

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ARTICLE 534 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, TITLED "RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING"

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Article 534.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem, entitled "Residential Parking Permit Program" shall be amended as follows: (underlined text denotes additions):

The Parking Authority is hereby authorized to designate, as herein provided, certain streets and other public areas within the City of Bethlehem as Residential Permit Parking areas in which resident vehicles displaying valid parking permits may stand or be parked without limitation by parking time restrictions established by this Article. Vehicles not displaying valid parking permits may stand or be parked for a limited time not to exceed the time specified upon adequately posted signs. The Parking Authority is further hereby authorized to establish regulatory criteria for the issuance of parking permits, and to issue parking permits in accordance with such established regulations.

SECTION 2: Article 534.06, entitled "Issuance of Parking Permits," shall be amended as follows:

The Parking Authority may issue appropriate permits and shall cause parking signs to be erected in the area indicating the times and conditions under which parking shall be allowed. A permit shall be issued upon application and payment of the applicable fee, only to the owner or operator of a motor vehicle registered at an address in the appropriate Residential Permit Parking area. Any applicant having outstanding parking violations shall provide evidence of payment or pay said outstanding parking violations prior to the issuance of a permit. A separate permit shall be required for each motor vehicle. Commercial vehicles exceeding a gross weight of 10,000 pounds are not eligible for permits. Eligibility for a permit shall be as follows:

(a) Residents -The Parking Authority shall develop, from time to time, regulations related to the issuance of parking permits to residents. ~~The resident must prove residency and vehicle ownership or evidence of having a leased or company owned~~

~~vehicle.~~ A separate application shall be required for each vehicle and each application shall be accompanied by a permit fee.

(b) Visitors - The Parking Authority shall develop, from time to time, regulations related to the issuance of parking permits to visitors. Special permits may be issued to visitors for a period of time not to exceed fourteen (14) days in any calendar year. No resident of a Residential Permit Parking area shall be issued more than two (2) visitor permits at any time.

(c) Students - The Parking Authority shall develop, from time to time, regulations to provide for students residing in Residential Permit Parking areas who are operators of motor vehicles not registered in ~~the appropriate~~ a designated Residential Permit Parking area; provided, however, that said permits shall not exceed two (2) per residential address.

(d) Employees or Business Owner/Operator - The Parking Authority shall, from time to time, develop regulations to provide for the issuance of permits to those persons who provide proof of employment and/or business ownership in the City of Bethlehem, who are operators of motor vehicles not registered in ~~the appropriate~~ a designated Residential Permit Parking Area; provided, however, that the number of spaces available for permits ~~will~~ shall not exceed 60% of the vacant parking spaces per block, to be determined from time to time after completed surveys, and provided further that said permits ~~will~~ shall not be valid for areas where meters are located and will be valid only from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mondays through Fridays.

(e) Summer Students - The Parking Authority shall from time to time develop regulations to provide for the issuance of permits to summer students for the period from June 1 through and including August 31. No more than two permits may be issued for the same address during the same period. ~~May be issued to students and shall be valid from June 1 through and including August 31 of the issue year designated.~~ Summer permits shall not exceed two (2) per residential address.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances and sections thereof that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_

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Passed finally in Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Michael G. Colón  
President of Council

ATTEST:

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Tad J. Miller  
City Clerk

This Ordinance is approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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J. William Reynolds  
Mayor

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