

**RESOLUTION NO. 10083**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, ESTABLISHING THE RATES, FEES AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH TITLE 10 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF) PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARKING SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, Title 10 of the OCCGF provides for various parking system related rates, fees and penalties to be established by Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, a financially sound parking system and properly maintained parking facilities are essential to the continuing redevelopment of downtown Great Falls and to the many citizens and visitors who use those facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenues earned by the parking system at this time are inadequate to provide for continuing operation without subsidies from other sources; and

**WHEREAS**, engineering studies and operating experience have identified substantial deferred and new maintenance that cannot be met without additional revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable to introduce new revenue measures incrementally in order to monitor and assess their impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parking Advisory Commission has studied this matter and set forth the recommendations herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, THAT:**

**(1) Metered Parking.**

**A. Metered parking rate.** The rate for metered parking shall be \$0.50 (50¢) per hour until July 1, 2015. Rates for subsequent fiscal years are adopted as set forth in Section 4 of this Resolution.

**B. Courtesy ticket.** The first violation by a particular vehicle each year for failure to pay for parking, as required by OCCGF 10.48.055.A, or for an expired meter or overtime parking, as provided by OCCGF 10.48.270.D, shall result in the issuance of a courtesy ticket. Said courtesy ticket thanks the driver for visiting downtown Great Falls and reminds him or her of the parking regulations. Courtesy tickets will not be issued for any of the other violations listed in Title 10, Chapter 48 of the OCCGF. A courtesy ticket will not be issued to the occupant of a vehicle that is associated with unpaid fees and/or penalties.

**C. Accelerated penalties per year for failure to pay, expired meter, and overtime violations.** The penalty for the second violation for failure to pay for metered parking as set forth in OCCGF 10.48.055.A, or violation of expired meter or overtime parking as set forth in OCCGF 10.48.270.D, shall be \$10. The penalty for the third violation shall be \$15; and, all subsequent violations by a particular vehicle within one year shall be \$20 for each violation.

**D. Other parking penalties.** Penalties for all other violations listed in Title 10, Chapter 48 of the OCCGF shall be \$20, except the fine for violations in handicap parking zones shall be \$100.

**E. Miscellaneous parking fees.**

i. A \$10 administrative fee shall be added to all penalties that are not paid within thirty (30) days after the date of the citation.

ii. Pursuant to OCCGF 10.50.040, the \$140 immobilization or “boot” fee shall remain in effect until July 1, 2015. Fees for subsequent fiscal years are adopted as set forth in Section 4 of this Resolution.

iii. Pursuant to OCCGF 10.48.240, the \$4 per day charge for a meter bag shall remain in effect until July 1, 2015. Charges for subsequent fiscal years are adopted as set forth in Section 4 of this Resolution.

iv. Pursuant to OCCGF 10.48.260.C, the \$20 monthly metered parking permits shall remain in effect until July 1, 2015. Fees for subsequent fiscal years are adopted as set forth in Section 4 of this Resolution.

v. Pursuant to OCCGF 10.48.250, a \$25 administrative fee shall be charged for the issuance of residential parking permits.

vi. Pursuant to OCCGF 10.48.190, a nonrefundable \$100 fee must accompany an application to establish a freight or passenger loading zone, which is in addition to the actual costs of marking and/or signing the zone if the application is approved. The fee shall be waived for passenger loading zones at public schools.

vii. Pursuant to OCCGF 10.48.190, a \$75 combined application and installation fee shall be charged for handicap parking zones.

**F. Saturday parking.** Saturday metered parking shall go into effect sixty (60) days after adoption of this Resolution for a period of six (6) months in order to assess the potential to avoid an increase in the parking meter rate. Within thirty (30) days after the six month experimental period, the Commission shall schedule a work session to discuss the results and determine whether to continue charging for parking on Saturdays.

