

RESOLUTION 2020-06-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY (“DIA”) INSTRUCTING ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (“CEO”), IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PUBLIC PARKING OFFICER, TO DEVELOP ON-STREET PUBLIC PARKING METER BAGGING POLICIES; INSTRUCTING ITS CEO TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT METER BAGGING POLICIES THAT PRIORITIZE ON STREET PARKING SPACES FOR SHORT TERM USE BY CUSTOMERS OF NEARBY BUSINESSES AND VISITORS TO DOWNTOWN WHILE PROVIDING APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATION FOR THE NEEDS OF ADJOINING BUSINESSES; INSTRUCTING ITS CEO TO ESTABLISH POLICIES THAT REFLECT INCREASING RIDESHARE USAGE WITHIN THE CITY; AUTHORIZING ITS CEO TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC PARKING OFFICER TO IMPLEMENT PARKING METER POLICIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Office of Public Parking falls under the purview of the Downtown Investment Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Public Parking is responsible for managing on-street parking; and

WHEREAS, section 802.105, Jacksonville Code of Ordinances, state, in part, that “The Office of Public Parking is hereby authorized to issue permits and to rent parking meters in the City to 1) construction, insulation and repair companies, only, for the purpose of facilitating the temporary needs of these companies for working space on City streets during the period of time in which such work is being performed 2) any business for a use other than for employee or customer parking.”; and

WHEREAS, due to increased requests for meter bagging caused by both construction and non-construction related activities (e.g. special events), and rates for bagged meters failing to reflect the value of lost meter opportunities, the number of bagged meters and the duration of permits has significantly reduced available transient meter supply; and

WHEREAS, Section 802.105 grants authority to issue permits but does not require their issuance or limit the ability of the DIA and Office of Public parking to establish reasonable conditions and terms for such permits; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, DIA finds it necessary to empower its CEO and Public Parking Office to develop meter bagging policies to augment section 802.105, Jacksonville Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, at its January 17, 2020 meeting, the Strategic Implementation Committee of the DIA discussed potential meter bagging policies regarding duration, number and other limitations intended to promote the equitable use of the City's on street parking inventory; and

WHEREAS, in addition to establishing policies on duration, number, and other meter bagging limitations, the Downtown Investment Authority desires to establish policies that reflect changes in transportation options, such as the use of ridesharing services and valet services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Downtown Investment Authority:

Section 1. The Downtown Investment Authority finds the above recitals true and correct and they are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Downtown Investment Authority authorizes its CEO to develop parking meter bagging policies that prioritize on street parking spaces for short term use by customers of nearby businesses and visitors to downtown while providing appropriate accommodation for the needs of adjoining businesses in order to equitably serve the needs of businesses and visitors to Downtown.

Section 3. The Downtown Investment Authority instructs its CEO to develop policies that reflect changes in transportation options, such as the usage of rideshare services and valet parking.

Section 4. The Downtown Investment Authority authorizes its CEO to take all necessary action to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, and authorizes the City's Public Parking Officer to implement these policies.

Section 5. The Effective Date of this Resolution is the date upon execution of this Resolution by the Chair of the DIA Board.

WITNESS:

DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY


Craig Gibbs, Esq., Chairman

06-18-20
Date

VOTE: In Favor: 8 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0