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**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E., Director of Public Works

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Increasing various parking rates for lots and garages.

DATE: September 19, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance increases the parking rates as well as event rates for various lots and garages throughout the city parking system. This increase is consistent with the Parking System Revenue Bond Covenants that allow rate increases for parking rates as necessary to ensure that revenues exceed expenses.

This ordinance increases the rates for 941 parking meters, which have a two (2) hour time limit, from \$0.75 to \$1.00 per hour. This ordinance also extends the hours of operation for parking meters from 8:00AM – 6:00PM, Monday through Saturday, to 7:00AM – 12:00AM, Monday through Saturday. The fee increase and extended hours of operation will improve turnover for on-street metered parking spaces in the downtown core areas. This increase is consistent with the Parking System Revenue Bond Covenants that allow rate increases for parking rates as necessary to ensure that revenues exceed expenses.

This ordinance increases the selling price of VIA Metropolitan Transit Bus Passes to City of San Antonio employees from \$5.00 to \$10.00 each. Currently, these passes are purchased from VIA by the Parking Division for \$20.00 each and subsequently sold to employees for \$5.00.

Currently, there is no fee for parking for users of the Municipal Court parking lot. This ordinance proposes a flat rate of \$3.00 to park in the lot adjacent to the main entrance of the court building. The lot has 155 spaces and is estimated to turnover these spaces at a rate of

two (2) times per day. It is anticipated this should create approximately \$220,875 in additional gross revenue to the City annually.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Parking System Revenue Bond allows rate increases for garages and lots as necessary to ensure that revenues exceed expenses, while continuing to provide competitive rates that would promote downtown development. The last increase was passed September 19, 2002, with Ordinance #96414 where rates were increased in Market Street Garage, Hemisfair Garage, Continental Lot, Durango Street Lot, Houston/Nolan Lot, I-35 Lots, Library Garage, Downtown Decal, I-37 Parade Parking, Dolorosa Lot, and Cattleman's Lot.

The last increase for parking meter rates was passed on September 19, 2002, Ordinance number 96414 where rates were increased for 114 meters, which have a one (1) hour time limit, from \$0.75 per hour to \$1.00 per hour. This ordinance increases the parking meter rates for 941 meters, which have a two (2) hour time limit, from \$0.75 per hour to \$1.00 per hour. The last change in operational time frames was passed on September 14, 2000, Ordinance number 92521. This ordinance extends the hours of operation, for all one (1) hour and two (2) hour time limit meters, from 8:00AM – 6:00PM, Monday through Saturday, to 7:00AM – 12:00AM, Monday through Saturday.

Each month the Parking Division purchases 1,000 Bus Passes from VIA Metropolitan Transit for \$20.00 each, which are then sold to City employees at a discounted rate of \$5.00. The employee purchase price has remained at \$5.00 since 1998. The Parking Division subsidizes approximately \$180,000.00 per year or \$15.00 per pass. This ordinance increases the purchasing price for City employees from \$5.00 to \$10.00, which will reduce the Parking Division's subsidy while still providing the employee a 50% discount.

Currently, there is no fee for parking for users of the Municipal Court parking lot. This ordinance proposes a flat rate of \$3.00 to park in the lot adjacent to the main entrance of the court building. The lot has 155 spaces and is estimated to turnover these spaces at a rate of two (2) times per day.

Parking rates would increase for the following garages and lots:

<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>TIME PERIOD</u>	<u>CURRENT RATE</u>	<u>NEW RATE</u>
Riverbend Garage	½ Hour	\$1.00	Same

