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ANN ARBOR ISSUES PERMITS FOR VEHICLES USING ON-STREET COMMERCIAL LOADING ZONES

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 5, 2010 — Effective Feb. 1, 2010, vehicles parked in the street in designated commercial loading zones in downtown Ann Arbor are required to have specially-issued permits displayed on the driver-side front windows. The permits allow vehicles with commercial plates to use the unmetered commercial parking zones up to the time limit posted at each site. The downtown area has been divided into four color-coded quadrants, with commercial loading-zone permits available for individual quadrants (\$200/calendar year per quadrant) or a citywide loading zone access permit to all quadrants for \$700 for a calendar year. One “free” commercial loading zone is provided in each quadrant, in addition to free loading zones in the public alleys. The commercial parking zone permits are available from the city’s Customer Service Center, open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in person at 220 E. Huron, located diagonally across the street from City Hall. Eligible applicants must provide in person or by mail a copy of the vehicle commercial license plate registration, a completed Commercial Loading Zone Permit application form, and payment. Information on Ann Arbor’s parking permits — including a map of the commercial loading zones within each quadrant — is available on the city’s front Web page under “Parking,” at www.a2gov.org/parking, and by phone at (734) 794-6320.

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named the No. 1 Healthiest Hometown in the U.S. by AARP The Magazine in 2008. Other notable recognitions include: No. 27 of the top 100 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2008, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city’s mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.

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