

RESOLUTION NO. 221

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE COUNTY OWNED PARKING LOT AT 208 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALBANY, NY DURING CERTAIN HOURS BY LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE LARK STREET BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT CORRIDOR AND PAY TAXES TOWARD FUNDING SAID NOT-FOR-PROFIT

Introduced: 5/9/16

By Mr. Higgins:

WHEREAS, The Lark Street Neighborhood District Management Association, more commonly known as the Lark Street Business Improvement District (“BID”), is an independent not-for-profit organization that works to build, sustain, and enhance a unique and prosperous living and business community for the residents, visitors, and merchants of the Lark Street Neighborhood of Albany, NY, and

WHEREAS, the Lark Street BID regularly hosts and sponsors many special events that are enjoyed and coveted by the entire Capital Region and serve as major attractions to the neighborhoods within the district, and

WHEREAS, Throughout each year the BID hosts many events neighbors and visitors attend to celebrate the dynamic Lark Street community in the heart of Albany, and

WHEREAS, Many businesses throughout the Lark Street BID corridor routinely complain about the lack of parking for customers and the subsequent effects the lack of parking continues to have on businesses, and

WHEREAS, Many of the small businesses within the Lark Street BID corridor continue to believe a lack of parking is one of the biggest issues they have in growing their respective businesses, and

WHEREAS, Members of the Lark St. BID Board have formally requested that businesses located within the Lark Street BID boundaries be allowed to have their patrons and customers use the county owned parking lot during non-business hours, and

WHEREAS, the Lark Street BID has requested the use of one parking space in the county parking lot located at 208 Washington Avenue to station one CarShare vehicle. The preferred location would be closest to Spring Street, and

WHEREAS, Capital CarShare will include Albany County in any press recognition regarding parking upon agreement of said authorization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That authorization is hereby granted for the use of the county owned parking facility located at 208 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York during non-business hours (i.e. 6pm-7a.m. on weekdays and 24 hours a day on Saturdays and Sundays) to any business physically located within the geographical boundaries of the Lark Street Business Improvement District, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Lark Street BID shall be responsible for informing those who use the lot of the permissible hours, and for the towing of any vehicles in violation of said hours, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Albany County Attorney's Office is hereby directed to forthwith execute any and all paperwork necessary to authorize the lease of said space, with due consideration not to exceed one dollar, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, Such authorization shall be for a term not to exceed five years and that Albany County be listed on the insurance carried by the Lark Street Business Improvement District.

Referred to Audit and Finance Committee. 5/9/16