

BILL NO. BL2018-1190 (O'CONNELL, ALLEN, & SYRACUSE) – This ordinance would amend Chapter 12.44 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to provide free parking at public parking meters in Davidson County for environmentally friendly vehicles and for vehicle owners that purchase carbon offsets.

The ordinance would redefine “clean technology vehicle” by removing the current definition and instead define electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles, and flexible-fuel vehicles as different types of clean technology vehicles. In addition, the stickers issued both for free metered parking for clean technology vehicles and owners that purchase carbon offsets would be valid for three years, instead of one year. The \$10 fee associated with these stickers would also be collected every three years, instead of one year.

This ordinance would also remove references in the Code to the “sunset provision.” This program was originally set to expire June 30, 2013 unless extended by resolution prior thereto. The program was indeed extended by Resolution No. RS2013-743, thereby rendering the sunset provision obsolete.

An amendment from the sponsor is anticipated regarding the carbon offsets provision in section 12.44.080.

Fiscal Note: Changing the term of the \$10 permit fee to three years rather than one would not have a significant financial impact. Only 140 permits were issued in 2017 by the County Clerk.