

NOVEMBER 2, 2010 ELECTION DAY--
PARKING HOLIDAY

In the year Two Thousand Ten.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, President Thomas Jefferson once famously said ““Should things go wrong at any time, the people will set them to rights by the peaceable exercise of their elective rights;” and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Burlington should be encouraged to exercise their elective rights and should be assisted and encouraged to participate in the voting process; and

WHEREAS, despite the best efforts of the Parking Enforcement Unit of the Burlington Police Department, there is no consistent policy in respect to whether or not tickets are to be issued to vehicles parked in the general vicinity of the polling places on election day, primary elections and town meeting day; and

WHEREAS, residents of Burlington should neither be discouraged from voting, nor should they have a bad taste left in their mouths as a result of the voting process and that receiving a substantial parking ticket or indeed, any parking ticket while going to the polls can sometimes have this unwanted effect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council declares that on Election Day, November 2, 2010 there shall be a parking “holiday” in that no parking tickets shall be issued by the Parking Enforcement Unit to any car parked within 200 yards of the entrance

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38 of any polling area in the City of Burlington, unless the motor vehicle poses a substantial threat
39 to the health, safety or welfare of the residents of Burlington by virtue of its parking place or the
40 motor vehicle is parked in a spot clearly marked and labeled for use by disabled drivers; and

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this issue be referred to the Ordinance Committee, to
42 consider an ordinance that will embrace a parking program to be codified in City Ordinance
43 similar to the one listed above. The intention being that there should be no restrictions on voters'
44 ability to park in publicly accessible areas when going to the polls and they should not be subject
45 to ticketing while exercising the right to vote. The Ordinance Committee shall report back to the
46 City Council with a recommendation by its December 16, 2010 meeting.

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49 lb/rwh/c: Resolutions 2010/Parking Holiday (free parking near polling places when voting) (11-2-10 Special City Meeting)
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