

RESOLUTION NO. 10420

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 parking meter equipment was archaic making it difficult to repair or replace; and

WHEREAS, after considerable public input and fully studying the matter, the Parking Advisory Commission recommended the implementation of new equipment and technologies; and

WHEREAS, at the recommendation of the Parking Advisory Commission, the City Commission adopted Resolutions 10375 on November 4, 2020, and 10392 on May 4, 2021, implementing fees associated with the new equipment and technology; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the Parking Advisory Commission received numerous complaints regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible parking spaces not being conducive to the locations of the newly installed payment kiosks; and

WHEREAS, after further review of the matter, the Parking Advisory Commission has 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 \$1.00 per hour.

B. Metered parking rate exception. Mobility impaired individuals displaying an approved Disability Placard/License Plate parked in a signed, designated ADA parking space in the Downtown District, are exempt from the metered parking rate.

C. Courtesy ticket. The first violation by a particular vehicle, as identified by license plate number, for failure to pay for parking as required by OCCGF Title 10, Chapter 9, or for an expired meter or overtime parking as provided by OCCGF Title 10, Chapter 9, 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. For the duration of ownership of each vehicle, only one courtesy ticket shall be issued. Courtesy tickets will not be issued for any of the other violations listed in OCCGF Title 10. A courtesy ticket will not be issued to the occupant of a vehicle that is associated with unpaid fees and/or penalties.

D. Accelerated penalties per year for failure to pay, expired meter, and overtime violations. The penalty for the second violation within a calendar year for failure to pay for metered parking as set forth in OCCGF Title 10, Chapter 21, or violation of expired meter or overtime parking as set forth in OCCGF Title 10, Chapter 21, shall be \$5. The penalty for the third violation within a calendar year shall be \$10; and, all subsequent violations by a particular vehicle within a calendar year shall be \$20 for each violation.

E. Other parking penalties. Penalties for all other violations listed in Title 10 of the OCCGF shall be \$20, except the fine for violations in disabled parking zones shall be \$100.

F. Miscellaneous parking fees.

- i. A \$.35 per transaction Mobile Payment for Parking (MPP) fee will be added to each parking transaction using the Mobile Payment App.
- ii. A \$3.00 per ticket paid, Citation Management Platform (CMP) Service and License fee will be added to each citation paid.
- iii. An additional 25% (CMP) service fee will be added to each citation that has not been paid within 30 days after the date of the citation for collection efforts.
- iv. A \$10 administrative fee shall be added to all penalties that are not paid within thirty (30) days after the date of the citation.
- v. A \$1.50 per notification letter fee shall be added to all citations that require notification letters to be sent to the registered owner(s) of vehicles which receive citations that are not paid within the (30) days after the date of the citation

vi. Pursuant to OCCGF Title 10, Chapter 10, the immobilization or “boot” fee shall be \$150.

vii. Pursuant to OCCGF Title 10, Chapter 9, the daily charge for a meter bag shall be \$5.

viii. Pursuant to OCCGF Title 10, Chapter 9, the monthly metered parking permits shall be \$25.

ix. Pursuant to OCCGF Title 10, Chapter 9, 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.

x. Pursuant to OCCGF Title 10, Chapter 9, a \$75 combined application and installation fee shall be charged for disabled parking zones.

(2) **Courtesy parking.** Pursuant to OCCGF 10, Chapter 9, 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 Title 10, Chapter 9, 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 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 \$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 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.

C. Digital Permits for Parking. A \$2.50 per month service and license fee will be added to each active monthly garage or parking lot permit. Those customers purchasing an annual permit will be charged \$4.00, or charged \$.33 per month for each active annual permit.

(5) **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, this Resolution 10420 supersedes Resolution 10392 effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, July 20, 2021.

Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

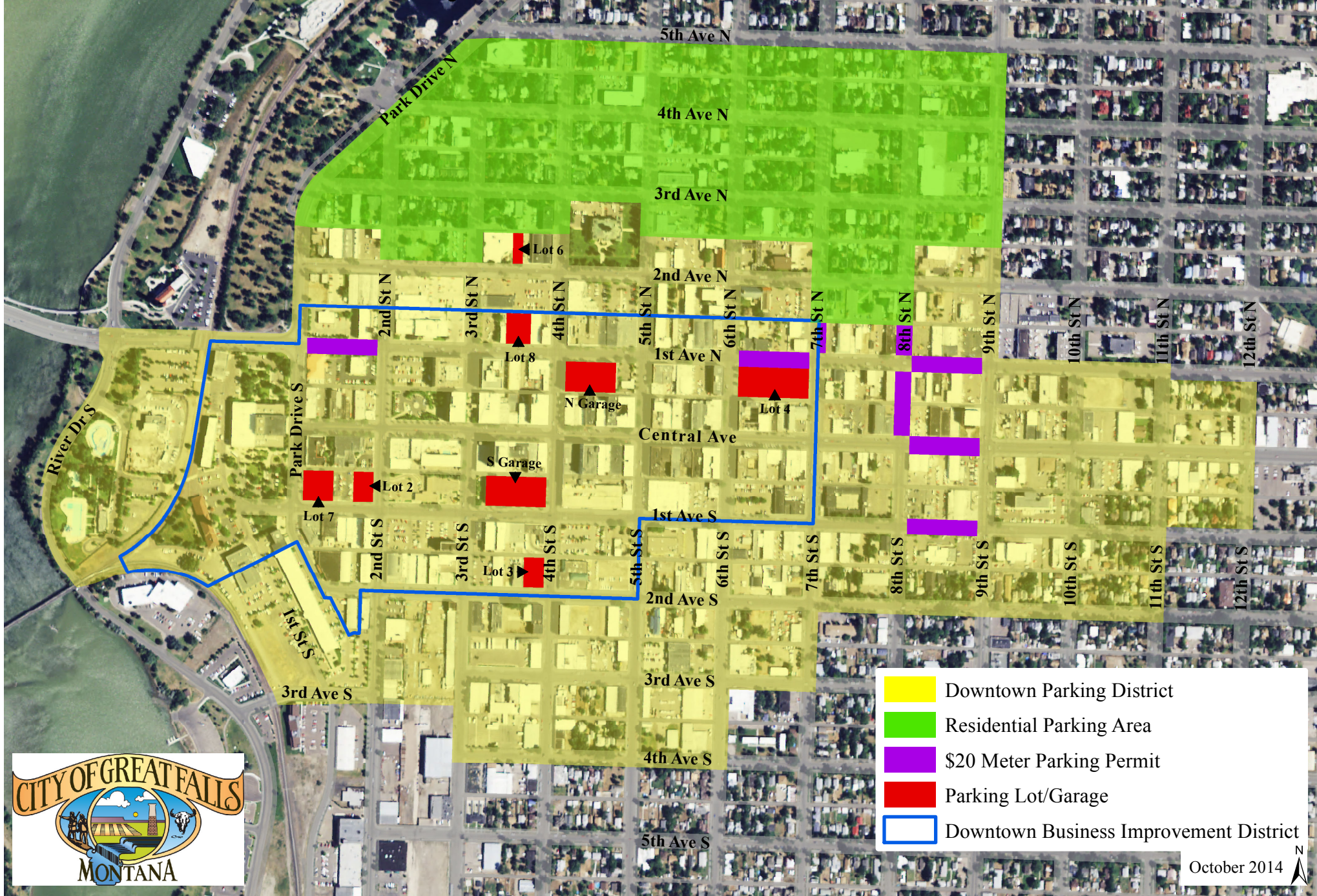
Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

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APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara R. Sexe, City Attorney

The Official Parking Management District Map of the City of Great Falls, Montana



- Downtown Parking District
- Residential Parking Area
- \$20 Meter Parking Permit
- Parking Lot/Garage
- Downtown Business Improvement District