

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

I. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. DISCUSSION:

IV. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE- COUNCILMAN SCOTT

1. ORD. NO. 11413-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 351.99 (a) OF THE BROOK PARK
CODIFIED ORDINANCES, ENTITLED 'PENALTY' AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Posted 2/14/25

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The meeting was called to order by Council President Salvatore at 7:00 p.m., the clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

TROYER, ROBERTS, DUFOUR, MENCINI, McCORKLE, SCOTT

Director McGann, Recreation Director Wetmore and Service Director Beyer.

Mayor Orcutt is running late, family emergency.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, SCOTT:

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Mr. Scott stated this legislation was introduced in 2024 and wait another week will be one year since introduction.

Madam Horvath stated this legislation has had much discussion and simply enhances the penalty and changes whoever violates the section of receiving a parking ticket instead of being guilty of a fourth (4th) degree misdemeanor and moves to a third degree misdemeanor.

Mr. Scott stated placed back in committee due to Councilmembers wanting to tier the parking violations. Speaking with police and law departments there has been no movement on proceeding to tier this legislation.

Mr. Troyer stated there is a proposal to tier attached that includes wording in another part of the parking legislation. There was discussion of parking overnight don't think should be a fourth (4th) degree, should be a minor misdemeanor. When paying the ten-dollar (\$10.00) fine the person is pleading guilty to a minor misdemeanor. Should be tiered due to parking overnight once is a mistake and if continuing to park on the street overnight the fine gets higher.

Mr. Mencini stated the step-up is being enforced and heard of a resident almost getting a parking ticket for parking over the sidewalk. There will be habitual that will park on the street or over the sidewalk. A lot of this comes down to being enforced.

Legislative Committee - Chairman, Scott: cont.

Mr. Dufour stated this piece of legislation the crux of the issue is with handicapped parking code that stated can be charged up to a \$500.00 fine for people who violate that ordinance but the way it is currently written can only charge \$250.00 fine. Putting a step-up on add additional time administratively.

Mr. Troyer stated don't think should be a fourth (4th) degree misdemeanor and goes back to Council representing residents and not being subjects as to what is being charged for parking overnight.

Mr. Scott stated when first (1st) brought out the safety director stated never have charged over \$50.00 for overnight parking; each day the fine goes up and maxes out at \$50.00.

Mr. Troyer stated there are other violations that should be a \$50.00 fine or higher my concern is not the fine but signing what the person is guilty of.

Mr. Dufour commented this problem has to be resolved.

Mr. Mencini commented all comes down to enforcement and think magistrates, judges and prosecutors do a great job in Mayor's Court.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place on March 11th Caucus agenda.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Mencini, McCorkle, Roberts, Dufour

NAYS: Scott.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, to add computer quote to the agenda, no second. Failed

There being no further business to come before this meeting a **motion** by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Dufour, to adjourn.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Dufour, Roberts, Troyer, Scott, McCorkle
NAYS: Unanimous.

Council President Salvatore declared this meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED Carol Johnson
Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED March 18, 2025

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