

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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Robert J. Donchez Mayor

October 1, 2018

Kevin Livingston Director, Bethlehem Parking Authority 85 W. North Street Bethlehem, PA 18018

Re: Parking Meter Rate Increase

Dear Kevin,

As Mayor, I am informing you that I approve the increase for on street meter rates from \$1.00 per hour to \$1.50 per hour beginning January 1, 2019.

I am requesting that the BPA, in the future, consider the following:

- 1) Variable rate or zone parking
- 2) Hours dealing with maximum parking depending on the location of the meters be reviewed.
- 3) The BPA allocate \$100,000 per year to be split evenly between the Northside and Southside business districts for improvements.
- 4) BPA's proposal for the public who use the mobile app, to pay \$1.00 per hour for street meter parking from January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019, and transient parking in the garages will be \$1.00 for the first 90 minutes from January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 be implemented.
- 5) BPA begin investing in capital improvement projects in the North Street Garage and the Walnut Street Garage, until a replacement is built within the next 10 years, and to plan for the future construction of the Polk Street Garage.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Donehez, Mayor

Cc: City Council
Joe Hoffmeier

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Lynn Collins Cunningham

William Kounoupis

Diana Morganelli

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