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City of Newark
Delaware
Planning & Development Department

January 29, 2010

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council
VIA: Kyle Sonnenberg, City Manager *KS*
FROM: Maureen Feeney Roser, Assistant Planning & Development Director/DNP Administrator *Maureen Feeney Roser*
RE: **SUNDAY PARKING FEES**

As you know, this fall, upon review of services provided to downtown businesses and estimates of the costs associated with those services, the Downtown Newark Partnership Board recommended that the City begin charging for parking at downtown meters and in municipal lots on Sundays, beginning in 2010. The Board reasoned that this action would contribute significantly toward downtown services costs, and spread the financial burden over a larger group of people in a fair and equitable way. Based on this recommendation, an amendment to the parking meter ordinance was drafted requiring meter fees from 8 AM – 1 AM (our normal hours of operation, Monday – Saturday) on Sundays, and the matter deferred until further discussion about the impact of Sunday fees with the DNP Merchants and Parking Committees and affected churches could take place.

Two meetings of the DNP Merchants (11/02/09 and 12/02/09) and Parking (11/18/09 and 12/16/09) Committees were held to discuss the matter. These meetings were advertised to downtown Newark businesses via the DNP E-News You Can Use E-newsletter and the downtown block captain system. In addition, all DNP Meetings are open to the public and their agendas advertised in City Hall and on the DNP and City websites. In addition, previous to the DNP meetings, staff met with Pastor Palmer and the business manager of the Newark United Methodist Church (the church most impacted by the change) and discussed the matter with representatives of the Catholic and Baptist Churches downtown.

Based on these discussions, a revised and unanimously endorsed recommendation to begin to charge for parking on Sundays at 1 PM, rather than at 8 AM was developed. Subsequently, staff evaluated how the revised recommendation would impact estimated revenues and lot administration. In this regard, please note that a mid-day start up can be implemented logistically. In addition, while reducing the hours proposed for fee collection on Sundays will also reduce the estimated net income by a little more than \$29,000 annually, charging for parking in municipal lots and meters on Sundays from 1 PM – 1 AM will still generate substantial estimated net revenues of approximately \$68,000 a year. The DNP Board, therefore, reviewed and approved the revised recommendation on January 14, 2010, and a revised amendment was prepared for Council consideration.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

/mfr

cc: Roy H. Lopata, Planning & Development Director
Marvin Howard, Downtown Parking Administrator

BILL NO. 10-04

1st Reading _____

2nd Reading _____

CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE

ORDINANCE NO. 10 - ____

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Motor
Vehicles and Traffic, Code of the City of
Newark, Delaware, Article XVII, Parking
Meters and Schedule X, Parking Meter
Zones By Clarifying the Hours and Holidays
During Which Parking Shall Be Free

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK HEREBY ORDAINS:

That Chapter 20, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Code of the City of Newark,
Delaware, be hereby amended in the following respects:

AMENDMENT 1. Amend Schedule XVII, Section 20-111, Parking meter
zones, by deleting it in its entirety which reads as follows:

"Sec. 20-111. Parking meter zones.

Parking meter zones are hereby established within the city as
described in Schedule X, attached hereto and made a part hereof
in which zones the parking of vehicles shall be regulated by parking
meters during the hours specified in said schedule of any day
except Sundays, New year's Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving Day and
Christmas Day."

and insert the following new language:

Sec. 20-111. Parking meter zones.

Parking meter zones are hereby established within the city as
described in Schedule X, attached hereto and made a part hereof
in which zones the parking of vehicles shall be regulated by parking
meters during the hours of 8:00 AM to 1:00 AM, Monday thru
Saturday, and 1:00 PM to 1:00 AM on Sundays, except for New
Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good

Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

AMENDMENT 2. Amend Schedule X, Section 20-219. Parking meter zones, by deleting the first paragraph in its entirety which reads as follows:

“Section 20-219. Parking meter zones.

“In accordance with Section 20-111, parking meter zones are hereby established where the parking of vehicles shall be regulated by parking meters during the hours specified or any day except New Year’s Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, or as otherwise specified, as follows:”

and insert the following new language:

“In accordance with Section 20-111, parking meter zones are hereby established where the parking of vehicles shall be regulated by parking meters during the hours 8:00 AM to 1:00 AM, Monday thru Saturday, and 1:00 PM to 1:00 AM on Sundays, except on New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents’ Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or as otherwise specified, as follows:....”

