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**Referred to the
Committee on Streets and Services**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 12-918 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parking for Auto Sharing Organizations," by providing for reserved spaces for car rental companies, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 12-918 of The Philadelphia Code is amended to read as follows:

§ 12-918. Parking for Auto Sharing Organizations and Car Rental Companies.

(1) Definitions.

(a) The term "Auto Sharing Organization" shall mean an organization that, as its primary business, provides public access to a fleet of automobiles on an hourly basis, or in smaller intervals, and maintains said automobiles, which must be located at unstaffed, self-service locations (other than any incidental garage valet service) and generally available for pick-up by members 24 hours per day.

(b) The term "Car Rental Company" shall mean an entity that, as its primary business, rents automobiles on a daily or weekly basis, generally by reservation, at staffed locations.

(2) No person, other than an auto sharing organization or its members, *or a car rental company or its customers*, shall stop, stand or park a vehicle at a location designated for use by an auto sharing organization *or a car rental company* when a sign is erected giving notice thereof.

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(3) One or more parking spaces may be reserved for vehicles owned by auto sharing organizations *or car rental companies* on each of following blockfaces, at specific locations to be designated by the Philadelphia Parking Authority:

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(4) Council may by ordinance designate additional reserved parking spaces for vehicles owned by [car] *auto sharing organizations or car rental companies* after taking in consideration the following:

(a) The difficulty or inability experienced by residents in close proximity of the proposed reserved parking location in obtaining curbside parking reasonably accessible to their residences;

(b) The desire of the residents in close proximity to the proposed reserved parking location for the institution of a reserved parking location for a [car] *auto sharing organization or car rental company*;

(c) The access to the area by means of transportation other than private vehicles; and

(d) The desirability of establishing a reserved parking location for a [car] *auto sharing organization or car rental company* in view of the actual or expected use of the [car] *auto sharing organization or car rental company*.

(5) The Parking Authority may temporarily designate additional reserved spaces on additional blockfaces for a period not to exceed six months for any particular space, provided that the Authority takes into consideration the provisions of the preceding paragraph.

(6) Following Council or Parking Authority designation of a reserved location for parking an auto sharing *or car rental* vehicle, an auto sharing organization *or car rental company* may apply to the Authority for exclusive use of such location on a first- come, first-served, basis. The Authority shall issue a permit for the use of the location upon payment of [a permit fee] *the designated charge*.

(a) The [permit fee] *designated charge* shall be \$150 per location per year, payable to the City of Philadelphia, *for an auto sharing organization*.

(b) *The designated charge shall be established by ordinance for a car rental company. No car rental company shall be eligible to apply for exclusive use of a reserved*

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parking space under this Section until Council has established the amount of the applicable charge, by ordinance.

(7) A permit for the exclusive use of a space reserved for parking an auto sharing vehicle *or car rental company* may be revoked at any time for reason of public health, safety or access need, if written notice is provided to the [car] *auto sharing organization or car rental company* 30 days prior to such termination, unless for exigent circumstances such termination is required upon shorter notice. No permit shall be revoked for the purpose of issuing a permit to a competing auto sharing organization *or car rental company* for the same location or blockface.

(8) The Parking Authority shall propose regulations to the Planning Commission by June 30, 2009 to implement the provisions of this Section. Such regulations shall not take effect until they are adopted by the City Planning Commission.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.

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