


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 6, 2005

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF THE CREATION OF A NEW PARKING METER ZONE IN EAST EISENHOWER

ISSUE: Establish a new parking meter zone in the East Eisenhower area.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council pass the ordinance on first reading, and set it for public hearing, second reading and first passage on Tuesday, June 21.

BACKGROUND: During the planning of the East Eisenhower area, the City adopted a small sector plan to ensure that the City's vision for the area was realized. One of the fundamental goals of the sector plan was to minimize the overall amount of parking while providing sufficient on-street, short-term parking to support ground floor retail uses. The reason for minimizing the total number of parking spaces was to encourage alternative forms of transportation, such as public transit. However, the plan also realized the importance of, and recommended using, the on street parking spaces for short-term parking to support ground floor retail.

To achieve the desired parking turnover, the metered parking rate must be higher than the rates in the surrounding parking garages. This will discourage long-term parkers from monopolizing the on-street spaces. Staff visited several of the existing parking garages in Eisenhower East and found that all day parking rate ranges between \$6.00 a day for early bird up to a maximum of \$10.00 a day. If metered parking is proposed to be in effect between 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 10 hours per day, Monday-Friday, the rate is recommended to be at least \$1.00 per hour (equal to 25 cents for each 15 minutes).

The Traffic and Parking Board held a public hearing on this issue at its January 24, 2005, meeting. At that meeting the Carlyle City Residences Homeowners Association spoke in opposition to the request because their residents use the on-street parking spaces as overflow parking. At the Board's request, staff met with representatives of the community and found that while the Carlyle City Residences community opposes metered parking, the Carlyle Towers Board of Directors supports this change. One of the reasons for Carlyle City Residences' opposition is that the East Eisenhower Plan was approved after their community was built. The Carlyle City Residences community has indicated they would support the parking meters if residents were issued permits allowing them to park at the meters for free. Staff cannot support

this exception because there are a number of residential buildings in existence and planned for this area. If residents of one community were allowed to park free at meters, this privilege would have to be extended to all other communities in the area. Allowing all the residents free parking at the meters will defeat the purpose of the meters which is to promote parking turnover. In addition, the Carlyle City Residences community has private off street garage parking. Having the meters in operation only to 6:00 p.m. will not affect residents' current ability to park during the evening since this area already has two-hour parking restrictions in effect only until 6:00 p.m. weekdays.

The issue was returned to the Traffic and Parking Board on February 28, 2005. At this meeting the Board voted unanimously to recommend to City Council that Parking Meter Zone 3 be created in East Eisenhower with a rate of \$1.00 per hour from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., weekdays.

DISCUSSION: The geometric boundaries of the proposed parking meter zone extends from West Street to Telegraph Road in the east/west direction and from Duke Street to the Capital Beltway in the north/south direction. The proposed zone consists of approximately 500 on-street parking spaces on existing streets, as well as additional spaces on roads not yet constructed. The intent of this request is to establish the new parking meter zone but not to determine which streets within the zone will initially have meters. Alexandria City Code, Sec. 5-8-92(c) *Parking meter zones established*, states that the number and locations of parking meters in parking meter zones shall be determined by the City Manager after first being submitted to the Traffic and Parking Board for review and recommendation. After the zone has been established, staff will present a recommendation to the Traffic and Parking Board regarding where to install parking meters initially.

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When the meter block list is finalized, it will be presented to the Traffic and Parking Board. At this time, the following street block faces are being considered for the installation of meters in FY 2006:

1. John Carlyle Drive - 300, 400, 500 and 600 blocks;
2. Dulany Street - 300, 400 and 500 blocks;
3. Elizabeth Lane - 500 and 600 blocks;
4. Englehardt Lane; 300 block;
5. Mill Road - 2100, 2200 and 2300 blocks;
6. Jamieson Avenue - 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000 and 2100 blocks;
7. Ballenger Avenue - 1700, 1800 and 1900 block;
8. Emerson Avenue - 1700 block; and
9. West Street - 300 block

Single-space parking meters are being proposed for East Eisenhower. Staff evaluated using multi-space meters where one meter machine (i.e., a pay station) would serve an entire block face. The multi-space option was not chosen because it is less convenient than single space parking meters and would cost nearly double to implement. The inconvenience issue with multi-space meters is that patrons must walk from their car down the block to the meter, pay and be issued a ticket/receipt, and then walk back to their car to place the ticket in the windshield. Also, such a parking system is more difficult for patrons with disabilities to use because it involves walking from the car to the meter machine and back.