(2) **Courtesy parking.** Pursuant to OCCGF 10.48.280, the cost of a courtesy parking space shall be \$400 per year for each parking space on Central Avenue, and \$300 per year for each parking space that is within the Downtown Parking Management District, but not on Central Avenue. This annual fee is in addition to the actual cost of installing the courtesy parking sign(s).

(3) **City parking facilities.** Pursuant to OCCGF 10.48.300, the City Manager shall, on recommendation of the Parking Advisory Commission, establish the hourly, daily and monthly lease rates charged for parking in City owned or operated off street lots or garages.

**A. Parking Ramps/Garages.** The \$41 monthly lease rates for the City's parking ramps/garages located at Second Avenue South/Third Street and First Avenue North/Fourth Street North shall remain in effect until July 1, 2015. Lease rates for subsequent fiscal years are adopted as set forth in Section 4 of this Resolution.

**B. City parking lots.** The \$0.50 per hour/\$5 per day/\$25 monthly lease rates for parking lots 2, 4, 6, 7 & 8, and the \$0.50 per hour/\$5 per day/\$19 monthly lease rate for parking lot 3 shall remain in effect until July 1, 2015. Lease rates for subsequent fiscal years are adopted as set forth in Section 4 of this Resolution.

(4) **Revenue measures that will take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup> of fiscal years 2016, 2017, 2018 and after are set forth as follows:**

	<b>Current</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018 and after</b>
Metered parking rate, per hour	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00
Failure to pay, expired meter and overtime violations, first offense per year	Courtesy Ticket			
Failure to pay, expired meter and overtime violations, second offense (time calculated from date of first offense)	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Failure to pay, expired meter and overtime violations, third offense	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Failure to pay, expired meter and overtime violations, after third offense	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Other parking penalties listed in OCCGF, Chapter 48, Title 10	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Penalty for violation of handicapped parking	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

Administrative fee attached to penalties not paid within 30 days	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Immobilization or "boot" fee, per incident	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Delivery permits, per year	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Monthly metered parking, per month	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Meter bag, per day	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Administrative fee for residential parking permit, biennial	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Application fee for loading zones, plus cost of installation	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Application fee for residential handicap zone, including installation	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Courtesy parking space on Central Avenue, per space per year	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Courtesy parking space off Central Avenue, per space per year	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Surface Parking Lots #2, #4, #6, #7 and #8, hourly/daily/monthly	\$0.50/\$5.00/\$25.00	\$0.50/\$5.00/\$30.00	\$0.50/\$5.00/\$35.00	\$0.50/\$5.00/\$35.00
Surface Parking Lot #3, hourly/daily/monthly	\$0.50/\$5.00/\$19.00	\$0.50/\$5.00/\$30.00	\$0.50/\$5.00/\$35.00	\$0.50/\$5.00/\$35.00
Garage parking, hourly/daily/ monthly	\$0.50/\$5.00/\$41.00	\$0.50/\$5.00/\$46.00	\$0.50/\$5.00/\$51.00	0.50/\$5.00/\$56.00

(5) **Time limits.** This resolution reaffirms all existing posted parking time limits.

(6) **Parking management district map.** The “Official Parking Management District Map of the City of Great Falls, Montana,” is adopted as appended to this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA,** that the effective date of Resolution No. 10083 shall be thirty (30) days after adoption of Ordinance No. 3122, An Ordinance Amending Title 10, Chapters 3, 48 and 87 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) Pertaining to the Administration and Operation of the City’s Parking System.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA,** that Resolution No. 9133 pertaining to the monthly lease rate for the City’s Parking Ramps; Resolution No. 9319 pertaining to the monthly fee for courtesy parking stalls established within the Parking Meter District; Resolution No. 9779 pertaining to parking program rates in the Downtown Parking District; and, Resolution No. 10006 pertaining to monthly meter parking permits, parking immobilization “boot” fee and fee for special use meter bags are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, December 2, 2014.

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Michael J. Winters, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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Sara R. Sexe, City Attorney