

**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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**CHAPTER 2007-42**

**No. 418**

**AN ORDINANCE** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,"  
SECTION 15-13

*Approved JULY 26, 2007*

***Be it ordained by the City of Providence:***

SECTION 1. Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of

Providence is hereby amended in part to read as follows:

Sec. 15-13. Parking meters--Hours and rates.

The fees for parking at meters placed by the city department of traffic engineering shall not exceed ~~be one dollar (\$1.00)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) per hour. Meters fees may vary by location and by time of day consistent with the goal of promoting parking availability. Said meter fees may be in effect from Mondays through Saturdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. The traffic engineer in conjunction with the traffic bureau of the police department shall adopt regulations appropriate to carry out the mandates of this ordinance, said regulations to be filed with the city clerk.

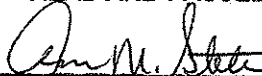
(Ord. 2003, ch. 03-49, § 1, 8-1-03)

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

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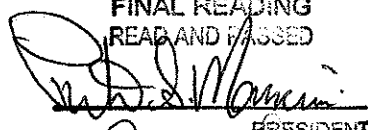
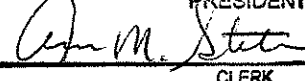
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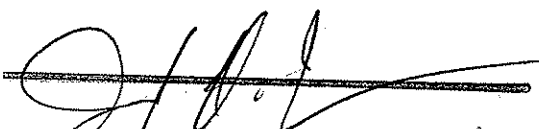
  
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PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

  
**MAYOR** 7/26/07

### *Amending Section 15-3. Raise Parking Meter Fees*

A variable price for metered parking would enable the city to gain more revenue from existing meters that are heavily used.

Variable meter pricing is a strategy being used in other cities where on street parking is congested. The concept has been shown to improve on street parking availability for the short term parker. (NY Times article) A parking specialist (available through the City's contract with ACS at no additional cost) will provide pricing recommendations on which to base pricing.

The City will earn just over \$1,000,000 this year in parking revenue. **Increased revenue can range from \$250,000** (assuming average rate goes up by .25) **to \$500,000** (assuming average rate goes up by .50).

#### **Parking rates in other places**

Hartford  
\$1.25/hr Central Business District  
\$1.00/hr elsewhere

New Haven  
\$1.25/hr

Newport  
\$1.00/hr

Cambridge  
.50/hr and .25 in 15 min parking

Boston  
\$1.00/hr

NYC  
\$2.00/hr (cars)  
\$2.00/1<sup>st</sup> hr, \$5.00/2<sup>nd</sup> hr, \$9/3<sup>rd</sup> hr (commercial)

Washington  
.25/45 min