



**FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
MUNICIPAL COLLECTOR'S DIVISION  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

**FROM:** Pat Pioletti, Buildings & Facilities Manager  
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**DATE:** August 23, 2001

**RE:** Parking Rate Change Proposals

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Brief Description of the Item

Last month, Pamela Voitik, Assistant Vice Chancellor, University of Illinois, presented to the Urbana City Council the Campus Parking Master Planning Study detailing increases in their parking rental, meter and fine rates. The first phase of their rate increases became effective July 1, 2001. The City of Champaign, in their study session on August 21, 2001, approved parking meter and fine rate increases consistent with the University of Illinois rates.

Staff requests direction from the Council and a sense of how they feel the City of Urbana should address conformity and increases in our parking meter and parking fine rates.

Identification of the Issues

Maintaining consistent rates across jurisdiction boundaries helps to distribute parking evenly over the entire area and provide available parking in Urbana, Champaign and Campus for visitors and students.

Further, a funding source is necessary to convert the current system from mechanical meter mechanisms to electronic. The mechanisms now in use are no longer being manufactured, and soon, not even repair parts will be available.

The other factor to consider is replacing the revenue loss to the system with the vacation of streets in the North Campus area. Raising rates in the two hospital areas, in addition to the university district area will offset that loss.

Attached is a letter from Pamela Voitik proposing working together with the University of Illinois and the City of Champaign to establish a University District and standardize parking meter rates and enforcement within the district. The Campustown Action Plan and Campus Area Transportation Study (CATS) have both recommended standardization of hours and regulations for the campus district.

Attached is a comparison of meter and fine rates for Urbana, Champaign and the University of Illinois. Maps delineating the areas where meter and fine rates would increase will be distributed at the Council meeting.

## Background / Facts

Urbana last increased the fine for a meter violation in June 1991. A proposal to increase the amount for a meter fine was already planned for this fiscal year. The fine amount for restricted and prohibited parking was increased in June 2000.

Additionally, the City Council, in order to facilitate expansion in the North Campus, recently agreed to vacate a number of streets and alleys in that area. Some of those streets included on-street metered parking which will be lost at the time of vacation, and the subsequent revenue loss will adversely impact the Motor Vehicle Parking System budget. In order to offset such a revenue impact, a rate increase in the metered parking around the two hospitals is a comfortable solution. This represents virtually no impact to the surrounding residents, since the spaces are intended for visitors to the hospital.

## Options and their Consequences

**Option 1** would be to increase our meter rate in the campus district and hospital streets to \$.75 an hour, and our fines citywide to \$10.00 for a meter fine, \$20.00 for a restricted fine and \$30.00 for a prohibited fine.

### **Advantages:**

- Gives all three parking systems a seamless appearance.
- Establishes consistent parking rates across Urbana, Champaign and Campus.
- Reduces confusion due to different rates for campus visitors and students.
- Encourages the use of satellite lots and shuttle bus service for long-term parking making spaces available for short-term parking.
- Provides revenue to replace mechanical meters with electronic meters.
- Increasing fines will encourage compliance with parking rates and regulations in all areas of the city.

### **Disadvantages:**

- Some customers will view price increases negatively. Since the University and Champaign have both increased rates and fines the impact will be diminished.

**Option 2** would be to increase our meter rate in the campus district and hospital streets to \$.75 an hour, and our fines in the campus and hospital streets area to \$10.00 for a meter violation, \$20.00 for a restricted fine and \$30.00 for a prohibited fine. In all other areas of the city, a meter violation would increase to \$5.00 and restricted and prohibited fines would remain at \$10.00 and \$15.00 respectively.

### **Advantages:**

- Establishes consistent parking rates in the campus district.
- Reduces confusion due to different rates for campus visitors and students.
- Encourages the use of satellite lots and shuttle bus service for long-term parking and makes spaces available for short-term parking in the campus district.
- Provides revenue to replace mechanical meters with electronic meters.
- Increasing fines will encourage compliance with parking rates and regulations.

