

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 260134)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 12-923 of the Philadelphia Code entitled “Smart Loading Zones” authorizing the Philadelphia Parking Authority to install smart loading zones in the area of Center City bounded by Spring Garden Street, Bainbridge Street, the Schuylkill River and the Delaware River, for the purpose of improving the appropriate use of loading zones and reducing traffic congestion, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 12-923 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended as follows:

TITLE 12. TRAFFIC CODE

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§ 12-923. Smart Loading Zones.

(1) The Parking Authority shall install smart loading zones that include sensors, a camera-based parking enforcement system pursuant to Section 12-924, and such additional technology necessary to administer and enforce this section. Existing loading zones may be converted to smart loading zones as provided in this section. Smart loading zones are authorized at the following locations:

- [(a) South side of Walnut Street between 12th Street and 20th Street.
- (b) North side of Sansom Street between 12th Street and Broad Street.
- (c) North side of Sansom Street between 17th Street and 19th Street.
- (d) North side of Chestnut Street between 12th Street and 20th Street.]

(a) in the Center City area bounded by Spring Garden Street, Bainbridge Street, the Schuylkill River and the Delaware River.

(2) Motor vehicles may, upon payment of the fee of ten cents (\$0.10) per minute, use smart loading zones for a period not to exceed one (1) hour.

(3) Vehicles may not stop, stand, or park[ing] in a smart loading zone for more than three (3) minutes without payment as required in subsection (2) or longer than one (1) hour in any case.

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(4) The Parking Authority shall install clear and conspicuous signage identifying each smart loading zone, including applicable penalties for use of the smart loading zone in violation of this Section.

(5) The Department of Streets may promulgate regulations providing for the location and parking restrictions applicable to each smart loading zone, unless otherwise provided for in this Section.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be effective in 30 days.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

Italics indicate new matter added.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on May 7, 2026. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on May 26, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth McCollum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "E".

Elizabeth McCollum
Chief Clerk of the City Council