
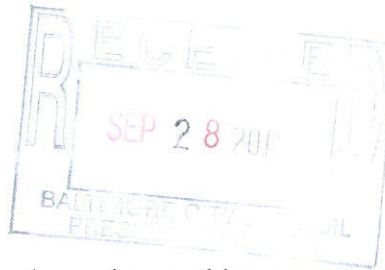


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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 09-0269			

TO

The Honorable President and Members  
of the City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 City Hall

September 26, 2011



I am herein reporting on City Council Bill #09-0269.

The purpose of this bill is to require certain advance notices when parking on a street is to be temporarily discontinued or restricted because of work to be done on or adjacent to the street.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) understands and appreciates the intent of this bill, and supports it with amendments. The Department's current policy is to post signage 24 hours in advance of restricting parking for construction work. While DOT understands the desire to post signage five days in advance of work commencement, from past experience, the Department's leadership and parking control agents feel confident that signs will continue to disappear after two to three days.

Similarly, DOT has concerns that five days' lead time may be too long for notification in cases where impoundment is authorized. While the Department has no issues with issuing this notification to abutting property occupants five days ahead of time, it does have concerns that residents may not remember and plan for the parking restrictions if they receive notification this far in advance.

Finally, DOT would like to clarify which party is responsible for delivering and posting prior notices. The Department of Public Works and private utility companies such as BGE all restrict parking for construction projects at times, and under current procedure, bare responsibility for their own notification.

For the reasons stated above, DOT recommends the following amendments:

1. Section 2-6.1(B)(1), as amended, would read, "**THE CITY AGENCY OR OTHER PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR WORK TO BE DONE** SHALL POST THE AFFECTED AREA WITH ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT LEAST **53 CALENDAR** DAYS BEFORE THE RESTRICTIONS BECOME EFFECTIVE."
2. Section 2-6.1(C)(1), as amended, would read, "**IF A VIOLATION OF THE TEMPORARY PARKING RESTRICTIONS WILL AUTHORIZE IMPOUNDMENT, THE CITY AGENCY OR OTHER PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR WORK TO BE DONE** SHALL ALSO GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTIES ABUTTING THE AFFECTED AREA AT LEAST **53 CALENDAR** DAYS BEFORE THE RESTRICTIONS BECOME EFFECTIVE."

Additionally, please note that while the Department and its contractors do everything in their power to complete projects on schedule, unfortunately the Department must at times extend parking restriction dates for reasons beyond our control. At times, construction projects are uncontrollably delayed due to inclement weather, and the parking restrictions must continue longer than the dates originally published. DOT may opt to place a disclaimer describing this in its notifications and on signage in order to provide as much notice to affected citizens as possible. That said, these weather occurrences should not, under any circumstances, give DOT cause to enact parking restrictions before the required advanced notice period has tolled.

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DOT supports this bill with the amendments described above. I thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

Respectfully,



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