### **Disadvantages:**

- There will continue to be confusion over the rates that differ between Champaign, Urbana and the University. Differing fine rates within the City of Urbana will also create confusion for citizens.
- Some customers will view price increases negatively. Since the University and Champaign have both increased rates and fines the impact will be diminished.

Fiscal Impact

Meter revenue and fine revenue will both increase. Additional information on budget impact will be distributed at the meeting.

Recommendation

Staff recommends Option 1, increasing meter rates in the campus and hospital districts and increasing fines citywide. Staff will return to Council at a future date with code changes required to implement the increases.

## VIOLATION/FINE COMPARISON

Violation Type	City of Urbana	City of Champaign	Campus Parking
<b>Meter</b>	\$3.00 Initial \$6.00 After 72 Hours	\$10.00 Initial \$15.00 After 72 Hours	\$10.00 Initial \$15.00 After 72 Hours
Lot/Street Overtime (U) Time Zone (C)	\$3.00 Initial \$6.00 After 72 Hours	\$10.00 Initial \$15.00 After 72 Hours	
<b>Restricted Hours</b>	\$10.00 Initial	\$20.00 Initial	\$20.00 Initial
Residential Permit Zone (U)	\$15.00 After 72 Hours	\$27.00 After 72 Hours	\$27.00 After 72 Hours
<b>Prohibited Parking</b>	\$15.00 Initial \$20.00 After 72 Hours	\$30.00 Initial \$40.00 After 72 Hours	\$30.00 Initial \$40.00 After 72 Hours
<b>Zoning Code Violation</b>	\$20.00 Initial	\$25.00 Initial	
Abandoned/Inoperable Vehicle	\$25.00 After 72 Hours	\$50.00 After 72 Hours	
<b>Expired Registration</b>	\$25.00 Initial \$50.00 After 72 Hours	\$25.00 Initial \$50.00 After 72 Hours \$100.00 After 10 Days	
<b>Unapproved Parking Surfaces</b>	\$25.00 First Offense \$50.00 Second Offense \$100.00 Subsequent Offenses	\$15.00 Initial \$20.00 After 72 Hours	
<b>Handicap Parking</b>	\$100 Initial \$110 After 72 Hours	\$100.00 Initial \$100.00 After 72 Hours	\$100.00 Initial \$125.00 After 72 Hours
<b>Prohibited Categories:</b>	Yellow Zone Posted - No Parking Parallel Parking Only Headed Against Traffic Over 12" From Curb Blocking/Obstructing Sidewalk Blocking/Obstructing Driveway Head In Only	Prohibited	Parked Without Proper Permit Driver Must Remain In Vehicle Parked In Posted Rental Space Parked In Posted Rental Lot Head In Parking Only No Parking Anytime Permit Improperly Affixed No Parking Yellow Zone

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Violation Type	City of Urbana	City of Champaign	Campus Parking
<b>Prohibited Categories:</b>	Not Within Designated Markings No Parking This Side of Street Loading Zone Not A Parking Space Rental Space Bagged Meter - Private Rental No Parking Here to Corner		No Parking Loading Zone Parked Out of Designated Area No Parking This Side of Street No Parking - Service Drive Occupying Two Spaces Other: Using stolen or lost permit \$100 Unauthorized Use of Lot Rental Permit \$50
<b>Meter Bag Rental:</b>	\$7.00 per meter per day Mon. - Sat. Sun. No Charge	\$10.00 per meter per day Campus - Mon.-Sat. Sun. No Charge All Other Areas - Mon. - Fri. Sat. & Sun. No Charge	\$10.00 per meter per day Mon. - Fri. (No Charge Sat. Sun.) \$15.00 per meter for under 48 hr. notice.
<b>Enforcement:</b>	Mon.-Sat. 7AM - 6PM	Mon.-Fri. 7AM - 9PM Sat. 8AM - 5PM	Mon. - Fri. 6AM - 5PM (Some 24 Hr.) No enforcement Sat. & Sun.

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