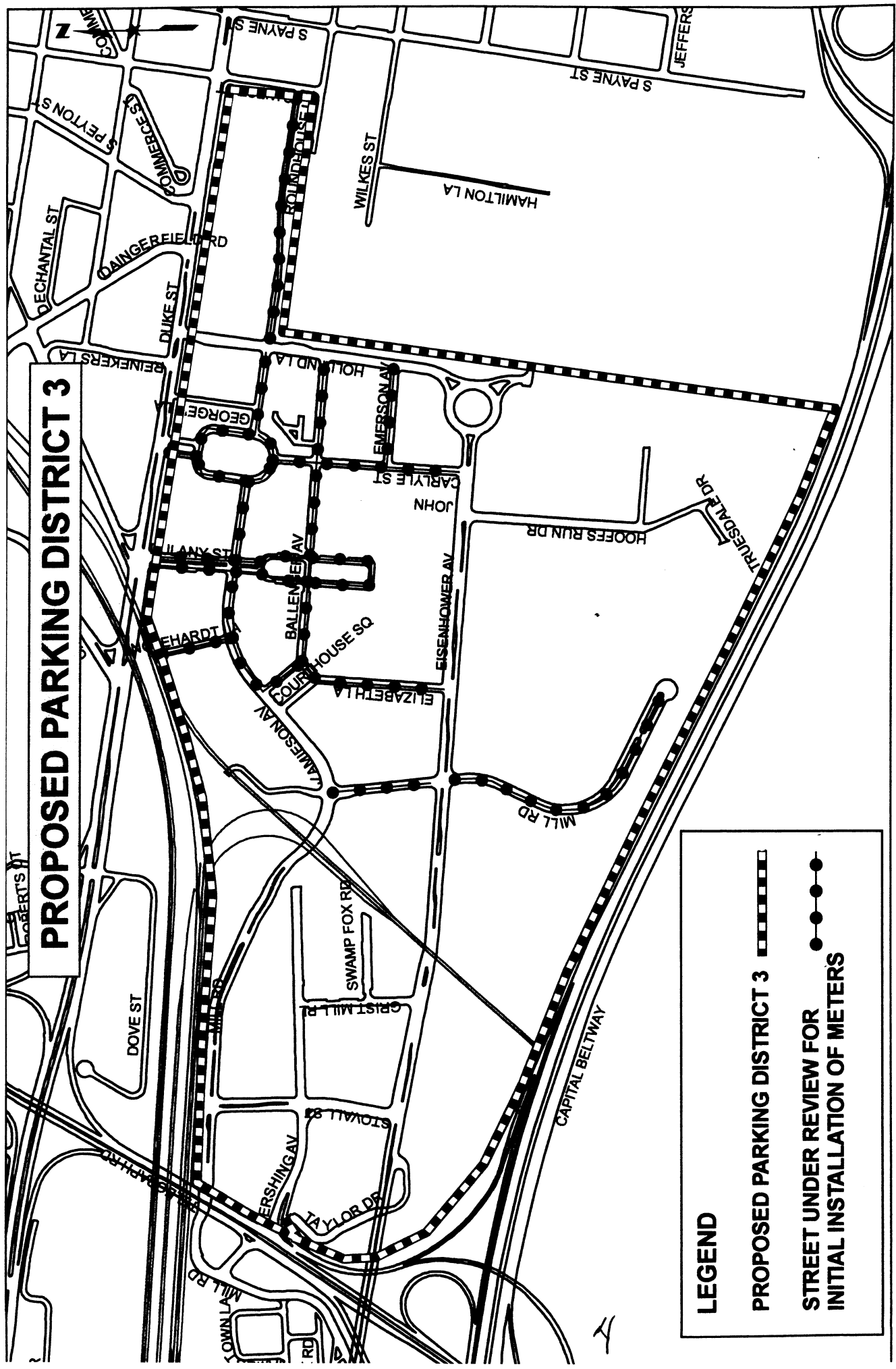
Staff is currently evaluating alternative prepaid parking systems for eventual City-wide deployment. Under this concept, patrons could purchase a parking card or an electronic in-vehicle meter and then use this card or in-vehicle meter to pay for parking. Arlington County uses cards in some meters, and is planning later this year to introduce an innovative electronic in-vehicle meter, which is purchased by patrons and then reloaded via the Internet. City staff is presently working with Arlington County, Montgomery County, and Washington, D.C. to see if there is an inter-jurisdictional solution that would allow cards and/or in-vehicle meters to be used interchangeably in all of these four jurisdictions in the region.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no cost associated with the action of creating the parking zone. The cost of implementing the meters will be determined by the number of meters included in the plan to be submitted to the Traffic and Parking Board. The FY 2006 Approved CIP includes \$150,000 in prior year monies and \$250,000 in FY 2006 for installation over the course of FY 2006 of approximately 500 meters on existing streets, and an estimated 300 meters on streets yet to be constructed in the Eisenhower East area. The installation of meters will result in increased maintenance and enforcement efforts, but those costs will be more than recovered from meter revenue.

