CITY OF CAPE MAY, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 602-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING METERED PARKING IN THE CITY OF CAPE MAY

WHEREAS, Section 7-44.3 provides for metered parking areas in the City of Cape May; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2026, the Municipal Taxation and Revenue Advisory Committee (MTRAC) presented a recommendation to the City Council that parking rates across the City increase parking rates, not simply as a revenue mechanism, but to encourage performance parking as a strategy to incentivize turnover and availability of spaces in high-traffic areas; and

WHEREAS, having considered the matter, the Cape May City Council has determined that it is appropriate to amend the City Code regarding metered parking areas to reflect the current conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cape May as follows:

Section 1. Section 7-44 of the City of Cape May Code is amended as follows (~~strikethrough~~ portions indicating deletions and **bold/underline** portions indicating new language):

§ 7-44 Parking Meter Zones.

§ 7-44.1 Established.

The streets or parts of streets described in Subsection 7-44.3, are hereby established as parking meter zones with parking meters installed to accept the proper payment for designated schedules and time limits.

§ 7-44.2 Metered street parking.

Parking along streets and parts of streets at metered locations within the City shall be subject to the hourly time limits schedule during which parking meters are in effect and parking meter fees set forth in Subsection 7-44.3.

§ 7-44.3 Parking meter zones.

A. There are hereby established in the City "Parking Meter Zones" in accordance with the attached map, incorporated into this ordinance.[2]

[2] Editor's Note: Said map is on file in the City offices.

B. Except as set forth below, metered parking hours in the City shall be as set forth of the attached map **of Metered Parking Zones as amended by Ordinance No. 602-2026.**

C. ~~The parking meter rate in the "red," "green," "orange," and "blue" zones on the attached map, and in any other zones hereafter established for pay parking, shall be $1.50 per hour, or $0.25 per 10 minutes~~ **The parking meter rate in the "green" and "orange" zones on the attached map, and in any other zones hereafter established for pay parking shall be $2.00 per hour, payable in 10-minute increments unless otherwise determined by City Administration in a manner consistent with the hourly rate. All on-street metered parking areas shall be enforced daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. between April 1 and October 31 each year.**

D. ~~Parking on Beach Avenue east of Philadelphia Avenue (the "blue" zone), and on any side streets off Beach Avenue east of Philadelphia Avenue shall remain free after 5:00 p.m., whether or not the spaces are meters.~~ **The parking meter rate in the "blue" zone on the attached map (east of Philadelphia Avenue) shall be $2.00 per hour, payable in 10-minute increments unless otherwise determined by City Administration in a manner consistent with the hourly rate. Metered parking in this zone shall be enforced daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. between April 1 and October 31 each year.**

E. The parking of motor homes, trailers, and campers is prohibited in ~~the Jackson/Perry Street~~ **all City** parking lots.

F. Permits to park at the City's Bank Street Parking Lot shall be available on a year-round basis. No heavy equipment of any kind, whether owned by the City, its contractors, or otherwise, shall be parked in the Bank Street lot at any time.

~~G. All metered parking in the City of Cape May will be active from April 1 to October 31 of each year, unless otherwise set forth below:~~

~~(1) The following areas in the vicinity of the Washington Street Mall (Yellow Zone) will have an extended meter "season" beginning April 1 and ending December 31 of each year, and shall be $2 per hour or $0.25 per 10 minutes.~~

G. The "yellow" zone generally incorporates the areas in close proximity to the Washington Street Mall Business Improvement District as depicted in the attached map. This area shall be subject to performance pricing at $3.00 per hour, payable in 10-minute increments unless otherwise determined by City Administration in a manner consistent with the hourly rate. Metered parking in the "yellow" zone shall be enforced from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. between April 1 and December 31 each year.

H. The parking meter rate in the "red" zone on the attached map shall be $2.00 per hour, payable in 10-minute increments unless otherwise determined by City Administration in a manner consistent with the hourly rate. All on-street metered parking areas shall be enforced daily from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. between April 1 and December 31 each year.

Section 2. All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. Should any portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or repeal the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after passage and publication, according to law.

ATTEST:

