

CITY OF DOVER

DOVER PARKING COMMISSION – AGENDA

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: **Room 305 – McConnell Center
61 Locust Street, Dover, NH**
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**
Meeting Time: **8:30 AM**

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Citizen's Forum
- 3) Meeting Minutes
 - a) Review and Approval of January meeting minutes.
- 4) Staff Updates
 - a) Downtown development update – Chris Parker
 - b) Parking Activity & Budget - Bill Simons, Parking Manager
- 5) New Business
 - a) **Provide free parking in the Orchard Street Garage and Transportation Center Lot in support of Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday.**

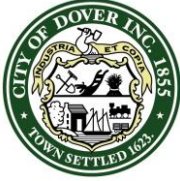
Resolution: Recommend to the City Council

Amend City Ordinance 141-30.A.(2) and add 141-30A.(4) Hours of operation and rates:

§ 141-30. Hours of operation and rates.

A. Paid parking shall be required daily between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., except on Sundays, with the exception of:

- (1) The Orchard Street Parking Garage where designated as metered or paid parking shall also be required as paid parking at all times, 24 hours a day and seven days a week.
- (2) The following holidays: January 1; the third Monday in January, known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Day; the third Monday in February, known as Washington's Birthday; the last Monday in May, known as Memorial Day, or on a date to coincide with the federal observance if it is held on a different day; July 4; the first Monday in September, known as Labor Day; the second Monday in October, known in Dover as Indigenous People's Day; November 11, known as Veterans Day; Thanksgiving Day; ~~the Friday after Thanksgiving;~~ and Christmas Day. When one of the listed holidays falls on a Sunday, the Monday after shall be observed as a holiday.
- (3) Any vehicle bearing the following special New Hampshire license plates and in use by the person qualifying for said special plates shall be entitled to free parking in metered spaces for no more than three hours each day: Purple Heart (including Purple Heart-Vanity), Gold Star, Prisoner of War, and Pearl Harbor Survivor (including Pearl Harbor Survivor-Vanity). Any



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vehicle with license plates from another state or United States territory bearing substantially equivalent governmental license plates shall, provided the vehicle is in use by the person qualifying for said special license plates, likewise be entitled to no more than three hours each day of free parking in metered spaces.

(4) The Orchard Street Parking Garage and the Transportation Center Lot, unless otherwise restricted, on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving.

b) Eliminate the on-street short visit exception (15 minute rule) for paid parking

Resolution: Recommend to the City Council

Delete City Ordinance 141-31:A (3) (b) Unlawful acts; separate violations:

§ 141-31. Unlawful acts; separate violations.

A. The following shall be considered violations of this article:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to park or allow any vehicle registered in his/her name to be parked in a parking meter zone so that the vehicle is not entirely within the area designated or delineated by lines or markings.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to park or allow any vehicle registered in his/her name to be parked in excess of 19 feet in overall length in a multi-space parking meter zone except as provided in § 141-32.

(3) Multi-space parking meters.

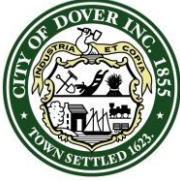
(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to park or allow any vehicle registered in his/her name to be parked or left standing in any area where parking is controlled by a multi-space parking meter:

[1] Without purchasing a timed parking session from said multi-space parking meter for such parking or standing time, which timed parking sessions shall only authorize the specific vehicle and license plate entered into the meter to use and occupy the parking.

[2] For parking areas in the City that lack any form of pay-by-plate meters or capabilities, without displaying any receipt so purchased from a multi-space parking meter in a position on the dashboard of the vehicle in order that the time printed on said receipt is clearly visible from outside the vehicle. This subsection shall not apply to metered parking garages or other metered areas when the proper space number is entered into the pay-by-space parking meter or pay-by-plate meters or capabilities.

[3] After parking or standing time which has been purchased has expired.

[4] For parking areas that require the use of displayed receipts, displaying



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an altered or falsified receipt or any receipt that has not been purchased from the multi-space parking meter controlling the parking space in which the vehicle displaying the receipt is parked. Violators will be subject to Table B fines under § 141-23 as set forth in the Fine Schedule as adopted by City Council.

[5] In excess of the posted time limits.

~~(b) Exception. No multi-space parking meter receipt is required for a vehicle parked in a parking meter zone for less than 15 minutes; this exception does not apply to metered parking lots or a metered parking garage.~~

Background: The 15 minute rule for on-street paid parking was instituted in January of 2011 when the meter system was first rolled out as a means to ease transition to paid parking. The tracking of vehicles using the 15 minute rule is very labor intensive. The 15 minute rule is also prone to abuse.

The advent of Pay by Phone and Pay by Plate, eliminates the need to return to the vehicle to display the parking receipt.

- 6) A proposal to amend the parking regulations related to vehicles displaying Veteran plates will be provided at the meeting.
- 7) Commission member's matters of interest.
- 8) Adjourn