

INTRODUCED: May 13, 2013

AN ORDINANCE No. 2013-108-74

To amend and reordain ch. 102, art. VI, div. 1 of the City Code by adding therein a new section 102-225.1, concerning free parking for the handicapped in time-restricted or metered spaces in certain areas, for the purposes of providing that the provisions of Va. Code § 46.2-1245 shall not apply within the portion of the city bounded by Interstate 95 to the north and east, the Downtown Expressway to the south and Belvidere Street to the west, allowing operators of motor vehicles that may lawfully be parked in handicapped spaces to park for up to two hours in metered or unmetered parking zones restricted as to length of parking time permitted within such portion of the city, and exempting the operators of such motor vehicles from paying parking meter fees to the City.

Patron – Mayor Jones

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: May 28, 2013 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Chapter 102, Article VI, Division 1 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004) be and is hereby amended and reordained by **adding therein a new section** numbered 102-225.1 as follows:

Sec. 102-225.1. Free parking for handicapped in time-restricted or metered spaces in certain areas.

AYES: 8 NOES: 1 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: May 28, 2013 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

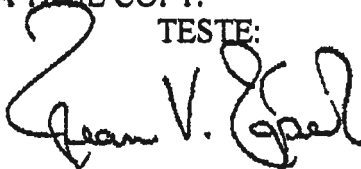
(a) As authorized by Code of Virginia, § 46.2-1245(C), the provisions of Code of Virginia, § 46.2-1245 shall not apply within the portion of the city bounded by Interstate 95 to the north and east, the Downtown Expressway to the south and Belvidere Street to the west.

(b) Any operator of a motor vehicle meeting the qualifications set forth in subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (b) of section 102-225 of this Code may park such vehicle for up to two hours in metered or unmetered parking zones restricted as to length of parking time permitted within the portion of the city bounded by Interstate 95 to the north and east, the Downtown Expressway to the south and Belvidere Street to the west and shall be exempted from paying parking meter fees to the City.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:



Jean V. Gael

Interim City Clerk



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

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CITY OF RICHMOND

O&R REQUEST

DATE: March 12, 2013 EDITION: 1
TO: The Honorable Members of City Council
THROUGH: Dwight C. Jones, Mayor
THROUGH: Byron C. Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer
THROUGH: Christopher Beschler, DCAO, Operations
FROM: James A. Jackson, Director of Public Works
RE: To reduce hours of free parking for disabled parkers

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ORD. OR RES. No.

PURPOSE: To reduce the hours of free disabled parking from 4 hours to 2 hours in the Central Business District.

REASON: Due to the increased demand for parking and the limited turnover of parking in the Central Business District, the City's Parking Operator and Citizen's Parking Advisory Committee recommend reducing disabled parking in time restricted areas from 4 hours to 2 hours.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Public Works recommends reducing free parking in time restricted areas with a disabled placard from 4 hours to 2 hours within the Central Business District. The City is committed to ensuring that on-street parking is managed effectively for short-term access in business districts. A recent survey revealed that between 75% of downtown parking spaces are filled with vehicles with disabled parking placards limiting access to other placard holders and parkers.

BACKGROUND: The City's Parking Division has observed firsthand the shuffling of cars throughout the Central Business District, of employees of local employers abusing parking spaces. The Central Business District is defined as Interstate 95 to the North and East, the Downtown Expressway to the South and Belvidere Street to the West; which includes the neighborhoods of Jackson Ward, Monroe Ward, City Center District, Capital District, Central Office District, and the Biotech and MCV District.

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According to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), there are no federal laws or requirements pertaining to on-street parking spaces. Currently, disabled parkers can park for four hours for free. Seventy five percent of parking in the Central Business District consists of employees of local employers with disabled placards utilizing prime space needed for customers.

The 2012 General Assembly amended 46.2-1245 of the Code of Virginia regarding four hours free parking in time-restricted or metered spaces. Subsection C states that "the governing body of any county, city or town may by ordinance provide that this section not apply within the boundaries or *within any designated portion* of such county, city, or town. Any county, city, or town adopting an ordinance pursuant to this subsection shall indicate by signs or other reasonable notice that the provisions of this section do not apply in such county, city, or town or *designated portion thereof*."

COST TO CITY: None

REVENUE TO CITY: Nominal

FISCAL IMPACT: None

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: April 22, 2013

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: May 13, 2013

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Government Operations (April 25, 2013)

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Public Works, Police

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS: None

STAFF:

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