



## **Reading Parking Authority to Resume Street Sweeping Enforcement** **Free temporary off-street parking available for City residents**

Reading, PA—Reading Parking Authority (RPA) announced today that it will resume writing citations for daytime parking restrictions this Monday, May 4, 2020, in support of the City of Reading street sweeping program. To maintain public health and safety, it is necessary for City street sweepers to resume normal operations. Significant litter and debris has accumulated on the streets since Governor Tom Wolf issued a Stay-at-Home Order throughout the state. This accumulated trash washes into the combined sewer system, which can pollute local rivers and the Delaware Bay. The litter also attracts rodents and insects.

All City residents are being asked to move their cars from the street during the posted daytime parking restriction hours so the sweepers can effectively remove all litter and debris.

Reading School District has agreed to allow parking in the locations listed below during street sweeping hours for the duration of Governor Wolf's Stay-at-Home Order. This provides City residents with a convenient place to move their cars while street sweepers are operating in their neighborhoods. PLEASE NOTE: Parking is allowed only at the locations listed below. Parking at any other RSD location is prohibited.

"Reading Parking Authority appreciates the collaboration with community partners and the Reading School District," said Frank Denbowski, Reading Parking Authority board president. "Allowing City residents to use their parking lots helps alleviate the parking shortage during street sweeper operations while the Stay-at-Home order is in effect."

### **Anyone utilizing a school parking lot must follow the stipulations below:**

1. All vehicles shall have a current and valid Pennsylvania registration and inspection and shall be insured.
2. Vehicles must be operable and shall be removed upon request.
3. Parking shall be permitted during daytime hours only (7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). Overnight parking shall not be permitted.
4. No maintenance or other work of any kind shall be performed on a vehicle while parked in this lot.
5. Recreational vehicles of any kind (boats, RV's, trailers, motorhomes, etc.) and commercial vehicles are not permitted.
6. Parking is at the vehicle owner's risk and by agreeing to park at one of these locations, the vehicle owner releases liability from the property owner and Reading Parking Authority.

Violations of the rules listed above will result in the issuance of parking citations and may result in the vehicle being towed.

RPA temporarily suspended enforcement as of March 18, 2020, in anticipation of an influx of cars on the street in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the City's Public Works Department street sweepers remained in continuous operation, enforcement was eased to address City residents' concerns regarding parking scarcity and additional economic hardship resulting from this unprecedented situation. Residents were instead encouraged to voluntarily comply with daytime parking restrictions to facilitate the work of the street sweepers. Several weeks have passed since enforcement of daytime parking restrictions was

suspended, and despite many residents' best efforts, there has been a significant accumulation of litter on the streets.

For more information, please visit the Reading Parking Authority website at [www.ReadingParking.com](http://www.ReadingParking.com).

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**Parking is allowed at the following Reading School District locations only. Parking at any other RSD location is prohibited.**

<b>Building</b>	<b>Location</b>
10th & Green Elementary School	400 N. 10th Street
12th & Marion Elementary School	1200 N. 12th Street
13th & Green Elementary School	501 N. 13th Street
13th & Union Elementary School	1600 N. 13th Street
16th & Haak Elementary School	1601 Haak Street
Glenside Elementary School	500 Lackawanna Street
Lauer's Park Elementary School	251 N. 2nd Street
Northwest Area Elementary School	820 Clinton Street
Northwest Middle School	1000 N. Front Street
Reading Senior High School	801 N. 13th Street
Riverside Elementary School	1400 Centre Avenue
Southern Middle School	931 Chestnut Street
Southwest Middle School	300 Chestnut Street
Tyson-Schoener Elementary School	315 S. 5th Street