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AMENDMENT TO PORTLAND CITY CODE  
CHAPTER 28 (TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES)  
ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL;  
ARTICLE II. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT;  
AND  
ARTICLE III. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE  
IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED AS FOLLOWS:

1. *That Chapter 28, Article I (In General), Section 28-1 (Definitions) of the Portland City Code is hereby amended as follows:*

**Sec. 28-1. Definitions.**

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*Parking meter* shall mean a device which shall indicate thereon the length of time during which a vehicle may be parked in a particular place, having as a part thereof a receptacle or chamber for receiving and storing coins of the United States money; a slot or place in which the coin may be deposited; and timing mechanism to indicate the passage of the interval of time during which parking is permissible with an appropriate signal to indicate when the aforesaid interval of time shall have elapsed; and brief instructions as to its operation. Parking meter as used herein shall also include a multi-space parking meter which may accept coins and other forms of payment such as debit and credit cards, and provide a timed receipt permitting parking in any multi-space or single space parking during such time.

*Parking space* shall mean any space adjacent to the curb or directly in front of or behind a single space parking meter for the parking of a single vehicle whether or not designated by painted lines or other durable markings. Parking space shall also include a space controlled by a multi-space meter.

*Prolonged parking* shall mean parking, without moving the vehicle out of the space and making the space available for use by another person, at a meter or a designated parking space in excess of the maximum limit of parking designated for such space. Prolonged parking shall include, without limitation, "feeding the meter," so-called.

Receipt shall mean the paper receipt dispensed from a multi-space meter showing the date purchased with the time during which it permits parking in a multi or single meter parking space.

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2. *That Chapter 28, Article II (Administration and Enforcement), Section 28-43 (Duties generally) of the Portland City Code is hereby amended as follows:*

**Sec. 28-43. Duties generally.**

The parking division shall enforce the stopping, standing and parking laws of this city; cooperate with the city traffic engineer, the police department and other officers of the city in the administration of stopping, standing and parking laws of the city and in developing ways and means to improve the traffic conditions; enforce the parking meter system of the city, including the collection of coins and payments therefrom; have the care, maintenance and control of municipal parking lots and garages; issue residential parking stickers; and perform such other duties related to parking conditions in the city as may be assigned by the city manager. Parking control officers shall have the authority to enforce the parking regulations of the city, including without limitation the writing of parking tickets.

3. *That Chapter 28, Article III (Stopping, Standing and Parking), Sections 28-81 thru 28-86 of the Portland City Code are hereby amended as follows:*

**Sec. 28-81. Designation of metered parking spaces.**

The traffic engineer is hereby authorized and directed to designate such parking spaces as he or she deems proper along the streets as designated for either single space or multi-space

meter parking in the traffic schedule, and in each such space only one (1) vehicle shall be parked at any one (1) time. Such vehicle shall be so parked as to be entirely within the limits of ~~such~~ each parking space.

**Sec. 28-82. Installation of parking meters.**

The parking manager is hereby authorized and directed to place, install and remove single space or multi-space parking meters upon the curb side of parking spaces as designated by the traffic engineer under the provisions of section 28-81.  
(Ord. No. 183-97, 1-22-97)

**Sec. 28-83. Parking of vehicles in parking spaces; handicapped meter parking for those with disabilities.**

(a) Single space meter. Except as provided herein, where a parking meter has been installed, every person shall park a vehicle adjacent to the curb and either immediately in front of or behind a single space meter and shall deposit the required amount of United States money in the meter or obtain and properly display a receipt issued by a multi-space meter. ~~if the meter displays a signal showing that all time for parking at that meter has expired.~~

(b) Multi-space meter. Except as provided herein, where a multi-space meter has been installed, every person shall park a vehicle adjacent to the curb and in a space controlled by a multi-space meter or in a space controlled by a single meter and shall deposit the required amount of payment for the time the person intends to park, up to the maximum time limit available. ~~The foregoing shall apply from 6:00 a.m. to midnight, seven (7) days per week, to all meters located on the Portland International Jetport property, and the meters located on Westbrook Street between Cobb Avenue and the Jetport Road. For all other meters, t~~ The foregoing shall apply from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, Sundays and state and federally sanctioned holidays excluded.

