


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 4, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE TO INCREASE PARKING METER RATES

ISSUE: Consideration of a proposed ordinance to increase the parking meter rates to be charged in parking meter zones 1 and 2.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council approve the attached proposed ordinance to increase parking meter rates in parking meter zones 1 and 2 on first reading, and set it for public hearing on Tuesday, April 22, and second reading and final passage on Monday, May 5.

DISCUSSION: The current parking meter rates are 75 cents per hour in zone 1 (east of Washington Street) and 50 cents per hour in zone 2 (west of Washington Street). In June 2005, Council approved establishing a new zone (zone 3) in East Eisenhower at a rate of \$1.00 per hour. The FY 2009 proposed budget recommends increasing zones 1 and 2 to the \$1.00 per hour rate in zone 3 in order to better recover the cost of maintaining and enforcing metered parking. The \$1.00 per rate hour is consistent with short term parking rates in Arlington County and the District of Columbia and would establish a uniform City-wide rate. Budget Memo #15 (attached) included a map of the three zones.

FISCAL IMPACT: The increase of 25 cents per hour in zone 1 and 50 cents per hour in zone two will generate approximately \$680,000 in additional General Fund revenue annually. This additional revenue was included in the FY 2009 proposed budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment I. Proposed ordinance

Attachment II. Budget Memo #15: Location of Meter Rate Increases

STAFF:

Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager

Bruce Johnson, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Morgan Routt, Budget/Management Analyst, OMB

Rich Baier, Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES)

Tom Culpepper, Deputy Director for Transportation, T&ES

Antonio Baxter, Administrative Services Division Chief, T&ES

EXHIBIT NO. 2

Introduction and first reading:	04/08/08
Public hearing:	04/22/08
Second reading and enactment:	05/05/08

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-8-93 (PARKING METERS; HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION; MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS; RATES) of Division 1 (PARKING METER ZONES), 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 establishes a uniform parking meter rate of \$1.00 per hour for on street parking, payable in such increments as provided at the applicable meter or pay station.

Sponsor

Staff

Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager
Laura Triggs, Director of Finance
Richard Baier, Director of T&ES
Ignacio B. Pessoa, City Attorney

Authority

City Charter § 2.03(x)

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

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

None

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-8-93 (PARKING METERS; HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION; MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS; RATES) of Division 1 (PARKING METER ZONES), 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.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Sec. 5-8-93 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. 5-8-93 Parking meters; hours and days of operation;
maximum time limits; rates.

(a) (1) The parking meters in zones 1 and 2, established by section 5-8-92 of this code, shall be operated every day of the week except Sundays and legal state holidays, and the daily hours of operation of the meters shall be determined by resolution of the city council; provided, that, within the area bounded on the north by the north side of Princess Street, on the west by a line 10 feet to the east of and running parallel to the east side of Washington Street, on the south by the south side of Wolfe Street and on the east by the Potomac River, meters which permit a maximum of two hours of parking shall be in operation from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

(2) The parking meters in zone 3 established by section 5-8-92 of this code shall be operated every day of the week except Saturdays, Sundays and state legal holidays, and the daily hours of operation of the meters shall be determined by resolution of the city council.

(b) The maximum time limit for parking in any space in parking meter zones 1, 2 and 3 shall be set forth on the meter for that space, and shall be 20 minutes, two hours or, in zones 1 and 3 only, four hours.

(c) In parking meter zones 1, 2 and 3, the rate shall be \$1.00 per hour, payable in such increments as provided at the applicable meter or pay station.

(d) As used in the is article, the phrase parking meter shall be deemed to include a parking pay station for multiple parking spaces, and all provisions applicable to parking meters shall apply to parking pay stations, *mutatis mutandis*.

1 In parking meter zone 1, the parking rates shall be as follows:

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3 (1) ~~on meters with a maximum time limit of 20 minutes, \$0.25 for 20 minutes.~~

4 (2) ~~on meters with a maximum time limit of two hours, \$0.15 for any 12 minute~~
5 ~~period.~~

6 (3) ~~on meters with a maximum time limit of four hours, \$0.25 for any 20 minute~~
7 ~~period.~~

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9 (d) ~~In parking meter zone 2, the parking rates shall be as follows:~~

10 (1) ~~on meters with a maximum time limit of 20 minutes, \$0.10 for 20 minutes.~~

11 (2) ~~on meters with a maximum time limit of two hours \$0.10 for any 12 minute~~
12 ~~period.~~

13 (e) ~~In parking meter zone 3, the parking rates shall be as follows:~~

14 (1) ~~on meters with a maximum time limit of 20 minutes, \$0.35 for 20 minutes.~~

15 (2) ~~on meters with a maximum time limit of two hours, \$0.20 for any 12 minute~~
16 ~~period.~~

17 (3) ~~on meters with a maximum time limit of four hours, \$0.25 for any 15 minute period.~~

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19 Section 2. That this ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2008.

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22 WILLIAM D. EUILLE
23 Mayor

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25 Introduction: 04/08/2008


26 First Reading: 04/22/2008

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 5, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 15 : LOCATION OF METER RATE INCREASES

The FY 2009 Proposed Budget includes \$1.4 million in new revenues from parking meters. The attached map shows the areas in or near Old Town in which meters will be installed or meter rates are proposed to increase.

The highlighted streets within Zone 1 represent areas where the meter rate is proposed to increase from 75 cents to \$1.00 per hour (ie: 25 cents for each 15 minutes of parking). The highlighted streets within Zone 2 represent areas where the metered rate is proposed to increase from 50 cents to \$1.00 per hour. Zone 3 is the Carlyle area where new meters will be installed. As Council has previously approved, the metered rate in the Carlyle zone will be \$1.00 per hour. While there are no meters in the Carlyle area at this time, the City will be installing a pay box system this spring. It is now proposed that the rates in Zone 1 and Zone 2 be raised to equal the Carlyle rate. The \$1 per hour rate is equal to Arlington County's meter rate, and is equal to the District of Columbia's rate. It is expected that roughly half of the new revenues (\$0.7 million) will come from the new Zone 3 pay boxes, and half (\$0.7 million) will come from new meter revenue in Zones 1 and 2.

