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## *City of Charleston*

*South Carolina*

Department of Traffic & Transportation

### **Special Traffic and Transportation Committee**

**Conference Call #1-929-205-6099**

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**January 23, 2023, Time 2:00 p.m.**

Chair, Councilmember Michael Seekings  
Vice-Chair, Councilmember Karl L. Brady Jr  
Councilmember Caroline Parker  
Councilmember Boyd Gregg  
Mayor John J. Tecklenburg

### **AGENDA**

1. Invocation Councilmember Gregg
  
2. Approval of Minutes January 3, 2023
  
3. Upper King Street Late Night  
Parking Plan Captain Jason Bruder
  
4. Discussion

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

To: Parking Enforcement Division  
Police – Central Business District

From: Tyrone Lawrence, Director of Parking Service  
Jason Bruder, Police Captain of Patrol  
Meg Thompson, Business & Neighborhood Services Director

Date: January 23, 2023

Subject: Joint Operation for King Street Detail

The below timeline will facilitate the objective of ensuring there are no vehicles parked on King Street between John and Spring Streets between the hours of 1800 and 0300 hours\* on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. This area includes approximately 70 metered parking spaces. Clearing vehicles from these spaces assists with the efforts to maintain public safety.

This plan will commence on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 1800 hours and continue as long as needed until compliance is achieved at a level where the normal tow process can resume.

- 1700-1730: - (CPD) Team 9 Supervisor will assess the parking in affected area and provide a general assessment of tows that will be needed to the Parking Enforcement supervisor. *This assessment will guide the number of tow trucks that will be required and other adjustments to this plan.*
  - (PEO) PEOs will flyer the cars in the area to warn drivers of the impending towing.
  - (PEO) A traffic cone will be placed in each empty space (photos will be taken by the PEO's).
- 1800 hours: (PEO & CPD) Four (2) PEOs, Two (2) Team 9 Officers, and the designated number of tow trucks will muster at the VIC Bus barn.



- 1830 hours: **(PEO & CPD) Towing begins on King Street at John Street.**
- (CPD) A Team 9 Officer will position behind the line of tow trucks and divert traffic off King Street. *Ex. While trucks are towing from the east side of the street (northbound traffic), CPD will divert northbound traffic off King Street. Officers will also monitor the parking spaces to ensure new vehicles do not park.*
  - (PEO) When each space is cleared, a traffic cone will be placed in the space (photos will be taken by the PEO's).
  - (PEO) All vehicles will be towed to the Jennings lot (2026 Meeting Street Ext.). *There will be a \$75 drop fee to all vehicles that have been hooked up but have not been towed away and returned to the violator on the scene. The fee will increase to \$130 once it reaches the yard.*

*Once all towing is completed, CPD & PEO will monitor the area until the barricades are deployed.*

- 2000 hours: (CPD) King Street Detail deploys barricades closing northbound traffic in the affected area. *Officers will collect the cones previously placed by Parking Enforcement and unload them at a designated site.*

Upon the agreement of the Team 9 and Parking Enforcement Supervisor, this plan may be reduced or cancelled based up on the number of vehicles present.

This plan will be coupled with a parallel communications plan to provide advanced notification and increase compliance as follows:

Week of 1/30:

Public Information Office (PIO) to issue press release notifying residents and businesses of upcoming enforcement changes. PIO will share the release with the media as well as posting on the City's social media accounts to encourage local media coverage.

This press release will also be distributed to BNS Division's Central Business District email list as well as their weekly city-wide newsletter. BNS Division will also provide flyers that impacted businesses can print to share with patrons.

Week of 2/6:

BNS Division to share press release and flyer via door-to-door flyering of the impacted King Street businesses (Monday – Wednesday).