MOTION for Acceptance as First Reading on _____, 2010,
By Council Member _____.

Second Reading and Final Passage on _____, 2010.
VOTE: _____ to _____.

Mayor

Attest:

City Secretary

Approved as to Legality & Form:

City Solicitor

SCHEDULE X

Sec. 20-219. Parking meter zones.

In accordance with Section 20-111, parking meter zones are hereby established where the parking of vehicles shall be regulated by parking meters during the hours specified or any day except Sundays, New Year's Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, or as otherwise specified, as follows:

(1) Between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. in the following zones:

- a. Main Street from Washington Street to Elkton Road.
- b. Academy Street from Main Street to Delaware Avenue.
- c. East Side of Center Street.
- d. Haines Street from Main Street to Delaware Avenue.
- e. North Chapel Street, west side, beginning 151 feet north of East Main Street for 40 feet.
- f. Courtney Street, south side, east side from Academy Street for a distance of approximately 164 feet.
- g. New London Avenue, west side, from the B&O Railroad right-of-way, north for a distance of approximately 420 feet.
- h. Forest Lane, south side, from a point 105 feet east of Hillside Road for its entire length.

(b) *Three-hour limit:*

(1) Between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. in the following zones:

- a. Academy Street, east side, from Delaware Avenue to Lovett Avenue.
- b. Amstel Avenue, north side, from South College Avenue to Orchard Road; south side, from Orchard Road to Elkton Road.
- c. Kent Way, both sides from South College Avenue to Orchard Road.
- d. South College Avenue, east side, from a point approximately 977 feet south of East Delaware Avenue to a point approximately 1,280 feet south of east Delaware Avenue.

(Code 1959, Ch. 14, § 1001; Ord. No. 74-28, 8-12-74; Ord. No. 74-36, 10-15-74; Ord. No. 76-3, Amend. No. 5, 1-26-76; Ord. No. 85-3, Amend. No. 1, 1-28-85; Ord. No. 85-12, Amend. No. 1, 2-25-85; Ord. No. 85-36, Amend. No. 1, 7-22-85; Ord. No. 85-40, Amend. No. 2, 9-9-85; Ord. No. 88-1, Amend. No. 2, 1-11-88; Ord. No. 91-34, Amend. No. 5, 10-28-91; Ord. No. 91-35, Amend. No. 2, 11-11-91; Ord. No. 92-18, Amend. Nos. 2--4, 8-24-92; Ord. No. 95-2, Amend. No. 1, 1-23-95; Ord. No. 97-6, Amend. No. 4, 3-24-97; Ord. No. 97-23, Amend. Nos. 8--11, 8-25-97; Ord. No. 97-30, Amend. No. 1, 11-24-97; Ord. No. 98-7, Amend. No. 3, 3-23-98; Ord. No. 99-39, Amend. Nos. 6, 7, 11-8-99; Ord. No. 00-15, Amend. No. 2, 6-12-00; Ord. No. 00-16, Amend. No. 3, 6-12-00; Ord. No. 00-27, Amend. Nos. 4, 5, 9-11-00; Ord. No. 01-6, Amend. Nos. 1, 2, 3-26-01; Ord. No. 02-16, Amend. No. 1, 7-22-02; Ord. No. 03-10, Amend. No. 1, 6-23-03; Ord. No. 03-25, Amend. No. 2, 10-27-03; Ord. No. 04-4, Amend. Nos. 1, 2, 2-23-04; Ord. No. 04-17, Amend. Nos. 1--3, 7-12-04; Ord. No. 04-33, Amend. No. 1, 12-13-04; Ord. No. 09-06, Amend. No. 4, 1-26-09)

Editor's note: Ord. No. 01-6, Amend. No. 1, adopted March 26, 2001, repealed subsection 20-219(a)(1)a. in its entirety. Further, said ordinance section renumbered subsection 20-219(a)(1)b.--e. as subsection 20-219(a)(1)a.--d. to read as herein set out. See the Code Comparative Table.