

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 2007-42

ORDINANCE  
FILED IN OFFICE OF  
CITY CLERK  
JUL 2 2007

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:

THE ANNUAL ORDINANCE  
AGENDA HAS BEEN  
APPROVED BY THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
ON JULY 26, 2007

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

Providence is hereby amended in part to read as follows:

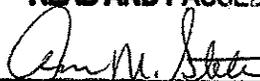
Sec. 15-13. Parking meters--Hours and rates.

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.

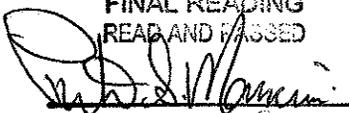
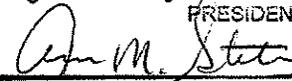
(Ord. 2003, ch. 03-49, § 1, 8-1-03)

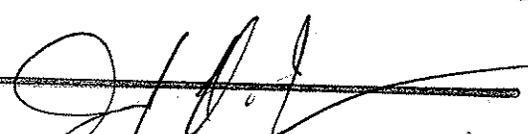
SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUL 19 2007  
FIRST READING  
READ AND PASSED

  
CLERK  
**APPROVED**

IN CITY  
COUNCIL  
JUL 25 2007  
FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED

  
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