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City to Consider Back-In Angle Parking

(ERIE, PA – May 20, 2010) In order to increase the number of parking spaces in the downtown area, various downtown planning studies completed over the last several years have included a recommendation to consider back-in angle parking adjacent to Perry Square on both North and South Park Row. In the coming weeks, the City of Erie will implement a trial run of the back-in angle parking on North Park Row, between Peach and State Streets. The Erie Downtown Partnership has also advocated for the consideration of the change. There are a number of cities in North America that currently utilize back-in angle parking to varying degrees of acceptance. Other communities have performed similar trials and have decided not to implement back-in angle parking.

At this time, the City of Erie is planning to implement the change on the south side of North Park Row from Peach Street to State Street on a trial basis. The plan is to remove twelve (12) parallel parking spaces and install eighteen (18) back-in angle parking spaces on the south side of the street for eastbound traffic. The new angled, metered parking spots will be installed within the next couple of weeks. Appropriate sign installations, pavement markings and meter installation will be in-place before the launch of the trial.

There are benefits to back-in angle parking including:

- Angle parking offers more parking spaces
- Provides better visibility of oncoming traffic when exiting parking space
- Safer and easier to load vehicle from curbside
- Vehicle doors open toward curb directing passengers away from traffic

Back-in angle parking is accomplished in three steps.

1. Use your right turn **signal** to indicate your intention to park.
2. Drive just past the parking space and **stop**.
3. Shift the vehicle into **reverse**, turn the wheel slightly and back into the parking space.

For additional information please contact Public Works Director, Doug Mitchell, 814-870-1450.

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