

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: International Bridges

AGENDA DATE: August 23, 2016

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 8

STRATEGIC GOAL: No. 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development

SUBJECT:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.56 (PARKING METERS), SECTION 12.56.020F (INSTALLATION) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES DIRECTOR TO RECOMMEND PARKING METER DAY AND TIME EXCEPTIONS TO CITY COUNCIL; TO AMEND 12.56.020F.2 TO EXTEND THE FREE SATURDAY DOWNTOWN PARKING EXCEPTION; THE PENALTY AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 12.80.240 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City Council previously authorized an exception from the standard parking meter fees on Saturdays within the Central Traffic District and the South El Paso District from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

September 1, 2015 – Approval 2nd extension for FY2016
August 19, 2014 – Approval 1st extension for FY2015
August 20, 2013 – Approval of an ordinance amending Title 12 from September 1st 2013 to August 31, 2014.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Mathew McElroy, International Bridges Department, Director

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WHEREAS, the City Council previously authorized an exception from the standard parking meter fees on Saturdays within the Central Traffic District and the South El Paso District from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to continue that exception for FY2017.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.56 (Parking Meters), Section 12.56.020 (Installation), Subsection 12.56.020F of the El Paso City Code, shall be and hereby is amended and replaced with the following:

12.56.020 Installation.

F. Parking meter fees shall apply in all areas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. of every day except on officially designated city holidays and Sundays. The International Bridges Director shall make recommendations to city council for exceptions to the days and times when parking meter fees shall apply.

Exceptions:

1. Parking meter fees shall not apply during the hours of the day when the fee is specifically exempted for special downtown events or events permitted with a special privilege license and event permit.
2. Parking meter fees shall not apply within the Central Traffic District and South El Paso District on Saturdays from September 6, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

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3. Parking meter fees shall not apply on Mills Avenue north side, between Campbell Street and Virginia Avenue on Tuesdays during scheduled City Council meetings.
4. Parking meter fees shall apply within the Cincinnati Entertainment District, bounded by Baltimore Avenue to the north, Stanton Street to the east, Boston Avenue to the south and Oregon Street to the west, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. of every day except on officially designated city holidays and Sundays.
5. Without affecting the provisions of Subsection 12.56.020F.3, parking meter fees shall not apply for the first hour during which a vehicle is parked at a parking meter on the north side of East Mills Street between North Campbell Street and North Virginia Avenue. If a vehicle is parked for more than one hour at that location, the established parking meter rates shall apply.
6. Parking meter fees shall not apply for the first hour during which a vehicle is parked at a parking meter on the north side of Texas Avenue between North Virginia Avenue and North Saint Vrain Street. If a vehicle is parked for more than one hour at that location, the established parking meter rates shall apply.
7. Parking meter fees shall not apply during the hours of 11:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. in Anthony Lot "A" in Union Plaza. The established parking meter rates shall apply prior to and after this excepted timeframe, in accordance with this Section.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect September 6, 2016.

SECTION 3. Except as herein amended, Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.56 of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

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ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____, 2016

THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Josette Flores
Assistant City Attorney

Mathew McElroy
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