



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Steve Powers, City Manager

FROM: Kristin Retherford, Urban Development Director

SUBJECT:

Proposed amendments to Salem Revised Code (SRC) Chapter 102 relating to parking

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

ISSUE:

Shall the City Council advance Ordinance Bill No. 9-17 amending SRC Chapter 102 to simplify regulations and to reflect new parking technology, to second reading for enactment?

RECOMMENDATION:

Advance Ordinance Bill No. 9-17 amending SRC Chapter 102 to simplify regulations and to reflect new parking technology, to second reading for enactment.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

Over the last eighteen months, new technology (Smart Meters and Pay Stations) has been installed around the Capitol Mall area. The current parking regulations reference only meters which reflect expired time by a flashing symbol and only accept coin payment, whereas the new technology accepts debit/credit cards and generates receipts that are required to be displayed on the dash of the vehicle.

In conjunction with the implementation of the new technology, parking regulations relating to enforcement of the new technology were updated or created. During this process all parking regulations were reviewed, and code language was clarified to be easier to understand.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The proposed Ordinance Bill:

1. Would replace the current definition of Block;
2. Is necessary to expand the definition of parking meter to include pay stations and the ability for new technology to accept debit/credit cards;
3. Would reduce the length of a recreational vehicle prohibited from parking in a residential zone from 23 feet in overall length to 20 feet in overall length in response to a change in length for many recreational vehicles to shorter vehicles since the regulation was written, and make the prohibition on recreational vehicles parking in residential zones apply all day instead of from 10:00 pm to 6:00 pm, in response to an increase in these vehicles parking all day in residential neighborhoods;
4. Streamlines parking enforcement by removing SRC 102.045 (c) that is obsolete; and
5. Adds SRC 102.067 which is necessary for enforcement of smart meters and pay stations and associated \$25.00 fine for infractions.

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Attachments:

1. Ordinance Bill No. 9-17