

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 26 - 2026

INTRODUCED BY

April 1, 2026

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Article VIII, Allentown Parking Authority, by removing the requirement that a member of the Parking Authority must also be a representative of the AEDC, allowing the Mayor to designate and Council to approve any resident of the City of Allentown.

SECTION ONE: That Article VIII, Allentown Parking Authority be amended to read as follows:

Article VIII

Allentown Parking Authority

[Adopted 10-17-1984 by Ord. No. 12628 (Article 168 of the 1962 Codified Ordinances)]

§ 12-41 Membership

Prior to the incorporation, the Mayor of the City of Allentown shall appoint five members, all of whom shall be residents of the City, who shall serve on the Board of the Parking Authority of the City of Allentown. The members who are first appointed shall serve for terms of one, two, three, four and five years, respectively. Thereafter, the term of office shall be five years. The members of the Board shall include a member of the Council of the City of Allentown, and the Director of Finance or his **their** designee ~~and a representative of the Allentown Economic Development Corporation~~. The position of any member of the Board appointed because of his capacity as Councilperson, Director of Finance or their ~~his~~ designee or Allentown Economic Development Corporation representative who ceases to be so engaged shall automatically be considered vacant. The member of the Council of the City of Allentown and the Director of Finance or his designee shall not serve as the Chairperson of the Allentown Parking Authority.

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

City Council

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The amendment removes the requirement that a member of the Parking Authority must also be a representative of the AEDC.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

The amendment allows the Mayor to designate and Council to approve any City resident.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

It expands the candidacy pool of those who can fill a vacancy on the Board. Not only is this seat currently set aside for an AEDC representative, that person must also live in the City.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

The change allows any city resident to participate civically if they choose to/are selected to serve on this board – regardless of affiliation with any organization.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

There is no cost to the City.

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

N/a

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

Currently there is a vacancy that exists on the APA Board. The AEDC representative that was holding the APA Board seat is no longer serving as an AEDC representative.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This change will allow the Mayor to designate any city resident, regardless of their affiliation with the AEDC, to the APA Board. This opens up the pool of candidates that can be considered.