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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Parking Authority)

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning
Metered Parking - Multi-Space Methods
FOR the purpose of authorizing certain alternative methods for the operation of multi-space metered parking; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language; repealing obsolescent provisions; and generally relating to the installation and operation of metered parking systems.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Sections 7-1 through 7-6, and 7-8
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section 7-7
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 31. Transit and Traffic

Subtitle 7. Metered Parking

◆◆7▲1. Authorizations.

(a) Installation of meters.

The purchase, leasing, installation, and operation of certain parking devices, known generally as parking meters, are authorized on the streets, thoroughfares, and public places of the City.

(B) ESTABLISHMENT OF MOBILE-PAYMENT SYSTEMS.

THE PURCHASE, LEASING, ESTABLISHMENT, AND OPERATION OF MOBILE-PAYMENT SYSTEMS FOR METERED PARKING ARE AUTHORIZED ON THE STREETS, THOROUGHFARES, AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY.

(C) [(b)] Parking spaces.

[Parking] PAID METERED PARKING spaces are authorized [and] on [all of] these streets, thoroughfares, and public places, subject generally to the powers, authorizations, and conditions contained in this subtitle.

(D) [(c)] Exceptions.

Parking meters may not be installed on either side of Madison Street between Charles Street and Howard Street.

◆ 7▲2. Contracts.

The Board of Estimates, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THE CITY CHARTER, may enter into one or more contracts for:

- (1) the leasing or purchasing and the installation and maintenance of parking meters [in accordance with the procedures outlined in the City Charter]; [and]
- (2) the purchase of parts and equipment for the maintenance and operation of [the] THESE parking meters, as the Board from time to time determines to be in the best interests of the City; AND
- (3) THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF MOBILE-PAYMENT SYSTEMS FOR METERED PARKING.

◆◆7▲3. Types of [meters] METERED PARKING.

(a) Director to install.

The Director of Transportation shall install or cause the installation of parking meters AND

ESTABLISH OR CAUSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MOBILE-PAYMENT SYSTEMS, as provided in this subtitle.

(b) Time variations.

[(1)] In the Director's discretion and as the Director determines to be best suited for the traffic needs of a particular area, [the parking meters] METERED PARKING may be [of] FOR a 15 minute, 30 minute, 1 hour, 1 hour, [or] 2 hour, OR OTHER [type] TIME PERIOD [in the general parking areas of the City].

[(2)] The Director may [install parking meters with] SET other variations of time, at rates comparable to those set under this subtitle for the same type of parking area.]

74. Methods of installation.

(a) Single-space meters.

(1) Single-space parking meters may be installed in a manner that divides the street into units or stalls that are approximately 21 feet.

(2) The meters shall be installed at the forward end of the curb parking space.

(b) Multi-space [meters] PARKING.

(1) Multi-space [parking meters] METERED PARKING may be installed in a manner that permits parking without dividing the street into designated parking units or stalls.

(2) At least one multi-space meter shall be installed and maintained on each street block where [this method of] MULTI-SPACE METERED parking is permitted.

(c) Other.

[Parking meters] METERED PARKING for other than parallel parking may be installed in a manner that the Director of Transportation determines to be best suited for designating the parking spaces in the particular area.

75. [Operation of meter] METERED PARKING OPERATIONS.

(a) Single-space meters.

(1) Each single-space parking meter shall be designed to display, [upon] ON payment and activation, a signal that indicates legal parking for the duration paid for.

(2) Each single-space parking meter shall also be designed:

(i) to display continuously the time remaining until the legal parking duration expires; and

(ii) at the expiration of that time, to display a signal that the legal parking duration has expired.

(b) Multi-space [meters] PARKING.

(1) IN GENERAL.

MULTI-SPACE METERED PARKING SHALL OPERATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ONE OF THE SYSTEMS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) ♦PAY-AND-DISPLAY-RECEIPT♦ SYSTEM.

(I) [(1) Each] A [multi-space parking] PAY-AND-DISPLAY-RECEIPT SYSTEM OPERATES THROUGH A MULTI-SPACE meter [shall produce and issue] THAT, [upon] ON payment and activation, ISSUES a printed receipt that displays:

(A) [(i)] the amount of parking time purchased; and

(B) [(ii)] the date and time at which the paid parking will expire.

