



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2071, **Agenda Item #:** 19.

6/3/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 12-5 (Stopping, Standing, and Parking), to add a new Section 12-5-67 relating to parking while accessing or remaining at a polling location to eliminate barriers to parking while participating in an election.

Lead Department

Municipal Court

Fiscal Note

There is no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

December 3, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20201203-045 on consent on Mayor Pro Tem Garza's motion, Council Member Harper-Madison's second on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

On December 3, 2020, Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to explore and provide recommendations to Council for any rules or ordinance changes necessary to dismiss citations and eliminate penalties or other barriers for those accessing or remaining at polling locations for the purposes of voting or working at a polling site.

The Municipal Court worked closely with Law to amend the existing parking ordinance in Chapter 12-5 (Stopping, Standing, and Parking) to include authority for a hearing officer to dismiss parking citations for expired meter, expired parking pay station, expired parking space, and extending time limit that are issued to any person accessing or remaining at polling locations for the purposes of voting, volunteering, or working at a polling site within the city limits of Austin if the hearing officer determines that free or unrestricted parking was not available.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.