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NEW PARKING PERMIT TIER SYSTEM TO BE IMPLEMENTED JUNE 3RD. 2019

ST. MARYS, PA – City Council passed a new Parking Permit ordinance on their Monday May 20th, 2019 meeting that will go into effect June 3rd, 2019. The changes include a new tiered parking permit system that will both provide premium parking access to those who wish to have it and update our parking permit ordinance to better reflect the trends of modern life in St. Marys.

The changes will contain four tiers, each containing a different price and access level. The highest tier will cost \$40.00/month and allow the permit holder to park anywhere in metered areas as well as the parking garage during normal enforcement hours of 7:00AM to 8:00PM. As the Diamond and the Boulevard are considered on street parking, they are also included in the \$40.00/month tier. The overnight and unlimited hours permit for the parking garage will stay at \$30.00/month. Permits for parking in all municipal lots during normal enforcement hours will be \$20.00/month, and this will allow for the permit holder to park in any municipal lot as well as the Parking Garage. Finally, parking permits for normal enforcement hours of 7:00AM to 8:00PM at the parking garage will be only \$10.00/month. All permits currently held will be honored until their expiration date.

In addition to the added permit tier, all municipal lots will be installed with meters. The purpose of this is to eliminate all permit-only lots due to the demand for permit parking and to allow for more patronage of St. Marys businesses. "The goal is to try and free up 'prime' parking spaces for citizens and travelers who utilize the downtown by encouraging the business owners and employees to utilize the parking garage on Depot street" said Councilman Mohney, who is part of the City Council Parking Committee.