

ORDINANCE #2019-29

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF PRINCETON REGULATING OMNIBUS (TOUR BUS) PARKING AND AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1974.”

WHEREAS, because of its rich history and internationally-renowned university, the Municipality of Princeton has in recent years become a destination for tourism; and

WHEREAS, Princeton welcomes and encourages tourism, and seeks to ensure the safety of all vehicles and pedestrians on its streets due to increased quantity of tour buses, also known as “omnibuses” thereon; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons the Public Safety Committee recommends that the Council designate specific streets as parking zones for tour buses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Princeton Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 19 of the “Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974” (“Borough Code”), entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” is hereby amended by adding a NEW article XIII, entitled “Omnibus Parking,” consisting of section 19-39, thereto as follows:

Article XIII. Omnibus Parking.

Sec. 19-39. Omnibus Parking Zone.

(a) As used in this section, “omnibus” shall mean any motor vehicle used for the transportation of passengers for hire, including but not limited to tour and charter bus operations, and which are at least twenty-two (22) feet in length. Excepted from the definition of “omnibus” are: commuter vans, taxi cabs, vehicles used for ridesharing arrangements, school buses and limousines. Also excepted

from the definition of “omnibus” are the following types of vehicles, as said terms are defined in N.J.S.A. 16:51-1.3: medical livery, adult day care transport, adult community transport, car rental transport, collegiate transport, hotel complimentary transport, farm labor transport, day labor transport, time share transport and recreational transport.

(b) Parking zone designated. The following area upon the municipally controlled streets of Princeton is hereby designated as the omnibus parking zone:

Alexander Street – West Side, Between the Southern Most Driveway to the Princeton Station Lot and a Point 410 Feet Northerly, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., seven (7) days a week.

(c) Parking prohibited. No person shall park any omnibus on any other municipally controlled street of Princeton at any time.

(d) Any person who is convicted of a violation of this section shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$100 and maximum fine of \$2,000 for each violation; the specific amount shall be as determined in the discretion of the municipal court, along with such other penalties set forth in section 1-6 as appropriate.

(e) Omnibus parking shall be subject to all other applicable provisions of this chapter not inconsistent with this section.

Section 2. Section 19-24 of the Borough Code, entitled “Metered on-street parking areas designated,” shall be amended by DELETING the following provision of section 19-24 (deletions are [bracketed] and ~~struck~~):

Sec. 19-24. Metered on-street parking areas designated.

(a) No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit listed below during the hours listed below upon any of the following streets or parts of streets:

Meter Parking Area	Location	Location Notes	Time Limit	Hours of Operation
[ALL DAY METERS	ALEXANDER STREET – BOTH SIDES, BETWEEN UNIVERSITY PLACE & SOUTHERN MOST DRIVEWAY TO THE PRINCETON STATION LOT		ALL DAY	9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday AND 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Friday through Saturday AND 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Sunday]

(b) Parking in metered on-street parking areas designated in section 19-24(a) shall be in compliance with section 19-21.

Section 3. Section 19-24 of the Borough Code, entitled “Metered on-street parking areas designated,” shall be amended by adding NEW provisions thereto as follows (additions are underlined):

Sec. 19-24. Metered on-street parking areas designated.

(a) No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit listed below during the hours listed below upon any of the following streets or parts of streets:

Meter Parking Area	Location	Location Notes	Time Limit	Hours of Operation
<u>THREE HOUR METERS – OMNIBUS PARKING ZONE</u>	<u>ALEXANDER STREET – WEST SIDE, BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN MOST DRIVEWAY TO THE PRINCETON STATION LOT AND A POINT 410 FEET NORTHERLY</u>		<u>THREE HOURS</u>	<u>7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday through Sunday</u>

Meter Parking Area	Location	Location Notes	Time Limit	Hours of Operation
<u>ALL DAY METERS</u>	<u>ALEXANDER STREET – EAST SIDE, BETWEEN UNIVERSITY PLACE & SOUTHERN MOST DRIVEWAY TO THE PRINCETON STATION LOT</u>	-	<u>ALL DAY</u>	<u>9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday AND 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Friday through Saturday AND 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Sunday</u>
<u>ALL DAY METERS</u>	<u>ALEXANDER STREET – WEST SIDE, BETWEEN UNIVERSITY PLACE & A POINT 410 FEET NORTHERLY OF THE SOUTHERN MOST DRIVEWAY TO THE PRINCETON STATION LOT</u>	-	<u>ALL DAY</u>	<u>9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday AND 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Friday through Saturday AND 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Sunday</u>

(b) Parking in metered on-street parking areas designated in section 19-24(a) shall be in compliance with section 19-21.

Section 4. Section 19-32 of the Borough Code, entitled “Parking fees,” shall be amended by adding a NEW fee for omnibus parking as follows (additions are underlined):

Sec. 19-32. Parking fees.

(a) Metered areas. The rates for parking in metered areas shall be as follows:

Area	Rate
<u>OMNIBUS PARKING ZONE</u>	<u>\$20.00 per hour</u>

Section 5. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such

portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption and publication as provided for by law. The provisions of this ordinance shall be applicable within Princeton upon taking effect and shall become a part of the new Princeton Code once completed and adopted.

Delores A. Williams, Clerk

Liz Lempert, Mayor

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This ordinance amends Chapter 19 of the Borough Code by establishing a metered parking zone for omnibuses of a certain type, and prohibits parking of such omnibuses elsewhere in the municipality.