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**AMENDMENT TO PORTLAND CITY CODE
CHAPTER 28 TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, SECTION 28-24
Re: Allowing Minor Traffic Schedule Changes by Traffic Engineer**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,
MAINE IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. *That Chapter 28, Section 15-24, is hereby amended to read:*

Sec. 28-24. Regulatory powers.

In addition to any other authority granted under this Code, the city traffic engineer shall have authority to:

- (a) Designate and maintain, by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where in his or her opinion there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and at such other places as he or she may deem necessary;

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- (g)
 - (1) Establish parking regulations and publish them in the traffic schedule, except the following actions require amendment of the traffic schedule by order of the city council:

- i. Change of parking to "no parking any time" or "no parking any time" to parking;

- ii. Change from time limit or metered parking to unregulated parking, or from unregulated or unmetered parking to time limit or metered parking; ~~or~~

- iii. Any change to Traffic circulation, such as changing a one-way street to a two-way street or a two-way street to a one-way street;

iv. City Council approval of amendments to the traffic schedule for the actions in i. and ii. above shall not be required for:

a. Amendments to the traffic schedule to change up to two (2) parking spaces per block face within a twelve (12) month period with review and approval by the traffic engineer and the city manager;

b) Amendments to the traffic schedule to implement pedestrian crossing or streetscape improvements (such as the installation of islands, curb extensions, striping, stop signs, transit stops etc.) after review and approval by the Public Works Director or his or her designee; and

c) Amendments to the traffic schedule to change an on-street parking layout after review and approval by the Planning Board.

~~(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, council approval shall not be required for parking changes reviewed, approved and implemented by the public works department which result from the implementation of pedestrian crossing improvements or traffic calming measures (such as the installation of islands, bumpouts, striping, stop signs, etc).~~

~~(3) In addition to the parking changes in subparagraph (1) above, any change in traffic circulation, for example, from a one-way to a two-way street or the reverse, shall require amendment of the traffic schedule by order of the city council.~~

(24) Whenever any time limit parking is imposed, and wherever a one-way street is established, the city traffic engineer shall erect appropriate signs or meters, as applicable, giving notice thereof, and no such regulations shall be effective until and unless such signs or meters are erected.

- (h) Declare any street or part thereof, a "play street" and to place appropriate signs or devices in the roadway indicating and helping to protect the same;
- (i) Determine the location of passenger zones and freight loading zones and place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the same and stating the hours during which the provisions of this subsection are applicable;
- (j) Establish bus stops and stands for other passenger common carrier motor vehicles on such public streets, in such places and in such manner as he or she shall determine to be of the greatest benefit and convenience to the public, and every such bus stop or other stand shall be designated by appropriate signs;
- (k) Erect signs indicating no parking upon that side of any street adjacent to any school property when such parking would, in his or her opinion, interfere with traffic or create a hazardous situation;

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that notwithstanding 1 M.R.S. Section 302, the above amendments shall be applicable to all projects that have completed Level I, II, or III Site Plan review or received Administrative Authorization approval, pursuant to the applicable Chapter 14, Division V, but have not yet received a Certificate of Occupancy on or before July 6, 2016.