Erin C. Burke, City Clerk

CITY OF CAPE MAY, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey

BY: Zachary M. Mullock, Mayor

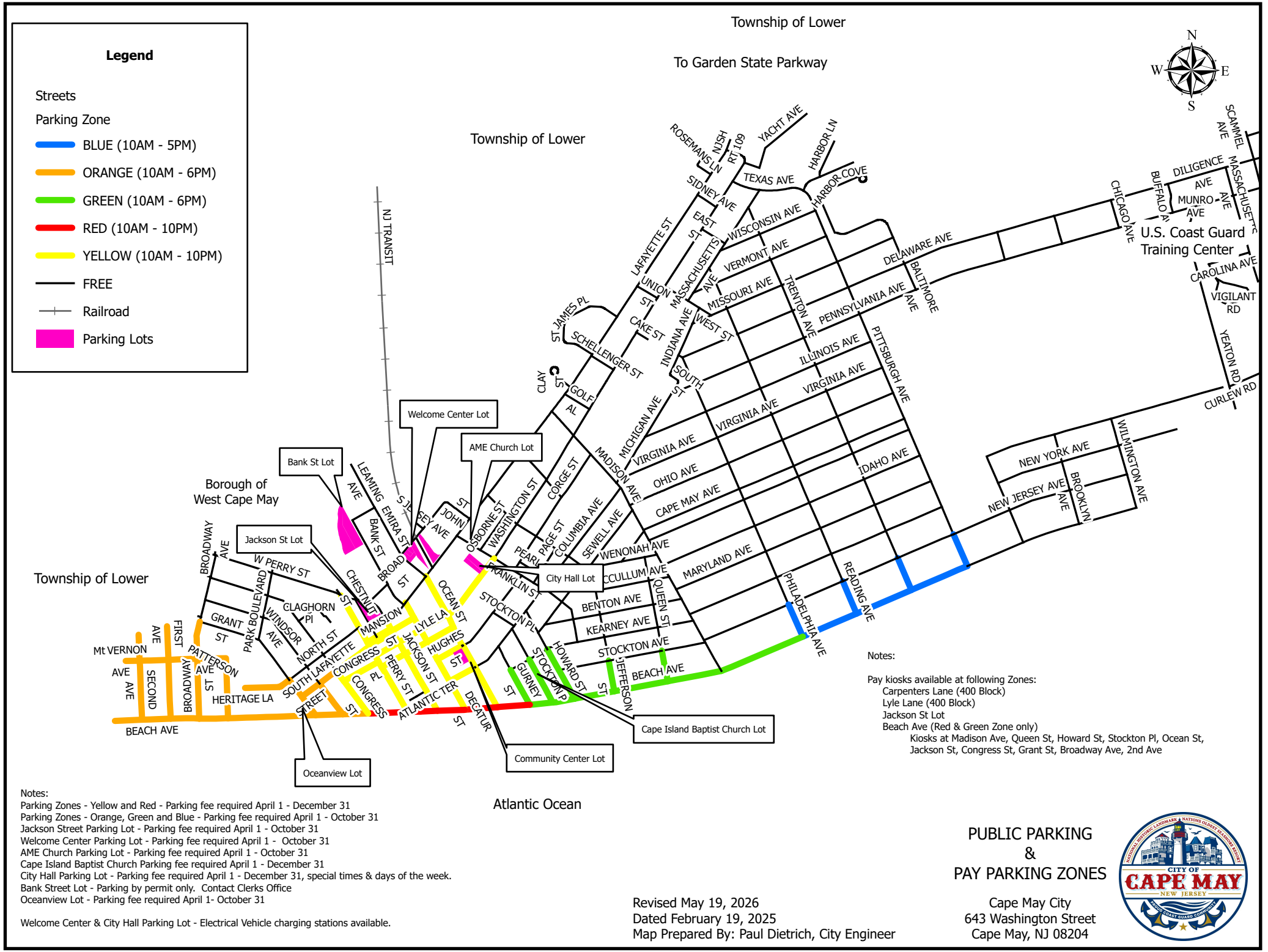
NOTICE

Ordinance 602-2026 was introduced at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cape May, held on May 5, 2026, amended and reintroduced on May 19, 2026, and was further considered for final passage during a Regular meeting of the City Council, held at the Cape May City Hall Auditorium, 643 Washington Street, Cape May, New Jersey, on June 1, 2026, 2026 at 3:30 P.M. at which time a Public Hearing was held.

Erin C. Burke, City Clerk

Roll Call	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain	Motion	Second
Meier	X					
McDade	X					X
Bodnar	X					
Baldwin	X				X	
Mullock	X					

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Notes:

Pay kiosks available at following Zones:
- Carpenters Lane (400 Block)
- Lyle Lane (400 Block)
- Jackson St Lot
- Beach Ave (Red & Green Zone only)
  - Kiosks at Madison Ave, Queen St, Howard St, Stockton Pl, Ocean St, Jackson St, Congress St, Grant St, Broadway Ave, 2nd Ave

Notes:
Parking Zones - Yellow and Red - Parking fee required April 1 - December 31
Parking Zones - Orange, Green and Blue - Parking fee required April 1 - October 31
Jackson Street Parking Lot - Parking fee required April 1 - October 31
Welcome Center Parking Lot - Parking fee required April 1 - October 31
AME Church Parking Lot - Parking fee required April 1 - October 31
Cape Island Baptist Church Parking fee required April 1 - December 31
City Hall Parking Lot - Parking fee required April 1 - December 31, special times & days of the week.
Bank Street Lot - Parking by permit only. Contact Clerks Office
Oceanview Lot - Parking fee required April 1- October 31

Welcome Center & City Hall Parking Lot - Electrical Vehicle charging stations available.

Revised May 19, 2026
Dated February 19, 2025
Map Prepared By: Paul Dietrich, City Engineer

PUBLIC PARKING & PAY PARKING ZONES

Cape May City
643 Washington Street
Cape May, NJ 08204