

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

DEPARTMENT: International Bridges
AGENDA DATE: Introduction: July 31, 2012
Public Hearing: August 7, 2012
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E., Director, 915-533-7428
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 8 and 3

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.56 (Parking Meters), Section 12.56.020.F (Installation) to remove the requirements for parking meter fees on Saturdays; and to allow for a debit or credit card processing fee in Section 12.56.090.C; the penalty being as provided in Section 12.84.010 of the El Paso City Code. **(Districts 3 and 8)** [International Bridges Dept., Said Larbi-Cherif, P.E., 915-533-7428]

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

This program improvement was introduced during the budget presentation for the International Bridges Department. This program improvement is expected to help increase retail and cultural activities in the downtown area where 99% of the parking meters are located. The revenue shortfall will be covered from the projected increase in meter revenues from the technology upgrade that will allow payments by debit and credit cards as well as the expansion of the parking meter program.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Municipal Code Section 12.56.020.F allows for the exemption of parking meter fees by City Council resolution for special downtown events.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Source of Funding: N/A
The annual revenue shortfall for the Saturdays' free parking at the meters will be of the order of \$90,000.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.56 (PARKING METERS), SECTION 12.56.020F (INSTALLATION) TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR PARKING METER FEES ON SATURDAYS; AND TO ALLOW FOR A DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEE IN SECTION 12.56.090C; THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12.84.010 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE

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) of the El Paso City Code be amended to read as follows:

12.56.020 - Installation.

- F. The city council may by resolution, upon the recommendation of the International Bridges Director, designate areas in which the parking meter fee shall apply (1) at all times or (2) specific days and/or hours of the day, provided that the parking meter fee shall not apply during the hours when the fee is specifically exempted by city council resolution for special downtown events. In all other areas, the parking meter fee is required between the hours of eight a.m. and six p.m. of every day except Saturday and Sunday, officially designated city holidays, and hours when the parking meter fee is specifically exempted by city council resolution for special downtown events.

Section 2. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.56 (Parking Meters), Section 12.56.090 (Parking Meter Rates) of the El Paso City Code be amended to add subsection C as follows:

12.56.090 – Parking Meter Rates.

- C. The International Bridges Director is authorized to increase the rate established in subsection 12.56.090A to at least eighty cents and no more than one dollar in order to include the third party transaction actual cost for the provision of credit or debit card processing services for any time up to the first hour of each transaction for parking at parking meters. For any subsequent time beyond the first hour of the same transaction, the rate established in subsection 12.56.090A will apply.

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance amendment shall go into effect on September 1, 2012.

Section 4. That except as expressly amended herein Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.56 (Parking Meters) shall remain in full force and effect.

(Signatures follow on next page)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Josette Flores
Assistant City Attorney

Said Larbi-Cherif, Director
International Bridges

ORDINANCE NO. _____

PL Matter #12-1010-012.001/PL#121013v2/ORD/Saturday Parking Fee & Credit/Debit Minimum AMD 12.56.020F/JF

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

[PL Matter #121-10106-01244.001/PL#12537789156v2/ORD/Saturday Parking Fee](#) & Credit/Debit Minimum AMD [129.562.020130E/JF](#)

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[PL Matter #124-10106-01244.001/PL#12537789156v2/ORD/Saturday Parking Fee](#) & Credit/Debit Minimum AMD [129.562.020130E/JF](#)



Department Specific Budget Highlights

Variances/Changes From Adopted FY12:

- New Additional Parking Meters Revenue of \$395,735

Projected Revenue FY13	\$1,320,000
Additional Revenue - New Digital Technology & Parking Meter Program Expansion	\$395,735
Loss of revenue - Free parking on Saturdays	(\$90,000)
Total Revenue	\$1,625,735
Plaza Theatre - Bond Repayment	(1,345,180)
Additional Revenue for FY13 Budget	\$280,555
Recurring Cost	(143,520)
Debt Repayment	(129,084)
General fund Impact (+)	\$7,951

- \$0.80 new Credit/Debit Card charge for 1st hour at parking metered spaces. Minimum charge of \$1.00 for a total of 76 minutes given to patrons.

