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ORDINANCE NO. 12599

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 24, SECTIONS 24-337, 24-338, 24-339 AND 24-340, RELATIVE TO PERMITS FOR VALET PARKING IN METERED SPACES FOR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 24, Sections 24-337, 24-338, 24-339, and 24-340, relative to valet parking be and the same is hereby amended by deleting same and substituting thereof the following:

Sec. 24-337. On-street valet parking services permits, terms, etc.

- (a) The City Traffic Engineer or his designee may issue valet parking permits to downtown businesses to reserve on-street metered parking space(s) for the purpose of providing valet parking services to their customers.
- (b) The application for a valet parking permit shall contain the name, address, and telephone number of the owner of the business for which the valet services will be provided; the name, address, and telephone number of a point of contact during which time the valet services will be provided; the name, address, and phone number of the valet service provider; and the street address and parking meter number for each space requested and the date(s) the spaces are needed.
- (c) Valet parking service stands shall be located on the property of the downtown business. Valet stands shall not be located on a city sidewalk or in a City right-of-way.
- (d) Upon approval of an application for a valet parking permit, the applicant shall remit a fee in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per space per day to the City Traffic Engineer. The City Traffic Engineer may in his discretion limit the number of spaces and the duration of the permit. The City Traffic Engineer shall not issue any valet parking permit if, in the traffic engineer's opinion, the use of such requested parking space(s) would interfere with any work in the right-of-way or with any event to be held in the right-of-way.

(e) Valet services shall be limited to the hours of 4:30 p.m. until midnight, Monday through Friday, and all day on Saturdays, Sundays, and the following City recognized holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Valet services may be provided during weekday hours prior to 4:30 p.m. for special events, subject to approval by the City Traffic Engineer or his designee.

(f) Upon approval of such permit, the City Traffic Engineer or his designee shall place a bag over the meter(s) reserved by the permit.

Sec. 24-338. Privileges and restrictions on valet parking permits.

The holder of a valid valet parking permit shall be permitted to temporarily stand or park a motor vehicle in the designated space(s) during such times as authorized by the permit. Valet parking operators may only park cars in on-street metered parking spaces for which it has a permit and legal off-street sites. Any such use of the designated parking space(s) by a person other than the permittee shall constitute a violation of this article.

Sec. 24-339. Revocation and suspension of valet parking permit.

(a) The City Traffic Engineer may revoke the valet parking permit of any permittee found to be in violation of this Chapter or in violation of any of the conditions placed upon the use of such permit. Upon written notification of such revocation, the permittee shall surrender such permit to the City Traffic Engineer. Failure to surrender a revoked valet parking permit shall constitute a violation of this Code.

(b) At any time the City Traffic Engineer determines that the continued use of any such valet parking permit may constitute a danger to the public health or safety, the Traffic Engineer shall suspend further use of such permit until such time as the Traffic Engineer shall determine that the further use of such permit shall no longer constitute a danger to the public health or safety.

(c) The use of a revoked or suspended valet parking permit shall constitute a violation of this Code.


Sec. 24-340. Insurance requirements.

No valet parking permit shall be issued pursuant to this section unless there is in full force and effect a liability insurance policy covering the valet parking operator in the minimum amounts of \$300,000 for bodily injury for each person, \$700,000 for each accident, and \$100,000 for property damages. Such liability insurance policy shall be with an insurance company authorized to do business in Tennessee and approved by the City Attorney. The liability insurance policies required in this section shall name the City of Chattanooga as an additional insured.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall sunset on November 13, 2012, unless extended by further action of the City Council, and a report and update to the City Council is requested from Public Works on the results of the valet program by October 16, 2012.


PASSED on Second and Final Reading

_____ May 29 _____, 2012.



CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED: DISAPPROVED: _____

DATE:  _____, 2012


MAYOR

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