

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2012-0031

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Gallagher, Connally, Rogers, Miller and Germana	An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O2011-0020 dated 4/26/2011, which provided for complimentary parking for members of the public to attend regularly scheduled evening and committee meetings of the County Council at the Huntington Park Garage, to remove restrictions regarding time of day; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council adopted Ordinance No. O2011-0020, to provide for complimentary parking for members of the public to attend regularly scheduled evening and committee meetings of the County Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council encourages public attendance at and participation in its meetings, yet is cognizant of the fact that many members of the public may be discouraged or unable to attend because of the additional cost of parking; and,

WHEREAS, this Council has discussed that public attendance at Council meetings may be increased if members of the attending public are provided with complimentary parking and, therefore, provide more public participation in the new County government; and,

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County owns the Huntington Park Garage, located at 1141 West 3rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio and has determined that it will provide complimentary parking vouchers for citizens who choose to attend regularly scheduled Cuyahoga County Council meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. O2011-0020 is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions are stricken out; additions are underlined and bolded):

“**SECTION 1:** ~~That~~ the County shall provide complimentary parking for the public to attend **public** evening and committee meetings of the County

Council **and its committees** at the Huntington Park Garage, on a space-available basis, as provided in this Ordinance.”

SECTION 2. Section 2 of Ordinance No. O2011-0020 is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions are stricken out; additions are underlined and bolded):

“**SECTION 2:** Complimentary parking will be available beginning at 4 **PM8:30 AM** on any day when the Council or any of its committees holds ~~evening~~ meetings.”

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this County Council meeting relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the County Council and that all deliberations of this County Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that the functions of Council can continue, and to and to provide for the usual, daily operation of Council. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas: Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Jones, Rogers and Connally

Nays: None

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 23, 2012

Committee(s) Assigned: Public Works, Procurement & Contracting

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: November 27, 2012

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