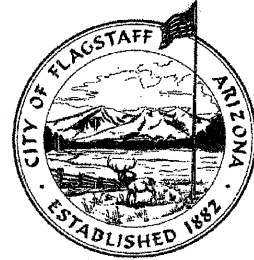


**CITY OF FLAGSTAFF
STAFF SUMMARY REPORT**



To: The Honorable Mayor and Council
From: Michael Kerski, Community Investment Director
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Community Investment Division
Community Development Department
Date: May 23, 2008
Meeting Date: June 3, 2008

TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE No. 2008 - 21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FLAGSTAFF CITY CODE, TITLE 9, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 9-01-001-0003, RELATING TO STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Read Ordinance 2008 - 21, for the first time by title only.
Read Ordinance 2008-21, for the second time by title only.
Adopt Ordinance 2008-21

ACTION SUMMARY:

Adoption of Ordinance 2008 - 21 will establish new fines in the Downtown area that is served by meters.

DISCUSSION:

Background/History:

The City Council adopted the Downtown Management Plan by Resolution No. 2008 - 45. As part of the adoption of the Plan, new parking fines will be required for the Downtown Management Area.

Key Considerations:

The goal of the Downtown Management Plan is to have turn over parking on street. Meters will assist in that effort but tickets will have to be given to enforce time limits. First time

offenders will be given a warning ticket that will not have a fee associated with it. This is a more friendly way to alert car owners that meters are in force and that there are time limits.

Habitual offenders will experience an increase in fines for each offense. Second ticket will be \$20.00, third offense will be \$40.00 and fourth offense and every offense thereafter for a calendar year will be \$60.00. Should a person not pay outstanding tickets after reaching the \$60.00 offense, the offending vehicle will be booted by the Flagstaff Police Department.

Parking Ambassadors will be equipped with ticketing enforcement technology that will track the number of tickets per vehicle per year and if tickets will be paid. This will eliminate the current paper boot system, which will now be electronic.

Community Benefits and Considerations:

This Ordinance will result in better turn over parking and will track violators on a regular basis. The current system of paper tracking will be eliminated. In the past, booting has been erratic and some individuals have accumulated as much as \$5,000 in parking tickets and penalties. This Ordinance combined with the hand held equipment will allow for better and more timely enforcement.

Community Involvement:

The Downtown Management Plan has been reviewed by the community over the past 30 months.

Financial Implications:

This Ordinance will create additional revenue for the City and will result in better enforcement.

Options and Alternatives:

1. Do not pass the ordinance.
2. Direct staff to create a different fee schedule

Attachments/Exhibits:

1. Ordinance No. 2008 - 11

Gary Landsweil
 Department Head (Acknowledgment that all reviews have been completed and required approvals initialed below.)

INITIALS	RESPONSIBILITY	DATE	INITIALS	RESPONSIBILITY	DATE
	BIDS/PURCHASES			FINANCE/BUDGET	
	GRANTS			CONTRACTS	
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DATE OF COUNCIL APPROVAL: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FLAGSTAFF CITY CODE, TITLE 9, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 9-01-001-0003, RELATING TO STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

WHEREAS, City Code, Title 9, Chapter 1, provides for the City Council to establish and enforce traffic laws, including stopping, standing, and parking restrictions; and

WHEREAS, City Code, Title 9, Chapter 1, provides that the City of Flagstaff may establish parking meter zones, install parking meters, and enforce parking meter violations; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Parking Management Plan provides for the installation of pay and display multi-space parking meters and tiered ticket pricing; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Parking Management Plan requires certain changes to the traffic laws related to the use of parking meters; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the City Code to effect the desired changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That City Code, Section 9-01-001-0003, Stopping, Standing and Parking Restrictions, be hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 9-01-001-0003 STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS:

E. Parking Meters

1. Establishment: The Council may, by official action, establish portions of streets as parking meter zones, which zones shall become effective on the installation of metering devices.
2. Authority to Install Meters: The superintendent of streets is hereby authorized and directed to install meters in all parking meter zones hereby established or hereinafter established by the Council for the purpose of and in such numbers and at such places as may be necessary to the regulation, control and inspection of the parking of vehicles therein.

- 3. Location: Parking meters installed in parking meter zones shall be installed upon the curb immediately adjacent to individual parking spaces or at every other space or centrally located on the curb. Each parking meter shall be so constructed and adjusted as to show when properly operated a signal indicating that the space which that meter controls is or is not legally in use.
- 4. Legal Parking Fees: Parking meters, when installed and properly operated, shall be so adjusted as to show a legal parking period. Only the amount and form of legal tender as indicated on the meters may be inserted in the meters.
- 5. Collections: It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to designate some person or persons to make regular collections of the legal tender deposited in the parking meters and deliver it to the City Treasurer for accounting and depositing.
- 6. Penalties and Enforcement of Parking Meter Violations: Fines imposed for parking meter violations within a period of a single calendar year shall be as follows:
 - a. First offense: warning
 - b. Second offense: \$20.00
 - c. Third offense: \$40.00
 - d. Fourth offense, and any subsequent offenses: \$60.00, plus placement on the immobilization and impoundment list set forth in Section 9-01-001-0003(J), if unpaid parking violations exist.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Flagstaff this _____ day of _____, 2008.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Somahl for
CITY ATTORNEY