

RESOLUTION NO. 10205

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.

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 \$5. The penalty for the third violation shall be \$10. The penalty for a fourth 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 immobilization or “boot” fee shall be \$150.

iii. Pursuant to OCCGF 10.48.240, the daily charge for a meter bag shall be \$5.

iv. Pursuant to OCCGF 10.48.260.C, the monthly metered parking permits shall be \$25.

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

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.

(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) **Pedlet Space Lease.** The cost for leasing each on-street parking space for the construction and occupancy of a Pedlet shall be the same cost as is established for a "Courtesy Parking Spot" prorated by month for the duration that the Pedlet consumes each on-street parking spot.

(4) **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 be increased to \$51 monthly. The City Manager may negotiate and authorize special incentive rates for bulk parking leases for customers who either lease numerous garage spaces and/or pre-pay leases for a period of one year or more. All fees for leases shall be non-refundable.

B. **City parking lots.** The \$0.50 per hour/\$5 per day/\$30 monthly lease rates for parking lots 2, 4, 6, 7 & 8, shall be \$0.50 per hour/\$5 per day/\$35 monthly. The City Manager may negotiate and authorize special incentive rates for bulk parking leases for customers who either lease numerous surface lot spaces and/or pre-pay leases for a period of one year or more. All fees for leases shall be non-refundable.

(5) **Time limits and reaffirmation.** This resolution reaffirms all existing posted parking time limits and all fines and fees established by Resolution 10083 from January 1, 2016, to present.

(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. 10205 shall be September 20, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, that Resolution No. 10083 pertaining 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 is hereby repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, September 19, 2017.

Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Darcy Dea, Deputy City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara R. Sexe, City Attorney