

Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE related to county automotive parking facilities, authorizing parking at county expense for employees working on certain time-sensitive projects; amending Ordinance 15648, Section 2, and K.C.C. 3.32.006; and declaring an emergency.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. County employees currently are authorized to park in the county automotive parking facilities at county expense when this is for the business convenience of the county. The current definition of business convenience includes after hours parking for all employees but does not include parking during business hours for most employees.
2. Some employees are required to be at work early or late to work for a specified and limited period of time on a time-sensitive project. In these cases it would be a significant disruption to urgent agency business if these employees needed to leave the workplace either to move their private vehicles or to return home to obtain their private vehicles and then return to park in county automotive parking facilities for after hours work.
3. To ensure that time-sensitive agency functions are not disrupted under these circumstances, it is necessary to amend K.C.C. 3.32.006 to authorize county payment of day parking of employees under strictly limited conditions.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 15648, Section 2, and K.C.C. 3.32.006 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

A. "After hours parking" means parking for employees whose normal work shifts begin after 1:30 p.m. and end between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. or who are required to come into work after 4:30 p.m. "After hours parking" also includes parking on weekends and holidays that is required by the employee's agency.

B. "Business convenience" means a county business-related requirement. For purposes of this chapter, "a county business-related requirement" includes after hours parking for county employees, parking for commissioned sheriff's office personnel, parking for county employees working for a specified and limited period on a time-sensitive project that requires them to arrive before or stay after regular work hours and for county employees who are required as part of their jobs to use their private vehicles to routinely travel to multiple county business locations and parking for county-owned vehicles.

C. "County automotive parking facility" means:

1. The Goat Hill parking garage located at Sixth Avenue and Jefferson in Seattle;
2. The parking structure located at the regional justice center in Kent;
3. County adult detention center parking facilities located at Fifth Avenue and James in Seattle;
4. Open surface lots that are owned or leased by the county; and
5. The New County Office Building parking located at Sixth Avenue and Jefferson in Seattle.

D. "Director" means the director of the county department of executive services and his or her successor or designee, unless otherwise specified in this chapter.

E. "Public parking" means general purpose parking by persons who are not county employees and by county employees that park for less than a full day.

SECTION 2. The council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that the enactment of this ordinance as an emergency ordinance is necessary for the

immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.