ATTACHMENT: Map Showing the Limits of Proposed Parking Meter Zone 3.

STAFF:

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Tom Culpepper, P.E., Deputy Director, T&ES
Bob Garbacz, Transportation Division Chief, T&ES



City of Alexandria
Transportation and Environmental Services

Introduction and first reading:	6/14/05
Public hearing:	6/21/05
Second reading and enactment:	6/21/05

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-8-92 PARKING METER ZONES ESTABLISHED) and Section 5-8-93 (PARKING METERS; HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION; MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS; RATES) of Article G (PARKING METERS), Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Summary

The proposed ordinance permits the installation of parking meters on certain streets in the Eisenhower East area, and establishes the minimum rate to be charged as 25 cents for 15 minutes. Meters will actually be installed after consideration by the Traffic and Parking Board and the City Manager.

Sponsor

Staff

Rich Baier, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services
Ignacio B. Pessoa, City Attorney

Authority

§ 2.04(x), Alexandria City Charter

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

None

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 5-8-92 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 5-8-92 Parking meter zones established.

(a) The following described parts of the streets of the city are hereby established as parking meter zone 1:

- (1) both sides of the 200, 300, 400, 500, 600 and 800 blocks of King Street and the north side of the 900 block of King Street.
- (2) both sides of the 100 block north and the 100 block south of Pitt Street, Columbus Street and Alfred Street.
- (3) both sides of the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of North Washington Street and the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of South Washington Street.
- (4) both sides of the 300, 400 and 600 blocks of Cameron Street, both sides of Cameron Street between Columbus and Alfred Streets, the south side of the 100 and 200 blocks and the north side of the 100 block of Cameron Street.
- (5) both sides of the 600 and 700 blocks of Prince Street.
- (6) east side of the 200 block of South Columbus Street.
- (7) both sides of the 700 block of Duke Street.
- (8) both sides of the 100 block of South Saint Asaph Street and both sides of the 100 block of North Saint Asaph Street.
- (9) both sides of the 100 block of South Royal Street.

- 1 (10) both sides of the 100 block of South Fairfax Street, and the east side of the
2 100 block of North Fairfax Street.
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4 (11) both sides of the 100 block of North Union Street and the east side of the
5 100 block of South Union Street and the east side of the 200 block of North
6 Union Street.
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8 (12) west side of the 100 block of North Lee Street and the west side of the 100
9 block of South Lee Street.
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11 (13) both sides of the 700 block of Queen Street.
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13 (14) west side of the 100 block of North Henry Street and the 100 block of South
14 Henry Street.
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16 (15) east side of the 100 block of North Patrick Street and the 100 block of South
17 Patrick Street.
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19 (16) east side of the 100 block of The Strand for a distance of 275 feet north of
20 the north curb line of Prince Street.
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22 (17) both sides of the 700 and 800 blocks of Princess Street.
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24 (b) The following described parts of the streets of the city are hereby established as
25 parking meter zone 2:
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27 (1) both sides of the 1100, 1200, 1500, 1600 and 1800 blocks of King Street
28 and the north side of the 1300 and 1400 blocks of King Street.
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30 (2) both sides of the 100, 800 and 900 blocks of North Fayette Street and the
31 east side of North West Street. The east side of the 600 and 700 blocks of
32 North Fayette Street. The east side of South Fayette Street for a distance of
33 120 feet south of the south curb line of King Street and the west side of the
34 100 block of South Fayette Street for a distance of 215 feet south of the
35 south curb line of King Street. Both sides of the 100 block of North Payne
36 Street, except the portion between Cameron Street and the alley which is
37 100 feet north of King Street.
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39 (3) both sides of the 1400, 1500 and 1600 blocks of Prince Street.
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41 (4) both sides of the 1100 block of Madison Street.
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43 (5) the east side of the 100 block of South Payne Street for a distance of 135

