



# Allentown

435 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, Pa. 18101

## Meeting Agenda - Final

### City Council

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Wednesday, April 12, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Roll Call

#### Agenda Format:

The purpose of this meeting is to understand the proposed APA amendments, put together a list of information and legal issues we would like addressed, get a conceptual sense of what council would like acted on for specific amendments to be crafted and acted on at a future meeting; and to take comment from the public.

1. Explain the purpose of the suggested amendments – APA reps will be there to explain.

2. Action on the general concepts from council members. You can entertain a motion for each with the caveat that specific amendments will be crafted for future meeting relating to changes in the code if they are code related.

General idea would be: I make a motion to have enforcement by APA..... And you need a second.

a. Enforcement by APA from 8 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday; Saturday 8 am to 3 pm; no enforcement on Sunday; excluding parking decks owned by the Parking Authority. Zucal, Santos, Gerlach, Mota.

b. Remove car inspection and expired registration enforcement from APA enforcement because they are state violations. Proposed Zucal, Gerlach.

c. Prohibit tickets if person is actively engaged in a delivery or drop off within a three-minute time frame. Councilperson Gerlach, Zucal, Santos, Affa, Mota, Napoli.

d. Internal Policy – a Councilperson has suggested a 24/7 APA dispatch to response to residents' complaint rather than police respond to complaints after hours but with a skeleton APA crew -- Gerlach, Affa, Mota, Napoli.

3. Take general comment on the public on any of the issues – suggestions or comments.

**4. Information and Legal Questions – This is a current listing of questions and issues that have been raised. Does anyone have any additions at this time, we can add to the list at the end of the meeting.**

**What authority does the APA have outside the city code?**

**What is the relationship between the fire code and proposed changes to alley obstructions.**

**What unanticipated impact might the proposals have on issues – relating to enforcement provisions and items like inspections/registrations.**

**How can the contract with the APA be updated to reflect policy or any other changes?**

**How do other cities handle ‘after hours’ enforcement – could we find out how Philly, Reading, Lancaster, etc. handle the issue.**

**How does the proposed alley obstruction changes relate to/conflict with the state code from a legal standpoint, from a policy standpoint based on the fire chief’s recommendation and does the city assume any liability or associated risks with allowing the alley to be obstructed in any manner?**

**5. A future meeting will be scheduled.**

Bill 30

Amending the Chapter 615, Vehicles and Code, of the City of Allentown Code by increasing the distance a car can be parked from a curb from 6 to 9 inches, allow council by resolution to provide an exemption to parking In front of a private driveway or alongside any street or highway excavation or obstruction, or opposite the same under certain conditions, allowing parking in alleys that are less than 20 feet wide provided there is a 12 foot passage and the car is not parked on the sidewalk, allowing impounded vehicles to be released if the owner is in compliance with a payment plan and re-moving all imprisonment penalties.

**Sponsors:** Affa, Gerlach, Hendricks, Napoli, Mota and Mr. Zucal

**Attachments:** [Bill 30 Parking Bill](#)

[Councilor Suggestions/Questions](#)

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