new ordinance approved Monday, new parking meter enforcement times are hereby established as follows:

Business/Government zone:

This is an area where parking is occupied by patrons of business or government offices with high need for turnover parking

- Enforcement days are Monday through Saturday
- Enforcement hours are 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.
- Parking time limit is two hours

Mixed Use zone

This is an area where buildings have multiple uses which include both residential and commercial but do not have onsite parking

- Enforcement days are Monday through Friday
- Enforcement hours are 8 A.M. to 6 P.M.
- Parking time limit is three hours

School/University zone

This is an area where the majority of parking is occupied by attendees of post-secondary colleges and/or universities

- Enforcement days are Monday through Saturday
- Enforcement hours are 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.
- Parking time limit is three hours

Entertainment/Restaurant/Hospital zones

This is an area where the majority of parking is occupied by patrons of theaters, museums, restaurants, other entertainment venues, and hospitals

- Enforcement days are Monday through Saturday
- Enforcement hours are 7 A.M. to 10 P.M.
- Parking time limit is four hours

No metered on-street parking enforcement will occur on Sundays.

The enforcement of the new regulations goes into effect immediately, however new signage and the reprogramming of meters will occur within 90 days.

“We want to maintain a vibrant and growing city and to do that we must ease any unnecessary restrictions for our residents and visitors,” said City Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell. “By allowing for additional parking hours in certain areas, businesses will benefit as well.”

For more information about the City of Atlanta's parking enforcement program, please visit: www.PARKatlanta.org or call (404) 330-6739.

In other news, the Atlanta City Council:

- Adopted by a vote of 9-2 a resolution approving the City of Atlanta Urban Redevelopment Plan for Atlanta Urban Redevelopment Area No. 1. (Legislative Reference No. 10-R-1333)
- Approved by a vote of 11-0 a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement to Amend and Extend the Central Passenger Terminal Complex Lease Agreement, Airport Use Agreement and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport Lease with AirTran Airways, Inc. (Legislative Reference No.

10-R-1326)

- Approved by a vote of 11-0 a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement to amend and extend the Central Passenger Terminal Complex Lease Agreement, Airport Use Agreement and Certain other Space Agreements with United Airlines, Inc., American Airlines, Inc., Continental Airlines, Inc., and U. S. Airways, Inc., (“Spoke Airlines”) at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport covering the extension of the terms of the agreements by seven years on the terms and conditions specified therein. (Legislative Reference No. 10-R-1325)
- Confirmed the appointment Mr. George Dunsenbury as Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs by a vote of 9-1. (Legislative Reference No. 10-C-1226) For the last five years Mr. Dusenbury served as the Executive Director of Park Pride, a nonprofit volunteer organization established in 1986 to build civic and corporate support for City of Atlanta parks.

The above legislation and a complete list of other items on the council’s agenda can be viewed in their entirety on the Web at:
<http://citycouncil.atlantaga.gov/2010/fca0719.htm>

All adopted legislative items and any amendments to those items or substitute papers can be viewed at: <http://apps.atlantaga.gov/citycouncil/captions/>

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