1 feet south of the south curb line of King Street and the west side of the 100
2 block of South Payne Street for a distance of 75 feet south of the south curb
3 line of King Street.
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5 (c) The following described parts of the streets of the city are hereby established as
6 parking meter zone 3:
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- 8 (1) both sides of the 300, 400, 500 and 600 blocks of John Carlyle Drive.
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10 (2) both sides of the 300, 400 and 500 blocks of Dulany Street.
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12 (3) both sides of the 500 and 600 blocks of Elizabeth Lane.
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14 (4) both sides of the 300 block of Englehardt Lane.
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16 (5) both sides of the 2100, 2200 and 2300 blocks of Mill Road.
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18 (6) both sides of the 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000 and 2100
19 blocks of Jamieson Avenue.
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21 (7) both sides of the 1700, 1800 and 1900 blocks of Ballenger Avenue.
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23 (8) both sides of the 1700 block of Emerson Avenue.
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25 (9) both sides of the 300 block of West Street.
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- 27 (cd) The number and locations of parking meters in the zones established above shall be
28 determined by the city manager or ~~her~~ the manager's designee; provided, that any
29 proposal to locate new or remove existing meters shall be submitted by the manager
30 or ~~her~~ designee to the traffic and parking board for its review and recommendation;
31 and provided further, that, in the event the manager or ~~her~~ designee disagrees with
32 the recommendation of the board, the proposal shall be submitted to city council
33 which shall make the final decision on the proposal.
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35 Section 2. That Section 5-8-93 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia,
36 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:
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38 Sec. 5-8-93 Parking meters; hours and days of operation; maximum time limits; rates.
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- 40 (a) (1) The parking meters in zones 1 and 2, established by section 5-8-92 of this
41 code, shall be operated every day of the week except Sundays and legal state
42 holidays, and the daily hours of operation of the meters shall be determined
43 by resolution of the city council; provided, that, within the area bounded on

1 the north by the north side of Princess Street, on the west by a line ten feet
2 to the east of and running parallel to the east side of Washington Street, on
3 the south by the south side of Wolfe Street and on the east by the Potomac
4 River, meters which permit a maximum of two hours of parking shall be in
5 operation from 8 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
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7 (2) The parking meters in zone 3 established by section 5-8-92 of this code
8 shall be operated every day of the week except Saturdays, Sundays and state
9 legal holidays, and the daily hours of operation of the meters shall be
10 determined by resolution of the city council.
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12 (b) The maximum time limit for parking in any space in parking meter zones 1, and 2
13 and 3 shall be set forth on the meter for that space, and shall be 20 minutes, two
14 hours or, in zones 1 and 3 only, four hours.
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16 (c) In parking meter zone 1, the parking rates shall be as follows:
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18 (1) on meters with a maximum time limit of 20 minutes, \$0.25 for 20 minutes.
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20 (2) on meters with a maximum time limit of two hours, \$0.15 for any
21 12-minute period.
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23 (3) on meters with a maximum time limit of four hours, \$0.25 for any
24 20-minute period.
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26 (d) In parking meter zone 2, the parking rates shall be as follows:
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28 (1) on meters with a maximum time limit of 20 minutes, \$0.10 for 20 minutes.
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30 (2) on meters with a maximum time limit of two hours \$0.10 for any 12-minute
31 period.
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33 (e) In parking meter zone 3, the parking rates shall be as follows:
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35 (1) on meters with a maximum time limit of 20 minutes, \$0.35 for 20 minutes.
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37 (2) on meters with a maximum time limit of two hours, \$0.20 for any 12 minute
38 period.
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40 (3) on meters with a maximum time limit of four hours, \$0.25 for any 15
41 minute period.
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1 Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective on the date and at the time of
2 final passage.
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5 WILLIAM D. EUILLE
6 Mayor
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9 Introduction: 6/14/05
10 First Reading: 6/14/05
11 Publication:
12 Public Hearing:
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14 Final Passage:
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