1 Hour	\$2.00	Same
1 ½ Hours	\$2.50	\$3.00
2 Hours	\$3.50	\$4.00

<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>TIME PERIOD</u>	<u>CURRENT RATE</u>	<u>NEW RATE</u>
Riverbend Garage	2 ½ Hours	\$4.50	5.00
	3 Hours	\$6.00	Same
	Event	\$6.00	\$7.00
	Late Key-in Fee	\$2.00	\$7.00
	Lost Ticket	\$10.50	\$12.00
	Mag-Card Deposit	\$15.00	\$20.00
	Resident	\$45.00	Same
	Monthly	\$70.00	\$77.00
Marina Garage	½ Hour	\$0.75	\$1.00
	1 Hour	\$1.50	\$2.00
	1 ½ Hours	\$2.50	\$3.00
	2 Hours	\$3.50	\$4.00
	2 ½ Hours	\$4.50	\$5.00
	3 Hours	\$5.25	\$6.00
	Event	\$5.00	\$7.00
	Late Key-in Fee	\$2.00	\$7.00
	Lost Ticket	\$10.50	\$12.00
	Mag-Card Deposit	\$15.00	\$20.00
	Resident	\$45.00	Same
	Monthly	\$50.00	\$55.00
Mid-City Garage	½ Hour	\$1.00	Same
	1 Hour	\$2.00	Same
	1 ½ Hours	\$2.50	\$3.00
	2 Hours	\$3.50	\$4.00
	2 ½ Hours	\$4.50	\$5.00
	3 Hours	\$6.00	Same
	Event	\$6.00	\$7.00
	Late Key-in Fee	\$2.00	\$7.00
	Lost Ticket	\$10.50	\$12.00
	Mag-Card Deposit	\$15.00	\$20.00
	Resident	\$45.00	Same
	Monthly	\$70.00	\$77.00
	Monthly Basement	\$73.00	\$87.00

Hemisfair Garage	½ Hour	\$0.75	\$1.00
	1 Hour	\$1.50	\$2.00
	1 ½ Hours	\$2.25	\$3.00
	2 Hours	\$3.00	\$4.00
	2 ½ Hours	3.75	\$5.00
	3 Hours	\$4.50	\$6.00
	Exhibitors Pass	\$7.00	\$12.00
<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>TIME PERIOD</u>	<u>CURRENT RATE</u>	<u>NEW RATE</u>
Hemisfair Garage	Event	\$5.00	\$7.00
	Late Key-in Fee	\$2.00	\$7.00
	Lost Ticket	\$10.50	\$12.00
	Mag-Card Deposit	\$10.00	\$20.00
	Monthly	\$40.00	\$45.00
Center Street Lot	Event	\$4.00	\$5.00
Sutton Lot	Event	\$2.00	\$3.00

POLICY ANALYSIS

Approval of this action is consistent with the Parking System Revenue Bond Requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT

Increasing the parking fees including event rates in garages and lots will result in \$646,011 in additional gross revenues to the Parking Operating Fund per year.

Increasing the parking meter rates will result in \$63,125 in additional revenues per year to the Parking Operating Fund.

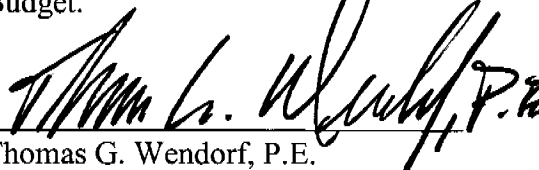
Extending the hours of parking meter operation will result in \$117,515 in additional revenues per year to the Parking Operating Fund.

Increasing the purchase price of bus passes for City employees will result in approximately \$60,000 in additional revenues per year to the Parking Operating Fund.

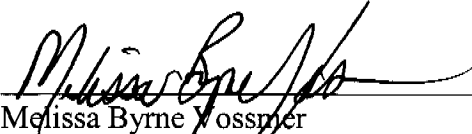
Establishing parking fees at the Municipal Courts facility should generate \$220,875 in additional gross revenues annually to the City. Revenues will be collected by the Parking Division and revenues minus expenses incurred by the Parking Fund will go to the General Fund.

COORDINATION

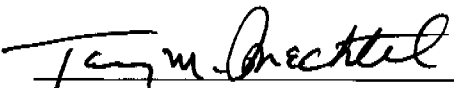
This item has been coordinated with the Finance Department, and the Office of Management and Budget.


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