

Ordinance No. 121917

Council Bill No. 115352

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The City of Seattle - Legislative Department

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Richard Conlin

Councilmember

Committee Action:

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WHEREAS, the competition for curb space use is increasing; and

WHEREAS, the City strives to keep its arterials clear and uncongested by designating spaces for short-term stopping, standing or parking by vehicles to promote the safe movement of people and goods; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

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1 **11.14.568 Shuttle Bus Zone.**

2 “Shuttle Bus Zone” means a portion of a street designated by a sign and white paint
3 markings or other traffic control devices that is reserved for the exclusive use of shuttle
4 bus vehicles possessing a valid shuttle bus loading permit.

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7 Section 3. A new section is added to the Seattle Municipal Code to read as follows:

8 **11.23.034 Shuttle Bus Loading Permit -- Requirements and Fee.**

9 A. The Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized to administer a system for the issuance
10 of shuttle bus loading permits and to collect fees therefore. Shuttle bus loading permits
11 shall only be issued to persons or entities that possess a current business license issued by
12 any governmental jurisdiction. The applicant may obtain one (1) nontransferable permit
13 for each shuttle bus licensed vehicle operated by the company named in the business
14 license. The applicant shall provide the license plate number, as well as other vehicle
15 identification information as determined by the Traffic Engineer. The permit shall be
16 permanently affixed to the lower left-hand corner of the vehicle’s windshield.
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19 B. Permits shall be valid for one (1) calendar year. The Traffic Engineer shall collect
20 an annual fee of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for each permit issued to an applicant.
21 Permits issued after July 1st of any calendar year shall have their fee reduced by fifty
22 (50%) percent.
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25 Section 4. A new section is added to the Seattle Municipal Code to read as follows:
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2 **11.72.357 Shuttle Bus Load Zone.**

3 No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle other than a shuttle bus displaying a valid
4 shuttle bus loading permit in a shuttle bus load zone during the hours the zone restriction
5 is in effect; provided that shuttle bus load zone restrictions are not effective on Sundays
6 or public holidays, except where otherwise indicated by appropriate signs.
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9 Section 5. Section 11.31.121 of the Seattle Municipal Code, as last amended by
10 Ordinance 121388, is amended to add a monetary penalty for violation of Section 11.72.357 of
11 the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:
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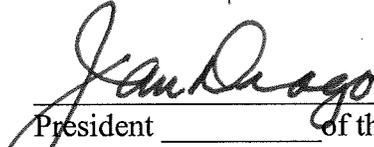
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18 The Code Reviser is directed to re-order the list of parking infractions and their penalties
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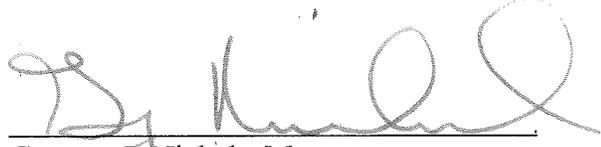


1 Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after
2 its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days
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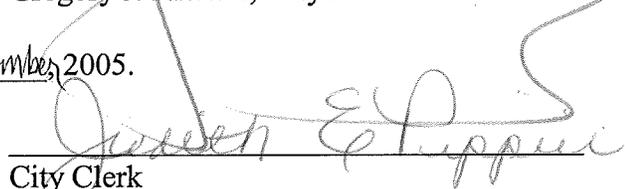
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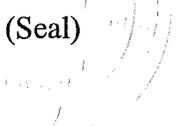
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10 President _____ of the City Council

11 Approved by me this 22nd day of September, 2005.

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14 Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

15 Filed by me this 23rd day of September, 2005.

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18 City Clerk





City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Office of the Mayor

August 2, 2005

Honorable Jan Drago
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Drago:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Bill that amends the Seattle Municipal Code by creating a new vehicle category called "Shuttle Bus". The amendment provides for shuttle bus zones and a shuttle bus loading permit, and establishes an accompanying permit fee and parking infraction penalty. These additions to the Code are responsive to the growing number of shuttle services operated in Seattle by hospitals, higher education institutions, assisted living homes, and businesses that are unable to find space to legally load/unload their passengers. The existing Code has provisions for such spaces for sightseeing and charter buses, but does not cover the class of vehicle defined as a shuttle bus.

There are a growing number of shuttle services within the City of Seattle, including those operated by Swedish Hospital, Harborview Hospital, University of WA Medical Center, Starbucks, Amazon.Com, and several assisted living homes. These shuttle buses move their employees, students, and residents between various facilities within the downtown and nearby business districts. Increasing the use of shuttle buses is supported by the Seattle Comprehensive Plan, which includes transportation goals and policies to balance the limited street capacity among competing uses, and to promote programs and strategies aimed at reducing the number of car trips and miles driven in order to increase the efficiency of the transportation system.

This legislation will assist in keeping the arterials clearer by designating spaces for short-term loading/unloading for shuttle buses. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Frank Nelson at 684-5379.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Nickels", written over a large, faint circular stamp.

GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

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Legislation Title:

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• **Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation amends the Seattle Municipal Code by including Shuttle Bus as an identified vehicle in the Code and providing for Shuttle Bus Zones and a related Shuttle Bus Loading Permit (with accompanying permit fee and parking infraction penalty) in order to provide space for shuttle buses with permits.

• **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

There are a growing number of shuttle services operating within the City of Seattle (some of those are operated by Swedish Hospital, Harborview Hospital, University of WA Medical Center, Starbucks, Amazon.Com and assisted living homes) moving their employees, students and residents between their various buildings within the downtown and close-in business districts. There is a need for designated load/unload zones to handle these larger vehicles, with regular schedules and regular routes, which do not fit the current Code definition of "Sightseeing bus" or "Charter bus". The City's Comp Plan contains policy language supporting this proposed legislation. It has goals supportive of programs and strategies to reduce the number of car trips and miles (for work and non-work purposes) and to balance the limited street capacity among competing uses.

• *Please check one of the following:*

X **This legislation has financial implications.** *(Stop here and delete the remainder of this document prior to saving and printing.)*

This legislation is financially neutral. It sets a fee of \$300 for each shuttle permit issued to an applicant. This fee was established based on the cost of administering the permit and the loss of potential revenue from the use of the curbspace as a reserved shuttle space rather than a metered parking space. It is anticipated that only 2-3 Shuttle Bus Zones will be established per year. SDOT will absorb the cost of issuing the permits since they will be so infrequently requested.



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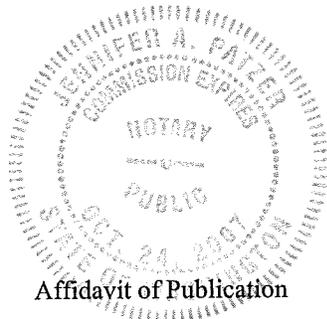
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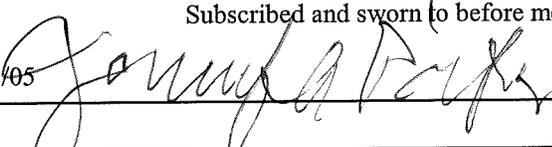
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President of the City Council

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Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

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(Seal) Judith Pippin

City Clerk

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