

RESOLUTION NO. 10450

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, the City Commission has most recently established rates, fees and penalties for parking-related matters through the passage of Resolution 10375 (November 2020) as amended by Resolution 10392 (May 4, 2021), with Resolution 10392 being superseded by Resolution 10420 (July 20, 2021); and

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted Ordinance 3230 on October 19, 2021, with that ordinance both (1) prohibiting the long-term parking and/or storage of recreational vehicles, utility trailers or vessels in residential districts and (2) providing for the issuance of parking citations for violations and the fines for those violations to be set by Commission resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, THAT THE RATES, FEES AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH TITLE 10 OF THE OCCGF BE ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

(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.

(6) **Parking Penalties – Outside Downtown Parking District.** Penalties for all violations listed in Title 10 of the OCCGF occurring outside of the Downtown Parking District as reflected on the “Official Parking Management District Map of the City of Great Falls” referenced in Section (5) above shall be \$20, except as follows:

- (a) the fine for violations in disabled parking zones shall be \$100; and
- (b) the fines for citations issued under OCCGF 10.9.330 shall be:
 - 1st citation: \$50
 - 2nd citation: \$100
 - 3rd or subsequent citation: \$200

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption, superseding and repealing Resolution 10420.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, March 15, 2022.

Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Jeffrey M. Hindoien, City Attorney