SUB. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-39

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A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect at the earliest period allowed by law, authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety to designate express parking spaces under certain circumstances.

WHEREAS, business operations, transportation, and parking patterns have been significantly affected by COVID-19 public health rulings; and

WHEREAS, it is still unknown when a COVID-19 vaccine will be widely available; and

WHEREAS, merchants and business of all kinds in Lakewood have struggled to maintain financial solvency and comply with the Governor’s health orders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood recognizes that Lakewood businesses are critical to the vibrancy of Lakewood and, recognizing that it should work to ensure that our local businesses remain successful and that the public can safely and conveniently patronize them, the City of Lakewood should provide more opportunities for short-term parking; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 2.12 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, this Council by a vote of at least two thirds of its members determines that this resolution is an emergency measure and that it shall take effect immediately, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, and safety and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments in that the State of Ohio is under an order of a state of emergency form the Governor and it is imperative to provide assistance to Lakewood’s small businesses to help them continue their operations under the orders of the Governor and the Ohio Director of Health and to maintain public safety while doing so; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. The Director of Public Safety, upon consultation with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Public Works Director, and Planning & Development Director, is authorized and directed to designate express parking spaces under the following circumstances:

1. In support of businesses located along a commercial corridor with no access to or use of a private parking lot, or those for which the use of a private parking lot would impart reasonable difficulty or an undue safety risk to the employees in the operation of the private express parking space.
2. All designated express parking spaces will be established for the benefit of multiple businesses, not a single business.
3. Express parking is limited to one public parking space within the block (i.e., one space on each side of the street between cross street intersections). The Director of Public Safety shall have the discretion to designate additional express parking spaces where there is need based on actual use of the existing designated express parking space.
4. Designation of express parking will be valid through the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency as ordered by the State of Ohio.
5. The Director of Public Safety shall have discretion in the administration of this Resolution to balance the benefit to Lakewood businesses while ensuring parking is safe and readily available for use by the general public.
Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were passed in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with legal requirements.

Section 3. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this resolution, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

 Adopted: 8/3/2020

 PRESIDENT

 Approved: 8/6/2020

 MAYOR

 CLERK