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Princeton Council to Consider Parking Changes

The Princeton Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Main Meeting Room at 400 Witherspoon Street to consider parking code changes. No formal actions will be taken at this meeting.

Representatives from the Princeton Engineering Department will present potential code amendments related to metered and unmetered street parking as well as changes to loading zones, overnight parking, Princeton Station extended parking, and new parking time restrictions for various streets. “There are so many issues when it comes to parking regulations that it made sense to have a meeting devoted entirely to the topic. It will be an opportunity for Council to hear from our staff as well as the public, and to consider the various options and impacts before ordinances are drafted,” said Mayor Liz Lempert.

In response to requests for limited parking hours and daytime permits from residents, Princeton Council will consider future regulations for two-hour parking time restrictions on Lytle Street, Clay Street, Maple Street and Linden Lane, and daytime parking permits in conjunction with overnight permits. Permit fee exemption criteria will also be explored. “One of the issues we’ll be discussing is providing daytime permit parking for residents who live in-town, which has been percolating for a number of years. The program in the Witherspoon-Jackson neighborhood has differences between the former Borough and Township, and other neighborhoods have requested a permit program,” said Council President Jenny Crumiller.

Adding metered on-street parking on Witherspoon Street, Henry Avenue, and College Road will be discussed. Princeton Council will also consider harmonizing the loading zone regulations between the former Borough and Township and revising parking time limits on lower University Place.

The municipality of Princeton manages over 1,100 metered parking spaces on and off street, one public parking garage, eight surface lots, and hundreds of parking permits.