

ORDINANCE #2026-

An Ordinance by the Municipality of Princeton Updating Public Parking Fees and Regulations Related Thereto, and Amending Chapter 19 of the “Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974”.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of Princeton as follows:

Section 1. Suspension of parking fees provision amended. Subsection B19-20(e), “Parking Time Limits Inoperative,” within the general parking provisions in Chapter 19, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” of the “Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974” (“Borough Code”), is hereby amended as follows (new text is underlined thus; deleted text is in brackets [thus]):

Sec. B19-20. General Provisions.

- (e) Reserved.[Parking Time Limits Inoperative on Certain Holidays. Except as otherwise provided in this article or in the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey (1968)", the parking time limits provisions in this division shall not be operative on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The Council may from time to time designate by resolution additional days or portions thereof in a given year on which the parking time limit provisions shall not be operative.]

Section 2. Suspension of parking meter requirements on certain holidays. Subsection B19-21(m), which suspends parking meter fees and time limits on certain holidays, within the general parking provisions in Chapter 19, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” of the Borough Code, is hereby amended as follows (new text is underlined thus; deleted text is in brackets [thus]):

(m) The payment of [P]parking meter fees shall not be required and time limit provisions shall be inoperative [on certain holidays.]

[(1) Except in the Spring Street Municipal Parking Garage or as otherwise indicated herein, the payment of parking meter fees shall not be required] on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President[']s Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The Council may from time to time designate by resolution additional days or portions thereof in a given year on which the payment of parking meter fees shall not be required and parking time limit provisions shall be inoperative.

Section 3. Parking permit regulations amended. Subsections B19-31(b)(3)(b) and (c), which regulate parking permits in municipal parking yards and garages, in Chapter 19, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Borough Code, is hereby amended as follows (new text is underlined thus; deleted text is in brackets [thus]):

Sec. B19-31 Parking Permits.

(b) For municipal parking yards [and garages].

(3) Issuance of permit; term; fee; transferability; issuance limited.

b. The permit shall be effective for a calendar month or part thereof remaining at the time of issuance. The application shall be accompanied by payment of a fee [to the borough] of \$30 for a daytime parking yard permit. For any vehicle owned by a resident who lives within 400 yards of a [borough] parking yard, an unlimited parking permit application may be filed and shall be

accompanied by payment [to the borough] of a fee of \$25. [Application for a monthly parking permit for the Spring Street Municipal Parking Garage shall be accompanied by payment of a monthly fee to the borough of \$180.] Students living on campus shall not be eligible for issuance of parking permits.

- c. The permit shall not be transferable; and not more than one permit, regardless of kind, shall be issued for the same vehicle or the same owner for periods that are concurrent in whole or in part.

[The borough clerk shall have the right to limit the number of monthly permits issued for the Spring Street Municipal Parking Garage.]

Section 4. Parking fee regulations (metered areas) amended. Subsection B19-32(a), which regulates parking rates for metered parking areas, in Chapter 19, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” of the Borough Code, is hereby amended as follows (new text is underlined thus; deleted text is in brackets [thus]):

Sec. B19-32 Parking Fees.

- (a) Metered Areas.

- (1) The rates for parking in metered parking spaces and zones shall be as follows:

Area	Rate
15 Minute Metered Spaces	\$0.55 for 15 minutes
30 Minute Metered Spaces	[\$1.00] <u>\$1.25</u> for 30 minutes
90 Minute Parking Zones	[\$3.00] <u>\$3.50</u> for 90 minutes
Three Hour Parking Zone <u>6091A</u>	[\$1.75] <u>\$2.00</u> per hour

Area	Rate
Three Hour Parking Zone 6091B	\$2.50 per hour
All Day Parking Zones	[\$1.00] <u>\$1.25</u> per hour
Princeton Station	[\$5.00] <u>\$10.00</u> per 24 hours. A maximum of seven days (168 hours) can be purchased at a time
Omnibus Parking Zone	[\$20.00] <u>\$30.00</u> per hour

[(b) Beginning on November 6, 2019 and ending on May 31, 2020 or when the Alexander Street bridge reopens, whichever is sooner, a maximum of 48 hours can be purchased at a time in the Princeton Station metered parking yard. This subsection 19-32(a)(2) shall automatically terminate and cease to be in effect as of June 1, 2020.]

Section 5. Parking fee regulations (Spring Street Parking Garage) amended.

Subsections B19-32(b)(1) and (2), which regulate the regular parking rates for parking in the Spring Street Parking Garage, in Chapter 19, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” of the Borough Code, is hereby amended as follows (new text is underlined thus; deleted text is in brackets [thus]):

Sec. B19-32 Parking Fees.

(b) Spring Street Municipal Parking Garage.

(1) [The following rates shall apply to the Spring Street Municipal Parking Garage, seven days per week, unless otherwise indicated below:]

	<u>9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.</u>	<u>9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.</u>
0-30 min	\$0.00	\$0.25
30-1 hour	\$1.25	

	[9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.]	9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.
1-2 hours	\$2.50	\$0.50
2-3 hours	\$3.75	\$0.75
3-4 hours	\$5.00	\$1.00
4-5 hours	\$6.50	\$1.25
5-6 hours	\$8.00	\$1.50
6-7 hours	\$10.00	\$1.75
7-8 hours	\$12.00	\$2.00
8-9 hours	\$14.00	\$2.25
9-10 hours	\$16.00	\$2.50
10-11 hours	\$18.00	\$2.75
11-12 hours	\$20.00	\$3.00]

The parking rate for the Spring Street Garage shall be \$2.00 per hour between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and a flat rate of \$5.00 for any period of time between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., except that there will be no charge for vehicles entering and leaving within 30 minutes of entrance. These rates shall apply seven days per week.

- (2) In lieu of paying the hourly and daily fees set forth in subsection B19-32(b)(1) above, a person may purchase a monthly permit to pay for parking at the Spring Street Municipal Garage for a fee of \$225. The permit shall be effective for a calendar month or part thereof remaining at the time of issuance. Students living on a university campus shall not be eligible for issuance of parking permits. The permit shall not be transferable; and not

more than one permit, regardless of kind, shall be issued for the same vehicle or the same owner for periods that are concurrent in whole or in part. Princeton shall have the right to limit the number of monthly permits issued for the Spring Street Municipal Parking Garage. [The following rates shall apply to the Spring Street Municipal Parking Garage on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas day unless otherwise indicated below:

a. Every hour or any part thereof shall be \$0.25.]

(3) An individual parking at the Spring Street Municipal Parking Garage who has a valid, current account at the Princeton Public Library shall be permitted to have the Library validate up to two hours of parking per day for equal time spent on the same day at the Library. Upon presentation of a properly validated parking ticket at the Garage, the individual shall not be charged for up to two hours of time per day spent on the same day at the Library.

Section 6. Signage. The appropriate signs shall be posted to implement the requirements of this ordinance.

Section 7. Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 8. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

Section 9. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect on September 1, 2026.

Dawn Mount, Clerk

Hon. Mark Freda, Mayor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Princeton's traffic regulations and specifically various parking fees and rates for metered parking spaces and metered parking zones, and parking in the Spring Street Municipal Garage.

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