

**AN ORDINANCE
OF THE
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

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**Amending Title 18, Chapter 478 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances
relating to Traffic Code: Parking, Stopping and Standing.**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 478, Article II, of the above-entitled ordinance be amended by adding thereto a new section 478.300 to read as follows:

478.300. Payment. As used through this Chapter, “Payment” shall mean coin or currency of the United States, accepted debit card, credit card, or other officially authorized prepaid service.

Section 2. That Section 478.310 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.310. Compliance required. No person vehicle shall be parked a vehicle on streets ~~where parking meters have been installed~~ designated as a metered area, as authorized by the city council except pursuant to the terms and conditions regulating parking on said streets as indicated ~~on the parking meter instruction plates or upon signs or meters~~ erected in the area.

Section 3. That Section 478.320 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.320. Installation and function. Parking meters shall be devices approved by the city council and installed in locations authorized by the council. ~~Each~~ Parking meters shall measure the permissible predetermined period of time for which parking shall be permitted ~~for the part of the street upon which the parking meter is placed.~~

Section 4. That Section 478.330 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.330. Construction of meters. Each said parking meter shall be so constructed as to display a ~~signal showing~~ record of legal parking upon payment upon the deposit of one or more coins of the United States therein, or use of debit card for a period of time conforming to the authorized parking limit ~~as authorized by the city council for the metered area in which the meter is installed.~~ Each metered area shall be constructed with an instructions plate ~~affixed to or made a part thereof which shall that~~ indicate the authorized parking time and shall clearly set out and continue operation

from the time of ~~depositing such coins or use of debit card therein~~ payment until the expiration of the time fixed as the parking limit for the part of the street upon which said meter is placed authorized time limit expires. Each said meter shall also be so arranged that upon the expiration of said parking limit, it will indicate that when the lawful parking period has expired.

Section 5. That Section 478.340 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.340. Hours. Parking meters shall be in operation during the hours and days as indicated upon in each metered area except New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, unless otherwise provided in all areas designated by the city council.

Section 6. That Section 478.350 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.350. Use of parking meter spaces. Any vehicle parked in a metered parking space area shall be parked parallel to the curb, and in a manner that ~~such vehicle~~ does not infringe upon another metered space. ~~In the case of Any vehicle parked in an angled parking meter spaces, no person shall park any vehicle in such a manner that the same shall not be shall be parked~~ entirely within the area designated by lines or markings, and shall center the vehicle on the meter. Trucks and other commercial vehicles using parking meters shall park in such a manner that the least number of metered spaces are occupied.

Section 7. That Section 478.360 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.360. Duty to deposit coin or debit card payment; overtime parking; physically handicapped disabled persons. (a) When a vehicle ~~shall be is~~ parked in a space alongside of or next to which a parking meter is located metered area, the operator of said vehicle shall, upon entering ~~the said a~~ parking space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited ~~one or more coins of the United States or debit card in such in a parking meter~~ payment, and the said parking space may then be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period of parking time which has been prescribed for the part of the street in which said parking space is located. ~~No If a vehicle shall~~ remains in any such parking space beyond the parking time limit ~~for such parking space. If the parking meter displays a sign showing illegal parking, the vehicle shall be considered as parked overtime and such parking shall be a violation of this Code;~~

(b) Commercial trucks, commercial vehicles and commercial permit vehicles may use metered spaces on ~~the~~ public streets for loading and unloading merchandise to the abutting premises before the hour of 12:00 noon, without ~~the deposit of a coin or debit card in the parking meter at such space~~ payment, and such vehicle must load or

~~unload park~~ centered as nearly as possible in a single metered space. In no case shall the stop for loading or unloading exceed thirty (30) minutes;

(c) Relief from liability for payment of parking fees granted to physically ~~handicapped~~ disabled persons pursuant to 478.530 and section 478.540 shall not apply where (i) time restrictions are separately posted on official signs or (ii) the time restrictions on the parking meter allow parking for not more than ~~fifteen (15)~~ thirty (30) minutes.

Section 8. That Section 478.370 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.370. "Feeding" meters. No vehicle may be parked in a metered space where a person shall has deposited or cause to be deposited in the parking meter one or more coins or debit card payment for the purpose of increasing or extending the parking time of any that vehicle beyond the legal parking time which has been established for the parking space adjacent to which said parking meter is placed.

