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Good morning, I'm David Onorato, Executive Director of the Pittsburgh Parking Authority and current Past Chair of the International Parking and Mobility Institute (IPMI).

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Parking Association, I would like to thank the Transportation Committee for the opportunity to share with you our thoughts and concerns on our role in the transportation system.

First, I would like to give you some background on the Pittsburgh Parking Authority. The Authority was established in 1947 to provide and maintain affordable, safe and clean public parking throughout the City of Pittsburgh, to uniformly enforce parking ordinances and laws of the City of Pittsburgh and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the collections thereof; to advance the economic progress of the region; and to do so with the utmost commitment to customer service.

In 2005 the state notified the Authority it would no longer adjudicate the parking tickets we issued, this is when the Authority established its own Parking Court, and our ticket went from criminal to civil and today two-thirds of the tickets contested are done online.

Parking has drastically changed over the past ten years and as a direct result of covid-19 the use of technology has been greatly accelerated.

In 2012 Pittsburgh became the first City to introduce Pay-By-Plate meter enforcement technology and one of the first City to roll out multiple phone apps for our customers.

Currently today the Authority use both the handheld and mobile LPR's for enforcing parking violations.

It is our ask we have the ability for greater enforcement leverage such as:

- Working with the PA Department of Transportation to hold issuing car registrations when a vehicle owner has 5 outstanding tickets or owes ticket fines greater than \$250.00.

The Authority is currently running 2 successful PILOT programs for curb management and off-street enforcement. Working with Automotus we established Smart Loading Zones throughout our City. Working with Automotus we are incentivizing parking turnover and managing delivery traffic while also assisting the city in reaching their goal of carbon neutrality in the next 30 years.

Additionally, we have been very successful working with Wise Sight using stationary LPR cameras for enforcing our lots and freeing up our Officers to handle on street meter enforcement.

I would like to end by noting Pittsburgh just passed legislation to allow the Authority to issue on-street tickets by mail, again a first for Pittsburgh in the U.S.

While we will continue to do our part by advancing parking through the use of technology, and will need your assistance to ensure we have the proper methods to give us leverage and ensuring the violations are held accountable.

Thanks for your time.



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Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh City Code, Title Five: Article VII, Chapter 541: GENERAL PARKING REGULATIONS; by amending language to Section 541.09 PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH to allow the issuance of parking tickets both in person and through the mail.

WHEREAS, pursuant to 75 Pa.C.S. § 6109, the City may regulate highways and streets within their physical boundaries as a reasonable exercise of its police powers;

WHEREAS, the regulation of on-street parking has traditionally been accepted as a reasonable exercise of the City's police powers;

WHEREAS, the Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh (PPAP), pursuant to agreement with the City, has and exercises all powers necessary or convenient for the administration, supervision and enforcement of an efficient system of on-street parking regulation;

WHEREAS, the powers granted to the PPAP, include, but are not limited to, issuing parking tickets for illegally parked vehicles;

WHEREAS, the issuance of parking tickets in person and by mail further compliments PPAP's ability to exercise all powers granted to it pursuant to Pittsburgh Municipal Code §541.09 and applicable state law.

The Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Pittsburgh Code is hereby amended at Title Five: Article VII, Chapter 541: GENERAL PARKING REGULATIONS, Section 541.09 PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH as follows:


- (A) The Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh shall, pursuant to agreement with the City, have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient for the administration, supervision and enforcement of an efficient system of on-street parking regulation. The powers shall include the following powers and rights:
- (1) To issue parking tickets, **by placing them on the windshields thereof, by delivering them to the drivers thereof, or by mailing them by first class mail to the registered owners thereof** for illegally **stopped or** parked vehicles;
 - (2) To administer, supervise and enforce the Residential Permit Parking Program in Chapter 549;
and
 - (3) To own or lease any personal property used in connection with the exercise of any power

provided herein.

- (B) The authority established in division (a) shall not supersede, diminish or restrict the exercise by the City of its full police powers, which include, but are not limited to, the power to establish parking ordinances and regulations and charges for on-street parking.
- (C) Ordinance No. 1, effective February 4, 2000, extended the term of existence of the Parking Authority until January 31, 2050, pursuant to the Parking Authority Law, Act of 1967, P.L. 458, as amended.

Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.

I certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 5, passed by Council on 3/12/2024, signed by the Mayor on 3/22/2024. Effective Date 3/22/2024.

Attest: 

Kimberly Clark-Baskin, City
Clerk

March 27, 2024
Date Certified

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Pittsburgh implements new parking zones for delivery drivers



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Officials on Monday unveiled Pittsburgh's first paid smart loading zones, part of a pilot program aiming to make it easier for delivery drivers and other companies to easily park outside of businesses for short periods of time.

Pittsburgh on Monday launched its first smart loading zones, which aim to make it easier for delivery drivers and others to find on-street parking spaces outside of businesses.

The pilot program is being funded through a \$100,000 grant from Los Angeles-based Automotus, which is implementing the program in Pittsburgh and other cities.

Drivers for delivery companies like Door Dash, Uber Eats or Amazon will be able to use the designated parking zones for their short-term parking needs, said Kim Lucas, the acting director of Pittsburgh's Department of Mobility and Infrastructure.

This comes as such delivery services have "increased exponentially" in recent years, Lucas said.

Drivers can register by scanning a QR code displayed on the purple signs at the smart loading zones. They will enter information including their license plate, payment method, what kind of car they drive and what company, if any, they are driving for.

After registering, drivers will be able to park and automatically pay at the special spots without having to pay a meter or even pulling out their phones, said Jordan Justus, co-founder and CEO of Automotus.

Cameras monitoring the spots will automatically charge vehicles for parking there by reading license plates. When cars that park in the spots but aren't registered, the system will automatically send a bill to the home address associated with the plate number, he said.

This method is more reliable than standard parking meters, where some people don't pay the meter and simply hope they won't get ticketed, Lucas said.

"We know that with parking meters, it's almost an honor system — the same with loading zones," she said.

To encourage people not to linger at the spots too long, smart loading zones use a graduated



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That means that a driver who parks in a smart loading zone for eight hours would be charged almost \$130.

"If you utilize that parking and park there all day, it's going to get pretty hefty," said Gwen Bolden, director of on-street and metered services for the Pittsburgh Parking Authority.

People who plan to park for a long period of time — or large commercial deliveries — will therefore be discouraged from using the spots, Lucas explained, freeing them up for delivery drivers or quick drop-offs. That way, businesses will know that they can reliably count on delivery drivers to park nearby and services like Door Dash or Uber Eats can efficiently pick up orders without circling the block to find parking, she explained.

The program also will collect data about what kinds of cars are parking in the zones, how long they're staying and other related information, Justus said. This will allow the city to understand the demand for such loading zones and use that knowledge in future loading zone and parking planning, he said.

The locations are marked by purple signs and purple curb markings, Lucas said.

There are about a dozen smart loading zones going into effect Monday, including 10 in the city's central business district. Others may be added later.

A \$3.8 million grant from the Department of Energy will allow Automotus to expand their program to also gather information about whether drivers are using electric, hybrid or gas-powered cars, Justus said. The idea is to potentially offer lower rates to people driving electric vehicles. That initiative — which will include several cities, including Pittsburgh — is slated to begin in early 2023, he said.

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