(II) [(2)] The meter shall contain clear instructions on how and where the receipt must be displayed on or in the parked vehicle.

(III) [(3)] Failure to display the receipt in the manner specified subjects the parked vehicle to a parking violation the same as if the proper parking fee had not been paid.

(3) ♦PAY-AND-REGISTER-TAG♦ SYSTEM.

(I) A PAY-AND-REGISTER-TAG SYSTEM OPERATES THROUGH A MULTI-SPACE METER THAT, ON PAYMENT AND ACTIVATION, RECORDS AND TRANSMITS TO PARKING ENFORCEMENT:

(A) THE MULTI-SPACE PARKING ZONE IN WHICH THE VEHICLE IS PARKED;

(B) THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER OF THE VEHICLE;

(C) THE AMOUNT OF PARKING TIME PURCHASED; AND

(D) THE DATE AND TIME AT WHICH THE PAID PARKING WILL EXPIRE.

(II) FAILURE TO REGISTER THE CORRECT LICENSE PLATE NUMBER SUBJECTS THE PARKED VEHICLE TO A PARKING VIOLATION THE SAME AS IF THE PROPER PARKING FEE HAD NOT BEEN PAID.

(4) ♦MOBILE-PAYMENT♦ SYSTEM.

(I) A MOBILE-PAYMENT SYSTEM ALLOWS FOR PAYMENT OF MULTI-SPACE METERED PARKING THROUGH ONE'S OWN MOBILE PHONE OR OTHER MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICE.

(II) ON CONNECTION WITH THE SYSTEM AND PAYMENT, THE SYSTEM RECORDS AND TRANSMITS TO PARKING ENFORCEMENT:

- (A) THE MULTI-SPACE PARKING ZONE IN WHICH THE VEHICLE IS PARKED;
- (B) THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER OF THE VEHICLE;
- (C) THE AMOUNT OF PARKING TIME PURCHASED; AND
- (D) THE DATE AND TIME AT WHICH THE PAID PARKING WILL EXPIRE.

(III) FAILURE TO REGISTER THE CORRECT LICENSE PLATE NUMBER SUBJECTS THE PARKED VEHICLE TO A PARKING VIOLATION THE SAME AS IF THE PROPER PARKING FEE HAD NOT BEEN PAID.

◆◆7▲6. Display of hours, payment methods, and rates

Each parking meter OR MULTI-SPACE PARKING ZONE shall contain[, in] a conspicuous [place, a plate or other device] NOTICE that:

- (1) clearly states the hours during which that meter OR MULTI-SPACE PARKING ZONE is in operation and any exceptions to those hours; and
- (2) clearly indicates:
 - (i) the methods of payment (e.g., coins, bills, credit cards, or other approved method) that must be used for the legal parking of a vehicle; and
 - (ii) the duration during which it is permissible to park at that meter on payment of the prescribed amount.

[◆◆7▲7. Colorings.]

[(a) Color▲parking length coordination.]

[The standards or supporting posts of single-space parking meters and the signs associated with multi-space parking meters shall be painted uniformly to indicate the maximum duration during which a vehicle may be legally parked in that place.]

[(b) Director to specify.]

[The Director of Transportation shall designate the various colors to be used for this purpose.]

◆◆7▲8. Setting rates and payment methods.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this article:

- (1) the Director of Transportation may set the rates for [the operation of meters] METERED PARKING on all [parking meter] METERED-PARKING lots temporarily or permanently under the control of the City; AND
- (2) with the approval of the Board of Estimates, the Director may:
 - (I) set the rates for all other [parking meters] METERED PARKING in the City; and
 - (II) [(3) with the approval of the Board of Estimates, the Director may] designate the methods of payment to be used for THE various [meters] PARKING SYSTEMS.

◆◆7▲9. Rearrangements.

- (a) No commitment.

The [installation of parking meters] ESTABLISHMENT OF METERED PARKING in any particular place or area of this City is not a commitment by or obligation on the City to continue the use of [parking meters] METERED PARKING in that place or area.

- (b) Authorization to change.

The Director of Transportation may DISCONTINUE, rearrange, or otherwise change [parking meters] METERED PARKING SYSTEMS on the streets, thoroughfares, and public places of the City so as best to provide for the City's traffic needs.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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