

Ordinance 28-17

Removing City Employee Parking from Hillman Garage

Staff Report

The purpose of this legislation is to improve parking availability in the downtown commercial area by relocating most City employee parking from Hillman Garage to satellite parking facilities and providing transportation to and from said satellite parking facilities.

In 2007 the City Council declared that “Municipal garages and lots in the City Center are primarily for customers, patrons and clients whose stay may exceed two hours.” Annapolis City Code, Section 12.04.040.3. The City Council further declared that “Longer term parking should be outside the City Center at satellite lots” and that “[t]he City should provide timely, frequent and comfortable transportation from satellite lots to the City Center.” Ibid.

On October 15, 2009 Mayoral Candidate Cohen said “City Hall needs to lead by example. It is bad for business downtown when scores of city employees take up valuable parking spaces in the most sought-after parking garage downtown. On January 9, 2010 Mayor Cohen’s Transportation and Parking Idea Team reported that “[m]ost City employees with monthly parking passes in Hillman Garage should be moved to underutilized parking garages.” Furthermore, on January 18, 2011 the Annapolis Parking Advisory Committee recommended moving a minimum of fifty City employees out of Hillman Garage.

On October 27, 2014 Mayor Pantelides’ Economic Development Transition Team recommended “[r]elocate all City employee parking that doesn’t need to be at Hillman to other locations” and the Mayor’s Transportation Transition Team recommended “[l]imit government parking passes at Hillman Garage” by limiting “Hillman Garage parking passes to City employees who require access to vehicles throughout the day....” and

On January 31, 2017 the City’s Parking Management Operator reported that City monthly parking passes average eighty parking spaces per weekday in Hillman Garage.

O-28-17 proposes to limit the number of parking passes issued to City or Contract employees who work primarily downtown to twenty (20). The remainder of employees who work downtown shall be transported to and from their workplaces via shuttle to other city-owned parking facilities.

O-28-17 will also require semi-annual reporting from the Transportation Director to the Transportation Committee on: (1) the number of valid parking passes at Hillman Garage that are issued to City or Contract employees who work downtown; (2) the total number of City parking passes valid at Hillman Garage; (3) the average peak occupancy of City

parking passes used per weekday for each six-month reporting period; (4) the weekdays that Hillman Garage was at 95% or greater occupancy during each reporting period; and (5) the number of parking passes issued to City or Contract employees that were in use on each weekday that Hillman Garage was at 95% or greater capacity.

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