

**CITY COUNCIL**

**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**

**DATE** September 5, 2023

**NUMBER** 353-2023

**TITLE:**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO RESEARCH, WITHIN 4 WEEKS OF APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION, WHETHER OR NOT THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP OWNED PARKING LOTS CAN BE UTILIZED FOR OVERNIGHT PERMIT PARKING FOR RESIDENTS LIVING WITHIN A CERTAIN CIRCUMFERENCE OF THE PARKING LOTS. (Submitted by Councilmember-at-Large Adrienne Wooten & South Ward Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson)**

**WHEREAS**, parking congestion has been a longstanding issue in various neighborhoods within the City of Orange Township; and

**WHEREAS**, for the first time ever in the City of Orange Township a public hearing was had; and

**WHEREAS**, it was determined during this meeting that an overwhelming amount of residents face difficulties finding suitable parking spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, therefore we propose that the its investigates the possibility of implementing a permit parking system in selected city owned parking lots, strategically distributed across neighborhoods with acute parking problems; and

**WHEREAS**, permit parking would be available exclusively to residents; and

**WHEREAS**, this approach would ensure residents have a priority access to parking spaces in their respective areas; and

**WHEREAS**, residents would experience a reduced stress when trying to find parking near their homes, promoting a more peaceful living environment; and

**WHEREAS**, with fewer vehicles circling for parking, the risk of accidents and traffic congestion can be reached; and

**WHEREAS**, encouraging the use of permit parking may decrease the number of unnecessary vehicles driving around in search of parking, contributing to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that a proactive measures to address our cities parking challenges will have a positive impact on the overall quality of life for residents and contribute to the continued growth and prosperity of the City.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we urge the City of Orange Township administrations to conduct a through investigation to assess the feasibility, potential costs, and the level of community interest; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate departments conduct a comprehensive study to evaluate the viability of permit parking in the city owned parking lots; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that once the investigation is complete, the findings and recommendations can be presented to the public for further discussion and review.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this work is completed within 4 weeks of passage of this resolution.

Adopted: September 5, 2023

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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

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Tency A. Eason  
Council President