

New Parking Regulations effective June 19th, August 1st - Apply for business permits now

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New meter rates, extended hours, and expanded coverage are effective June 19, 2009. New citywide "Resident Permit Parking" is effective August 1, 2009 [See Source: Somerville Journal, May 28, 2009 page 18. "Legal Notice: The Traffic Commission by the power vested in it through a special act of the legislature, Chapter 397 Acts of the 1978 hereby amends the Traffic Ordinance...."]

Chamber statement

On May 27, 2009 The Chamber's Board of Directors met with Traffic & Parking Director James Kotzuba to discuss the five new parking regulations passed by the Traffic Commission on May 21, 2009.

The discussion covered the possible impacts on: 1) employees, residents, and visitors in general; 2) on certain industries such as Dining & Nightlife; 3) on certain business districts such as Davis Square, Magoun Square, and Winter Hill; 4) on certain government places such as City Hall, City Hall Annex, Public Safety building, Traffic & Parking building, Courthouse, schools, etc; and 5) on future development in areas such as Boynton Yards, East Broadway, and Beacon Street.

Chamber Board members requested: 1) the effective dates for implementing the acts; 2) a timeline of when technology, communications, and signage will be in place to help compliance and to help mitigate negative impacts ; 3) a possible phasing plan for implementation by area; 4) further details on expanding and promoting business resident parking permits, residential parking permits, as well as visitor and temporary parking permits; 5) consideration of possible public/private partnership to promote park cards.

The Chamber will work constructively with the City as the regulations are implemented and mitigation unfolds.

Chamber Advisory

In the meantime, local businesses and employers are strongly encouraged to explore the following (note: permits are limited) ...

Section 15-2.2 Business Permit Parking

All commercial business in Somerville may apply for a parking permit authorizing the permitted motor vehicle to park in the areas designated by the parking clerk as shown on the permit.

The Traffic Commission, on an annual basis, shall determine the location and number of available permits. A lottery shall be held by the Parking Clerk in which permits are randomly drawn and issued. Any permits remaining after the lottery shall be available for the balance of the year, on a first come first serve basis to qualified businesses.

Business parking permits shall only authorize the permit holder to park on their assigned street/lot in areas designated "BUSINESS PERMIT PARKING ONLY" or "EXCEPT BY PERMIT" and shall be used only during the course of the employment of the permit holder.

Business Permit Parking Application available at

<http://www.somervillema.gov/FormsLibrary.cfm?orgunit=TRAFFIC>

Traffic & Parking Department webpage

<http://www.somervillema.gov/Department.cfm?dept=TRAFFIC>

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