

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 2007-42

No. 418

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.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUL 19 2007
FIRST READING
READ AND PASSED

Ann M. Stee CLERK
APPROVED

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUL 25 2007
FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED

Richard J. Mancini
PRESIDENT
Ann M. Stee
CLERK

J. H. Taylor
MAYOR 7/26/07

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THE COMMITTEE ON
ORDINANCES
Approves Passage of
The Within Ordinance, *as amended*
Ch. M. Stee
7-9-07 Clerk

Council President Mucius, Chairman Hasset - 191433i

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)

\$2.00/1st hr, \$5.00/2nd hr, \$9/3rd hr (commercial)

Washington

.25/45 min