Section 9. That Section 478.380 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.380. Slugs False or unapproved payment prohibited. No vehicle may be parked in a metered space where a person shall has deposited or caused to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device or metallic substitute for coins of the United States or unapproved debit card any false or unapproved form of payment.

Section 10. That Section 478.390 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.390. Tampering prohibited. No person shall injure, deface, tamper with, ~~open~~ or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter in the city, ~~except that a regularly designated employee of the city may open said meters for the purpose of repairing or making collections therefrom.~~

Section 11. That Section 478.400 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.400. Charge declared fee. The ~~coins or debit card payments~~ required to be deposited as provided herein are hereby levied and assessed as a fee to cover the costs of inspection and regulation, control and operation involved in the inspection, installation, operation, maintenance, replacement, regulation, enforcement, control and use of the (i) parking spaces and the parking meters described herein (ii) ~~and involved in checking and regulating the parking of vehicles in the areas where parking metered parking does not exists and~~ (iii) other street transportation related purposes ~~have been installed.~~

Section 12. That Section 478.410 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed:

~~**478.410. Collections.** The director of licenses shall appoint some member or members of his department to make regular collections of the money deposited in said meters. The persons so designated to make such regular collections shall pick up the coins as deposited in the meters and deliver the funds so collected to a counting location to be designated by the city finance officer, said counting location to be designated by the city council as a depository of city funds in accordance with Section 29, Chapter 5 of the city charter. Upon such delivery the funds so delivered shall be immediately credited for deposit to the account of the city.~~

Section 13. That Section 478.420 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

~~**478.420. Credit to parking meter fund.** Credit to Parking Fund. The city finance officer shall enter the amount of the funds so deposited to the credit of a fund to be known as and designated the "Parking Meter Subdivision of the Current Expense Fund." After such delivery and deposit the city finance officer shall have control of the funds so deposited to the same extent as he has control of the other funds of the city. The parking meter payments shall be deposited to the Parking Fund.~~

Section 14. That Section 478.430 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

~~**478.430. Obstruction permits to hood meters.** (a) Any person, company, or corporation, having a needing for special use of parking metered space(s) to promote a civic cause, allow the city to carry out police powers, provide space for construction, or any maintenance or delivery activities deemed proper by the city engineer public works director, shall make application to the city engineer public works director, as provided herein, for a permit to hood or disable said meter, or meters metered space(s), for the specified period of time, not to exceed ninety (90) days for each permit, and any such applicant shall defray the expense cost to the city of for the loss of the public use of the parking meters or metered spaces due to the hooding or disabling. The loss cost to the city by reason of the hooding shall be based upon the hourly fee per meter charge per day at that location for the period of the hooding. For those days in which the metered area is not enforced, the loss of use fee shall be set by the Public Works Director in an amount sufficient to defray administrative costs to the City.~~

~~(b) "Hooding" of meters is the placing of city engineer approved hoods that physically cover up parking meter heads. Hooding "Hooding" or disabling metered space(s) is to be carried out exclusively by the public works department of the city and other authorized city representatives.~~

~~(c) Application for an obstruction permit shall be made to the city engineer's office not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the effective date of such permit, and shall:~~

- (1) State the purpose of the obstruction permit.
- (2) State the name of the person, persons or the authorized officer of the company or corporation applying for the permit with a twenty-four (24) hour phone number.
- (3) The location and number(s) ~~or numbers~~ of the metered space(s) ~~or meters~~.
- (4) State the specified period of time.

(d) Unless exception is made by formal written agreement with City Council approval, ~~the designated administrative fee for the issuance of the permit shall be the amount of money necessary, according to the estimate of the city engineer, to defray the loss to the city of the use of the parking spaces due to the hooding of the parking meters space(s) and whatever necessary costs for administration or enforcement. The administrative fee shall include charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) be set by the Public Works Director for the hooding of the metered space(s) by public works personnel or other authorized city representatives. For those days in which the metered area is not enforced the loss of use shall be a seven dollar (\$7.00) charge per day. rate set by the Public Works Director to offset the cost of lost parking. The above fees may be increased by the Director of Public Works based on the actual cost to the city.~~

The obstruction permit, certificate or insignia issued shall be prominently displayed upon the vehicle parked in the hooded meter area, and shall state thereon, the place, date, ~~meter numbers hooded,~~ and identification of permit holder. ~~The permit, certificate or insignia issued may be transferred from vehicle to vehicle, but shall not be transferable to anyone other than the person or persons designated in the application.~~