

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 100611)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 9-601 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Garages, Parking Lots, Sales Lots and Sales Showrooms,” by requiring Public Parking Lots and Public Garages to accept credit cards and debit cards in payment of parking rates, by conditioning all licenses and permits issued under that Section on the authority of City and Philadelphia Parking Authority enforcement officers to enter public garages and parking lots to enforce the provisions of the Section, by revising the provisions governing the permitting and regulation of valet parking operators, and by making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 9-601 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§9-601. Garages, Parking Lots, Sales Lots and Sales Showrooms.

(1) General Provisions.

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(c) As a condition of any license or permit issued under this Section, employees of the City of Philadelphia and of the Philadelphia Parking Authority (“PPA”) who are authorized to enforce ordinances shall be authorized to enter public garages and public parking lots for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this §9-601. The provisions of this subsection relating to the PPA shall only be effective if the City and the PPA have executed a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) which authorizes the PPA to enforce this §9-601 and which details the financial arrangements between the City and the PPA with respect to such authorization. The Mayor and such other appropriate officers as the Mayor designates are authorized, on behalf of the City, to enter into the MOU.

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(2) Public Garages.

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(c) Each licensee shall maintain at each entrance to a public garage a permanently affixed sign which shall show the name and address of the licensee, the schedule of rates charged for parking or storing vehicles, the accepted methods of payment, [including whether the public garage only accepts cash,] the hours during which the garage is open, and [the hours during which attendants are on duty] *the Business Privilege License number of the business.*

(d) Rates.

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(.4) *The licensee must accept credit cards and debit cards in full payment of all rates, and may not impose any additional fee or charge for such use of a credit card or debit card.*

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(3) Public Parking Lots.

(.5) the applicant pays an annual fee for each parking lot of \$300.00.

[Provided, however, that any bona fide religious, educational or charitable institution exempted from the payment of the Public Parking Lot Tax under Section 19-1201(2)(a) shall not be required to pay the annual fee required by this Section.]

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(5) Valet Parking Permit.

(a) No person shall provide valet parking services at a particular location unless the person has obtained a Valet Parking Permit under this Section. A permit application shall be made on a form provided by the Authority, and shall be accompanied by a proposed Valet Parking Plan submitted in the form required by the Authority, which shall include the following:

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(.2) The name, [and] address, *Business Privilege License number, and proof of insurance as required by subsection 9-601(4)(a)* of the business or

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businesses or entities which has contracted with the valet parking operator for valet parking services at a specified location, and the name and address of the owner of the property at that location, if different from the business or businesses; the name and telephone number of the owner or manager of such businesses; and a copy of the agreement (either directly, or through another entity) to operate valet parking at the particular location;

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(6) Required and Prohibited Conduct in the Provision of Valet Parking Services.

(a) Valet parking operators shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations in the conduct of the business.

(b) Valet parking operators shall provide each patron with a pre-numbered receipt indicating the valet parking fee and the name and address of the operator, *and a claim check or receipt date and time stamped by the licensed off-street parking facility at which the vehicle was parked, to evidence compliance with subsection 9-601(6)(d).*

(c) Valet parking operators shall display a sign *at the point where vehicles are accepted for valet parking that is readily visible to patrons that indicates the valet company name and Business Privilege License number and any fee for valet parking*, whose design and location shall be approved by the Department and the Art Commission[, indicating any fee for valet parking, which sign shall be readily visible to patrons at the point where vehicles are accepted for valet parking].

(d) Valet parking operators shall not stop, stand or park a vehicle at any location other than a licensed, off-street parking facility.

(e) *Valet parking operators must accept credit cards and debit cards in full payment of all rates, and may not impose any additional fee or charge for such use of a credit card or debit card.*

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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 March 31, 2011. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on April 13, 2011.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael A. Decker".

Michael A. Decker
Chief Clerk of the City Council