

Legislation Text

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Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," by further providing with respect to valet parking permit fees; and by authorizing the establishment of hotel loading zones and providing for penalties for illegally parking in such zones; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 12. TRAFFIC CODE

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CHAPTER 12-900. PARKING REGULATIONS

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§ 12-917. Valet Parking Zones.

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(3) Permit Fees; Renewal Fees.

(a) In the following areas, the annual permit fee shall be \$2500 for each twenty feet of curb space used for the valet parking zone, *provided that if the period of use authorized by the permit is for less than four days a week, the annual permit fee shall be \$1,500; and provided, further, that if the period of use authorized by the permit does not exceed six consecutive months in a calendar year, then the fee shall be equal to fifty percent of the amount that would otherwise be due:*

(.1) Center City, bounded by Spring Garden street, Bainbridge street, the Schuylkill River and the Delaware River;

(.2) University City, bounded by the Schuylkill River on the east; University/Woodland avenue on the south; Fortieth street on the west; and by a line along Filbert street, between Fortieth street and Thirty-fourth street, along Thirty-fourth street to Arch street, and along Arch street, between Thirty-fourth street and the Schuylkill River, on the north; and

(.3) Delaware Avenue Entertainment District, bounded by the Delaware River, Spring Garden street, Second street and Girard avenue.

(b) In all other areas of the City, the annual permit fee shall be \$625 for each twenty feet of curb space used for the valet parking zone, *provided that if the period of use authorized by the permit is for less*

than four days a week, the annual permit fee shall be \$375; and provided, further, that if the period of use authorized by the permit does not exceed six consecutive months in a calendar year, then the fee shall be equal to fifty percent of the amount that would otherwise be due.

(4) The Department shall post signs indicating the location and hours of operation of each valet parking zone for which a permit has been granted. *The fee for installing such signs shall be \$250, provided that, with respect to a permit that limits the period of authorized use to six consecutive months or less in a calendar year, if the Department elects to remove the valet parking zone sign to which such permit relates at the end of the authorized period and to re-install the sign at the beginning of the next authorized period, then the Department shall impose an additional annual fee of \$250 for each year in which the Department both re-installs and removes such sign.*

(5) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in a valet parking zone during its posted hours of operation for any purpose other than the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers and to turn control of the vehicle over to valet parking.

(6) Valet parking operators must [expeditiously] remove vehicles from the valet parking zone within twenty minutes and must park all vehicles in a licensed off-street parking facility.

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§ 12-920. *Permits for Hotel Loading Zones.*

(1) *The Department may designate a hotel loading zone upon the special request of a hotel when it is determined by the Department that such hotel loading zone is necessary and justified by traffic conditions, provided that no such zone shall be designated for a hotel that maintains an off-street passenger vehicle loading and unloading facility.*

(2) *A hotel loading zone shall consist of 20 feet of curb space directly adjacent to the hotel, and shall be available only to hotel customers, vendors, and persons making deliveries to or receiving deliveries from the hotel. The parking limit in a hotel loading zone shall be 30 minutes.*

(3) *The annual permit fee for such hotel loading zone shall be \$500.*

(4) *The Department shall post signs indicating the location of each hotel loading zone for which a permit has been granted. The fee for installing such signs shall be \$250.*

(5) *The Department may terminate any hotel loading zone permit and remove the signs erected if payment of the annual fee shall be thirty days in arrears, or whenever public convenience or necessity warrants such action; provided that 15 days' notice of such intended action shall be given to the person to whom the permit has been issued.*

(6) *A hotel that has obtained a valet parking zone permit pursuant to Section 12-917 may, upon the designation of a hotel loading zone and payment of the hotel loading zone permit fee required by subsection (3) herein, elect to surrender its valet parking zone permit to the Department, in which case the hotel shall be entitled to a pro rata refund of any fees paid pursuant to Section 12-917(3).*

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§ [12-920] 12-921. Penalty.

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CHAPTER 12-2800. ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF PARKING VIOLATIONS

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§ 12-2809. Civil Penalties and Costs.

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(2) Basic Penalties.

(a) Any person violating the following provisions of Title 12, shall, upon a final finding of liability pursuant to this Chapter 12-2800, and except as set forth in subsection 12-2809(2)(b), be liable for payment of the civil penalty indicated, in addition to the costs and fees set forth in subsection 12-2809(1):

Code Provision	Violation Description	Penalty
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12-919	Parking Boat, Motor Home, Truck Camper or Vending Cart for more than 30 days	\$300.00
12-920	<i>Parking - Hotel Loading Zone</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
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SECTION 2. Effective Date. The amendments to Code Section 12-917(3) contained in this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to April 13, 2011. Any permit fees paid after that date that are in excess of the fees specified in the amendments to Code Section 12-917(3) contained in this Ordinance shall be refunded. All other provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Explanation:

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