(~~b~~c) Disabled person parking at meter. Any motor vehicle or motorcycle registered by a ~~handicapped~~ disabled person is exempt from any parking meter fare in a metered space when the vehicle properly displays special designating plates or a ~~placard~~ hangtag issued under state law, and may park a length of time that does not exceed twice the maximum time limit otherwise applicable in said space.  
(Ord. No. 183-97, 1-22-97)

Sec. 28-84. Violations.

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (a) Cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to be parked in any parking space where a single space parking meter is installed unless a deposit of the coin or coins indicated by the single space meter is made as herein provided, except that, in the event a single space parking meter indicates that unused time has been left in the meter by a previous occupant of the parking space, any such person shall not be required to deposit any such coin or coins so long as his or her occupancy of the space does not exceed the indicated unused parking time; or
- (b) Cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to remain in a parking space controlled by a multi-space parking meter or single space meter without displaying a valid receipt while so parked, or without displaying the receipt on the dashboard in such a manner as to be clearly visible and face up, showing the date and time available to park on the receipt;
- (c) Cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to remain in a parking space beyond the period of legal parking time established for such parking space as provided in the traffic schedule, or to deposit in the adjacent single space parking meter or a multi-space meter any ~~coin~~ payment for the purpose of parking beyond the maximum legal parking time designated by the parking meter or multi-space meter ("prolonged parking" or "feeding the meter");
- (d) Cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to remain ~~or be placed~~ in any parking space adjacent to any single space parking meter while the meter is displaying a signal indicating that the vehicle occupying such parking space has already been parked beyond the maximum legal parking time designated for such parking space or the receipt has expired;

(e) Cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to remain or be placed in any parking space controlled by a multi-space meter while failing to display a valid multi-space meter timed receipt for such parking, or displaying a receipt indicating that the vehicle occupying such parking space has already been parked beyond the maximum legal parking time designated for such parking space;

(~~ef~~) Cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to be parked across any line or marking of a parking space or in such position that the vehicle shall not be entirely within the limits of the parking space or such that the parked vehicle otherwise impedes or obstructs the flow of traffic; the minimum fine for a violation of this section shall be fifty dollars (\$50);

(~~eg~~) Deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the provisions herein;

(~~eh~~) Deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device, metallic substance or any other substitute for a coin of the United States;

(~~ei~~) In the event of a violation of the provisions of subsections (a), (b), (c), ~~and~~ (d), (e) and (f) above, the fact that a vehicle is unlawfully parked shall be prima facie evidence of the unlawful parking of such vehicle by the person in whose name such vehicle is registered, and the fact that a vehicle is in a metered parking space when the time signal on the parking meter for such space indicates no parking permitted without the deposit of a coin or coins, or when the receipt ~~for~~ from a multi-space meter has expired or no receipt is properly displayed, shall also be prima facie evidence that the vehicle has been parked in the parking space longer than the lawfully permitted period.

**Sec. 28-85. Report of violation.**

(a) It shall be the duty of the police officers of the

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~~city, acting in accordance with instructions issued by the chief of police, and the parking control officers of the city, acting in accordance with instructions issued by the city manager or his designee,~~ to report:

~~(1) The number of each parking meter which indicates that the vehicle occupying the parking space adjacent thereto is or has been parked in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter;~~

(~~2~~1) The state and registration number of such vehicle;

(~~3~~2) The time, date and street when such vehicle was found parked in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter;

(~~4~~3) Any other facts, such as the number of a single space parking meter, a knowledge of which is necessary to a thorough understanding of the circumstances attending such violation.

(b) Each such officer or person shall also attach to such vehicle a notice to the owner or operator thereof that such vehicle has been parked in violation of the provisions of this chapter.

#### **Sec. 28-86. Parking meter rates.**

The rate for parking at a meter in the city shall be five cents (\$0.05) for three (3) minutes; ten cents (\$0.10) for six (6) minutes; and twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for fifteen (15) minutes, and one dollar (\$1.00) for one hour, ~~except at fifteen minute meters, the charge shall be five cents (\$0.05) for three (3) minutes; ten cents (\$0.10) for six (6) minutes and, for convenience, twenty five cents (\$0.25) for fifteen (15) minutes.~~

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