



City of Charles Town

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RESOLUTION

Shop Small Business December 2022

WHEREAS, Charles Town, West Virginia celebrates its small businesses and the contribution they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, these small and primarily locally owned businesses are vital to our city's economic health and community identity; and

WHEREAS, Charles Town is proud of its national recognition as an accredited Main Street community with a focus on supporting small businesses, which constitute most businesses in our downtown and 95% of all businesses in the State of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has routinely waived the paid portion of the City's parking program during the month of December to support our downtown businesses, celebrate the holiday season, and encourage shoppers to visit and shop in our City; and

WHEREAS, the increase in visitors and residents to our downtown produces a positive economic impact for the City as consumer spending is historically high during this time of year and visitor and resident presence in our downtown creates sales opportunity for our businesses; and

WHEREAS, encouraging people to visit our downtown during the holiday season promotes the City to visitors and builds greater community identity for our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, The Charles Town City Council agrees to waive a portion of its paid parking program in downtown Charles Town during the month of December. Namely, vehicles are exempt from the normal parking fee at two-hour metered spaces within the City's parking zone during the month of December 2022. Vehicles are not authorized to occupy a two-hour metered space in excess of two hours; violators will be subject to an "expired" meter violation and the associated fine. The time restriction enforcement will help ensure parking availability for visitors and shoppers to our downtown businesses this holiday season. All other parking rules and restrictions remain active; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council declares the month of December 2022 as Shop Small Business month in Charles Town.

Adopted the 21ST day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

Robert M. Trainor
Mayor

Attest:

John Barkley
City Clerk