

CITY OF LACONIA

In the Year of our Lord two thousand and twenty two

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV: REGULATIONS FOR PARKING METERS, CHAPTER 221, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

The City of Laconia ordains:

That the ordinances of the City of Laconia, as amended, be and are further amended in Chapter 221, Vehicles and Traffic, §221-21 – Regulations for Parking Meters, as follows

CHAPTER 221, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

§ 221-37 Authorization.

[Amended 4-24-2017 by Ord. No. 2017-221-03]

Upon direction by the City Council, parking meters shall be installed upon the curb or sidewalk in reasonable proximity to the parking spaces marked by the City in accordance with § 221-38. The Police Department shall be responsible for the regulations, control and use of such parking meters, and the Department of Public Works shall be responsible for the maintenance of and collection from such parking meters. Each parking meter shall inform the parking customer of the expiration time at payment. In such cases, the automated parking meter system shall be used as evidence that the right of such vehicle has ceased, and the operator, owner or manager thereof shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided.

§ 221-38 Installation of parking meters.

[Amended 4-24-2017 by Ord. No. 2017-221-03]

All City-owned or City-operated parking lots and parking structures shall be public ways. Upon the direction of the City Council, their use may be controlled as set forth in this chapter and/or by parking meters or other traffic control devices. Parking spaces as laid out therein and controlled by parking meters shall be of a design where said parking meters shall charge for the spaces and such charges shall be as established elsewhere in this article. The owner or operator of any vehicle standing in said spaces shall cause to be deposited in said meters the fee necessary to pay for the use of said space, and the failure to provide such fee shall be a violation of the parking laws.

§ 221-39 Operation of parking meters.

[Amended 4-24-2017 by Ord. No. 2017-221-03]

Except in a period of emergency determined by an officer of the Fire or Police Department or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control device or signal, when any vehicle shall be parked in any parking space, the operator of such vehicle shall, upon entering said parking space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited in said meter the appropriate fee. Upon deposit of such fee, the parking space may be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period of time which has been prescribed for the part of the street in which said parking space is located. If said vehicle shall remain parked in any such parking space with no time remaining on said meter, then such vehicle shall

be considered as parking overtime and beyond the period of legal parking time, and such parking shall be deemed a violation of this chapter.

§ 221-40 Parking permits.

[Amended 4-24-2017 by Ord. No. 2017-221-03]

In lieu of the deposit of the fee in a parking meter, the City Council may, by vote, direct that any parking meter space may be lawfully occupied by a vehicle without needing to pay the fee to be charged as required by § 221-39. Such vote shall specify the terms on which and the periods and consideration for which such permits shall be issued and the parking spaces for which they shall be valid. A copy of each such vote shall be filed with the City Clerk.

§ 221-41 Time limits and fees.

[Amended 4-22-1996 by Ord. No. 04.96.4; 6-25-1996 by Ord. No. 05.96.5; 6-9-1997 by Ord. No. 08.97.08; 4-24-2017 by Ord. No. 2017-221-03]

A. Parking or standing a single four-wheeled vehicle or one or more two-wheeled vehicles in a space designated for control by a parking meter shall be lawful upon paying the parking fee indicated on the face of the parking meter.

B. Parking meters located on Lakeside Avenue shall be operated as follows:

(1) Parking meters shall be in operation according to the following limitations:

(a) From the Saturday preceding Memorial Day through Columbus Day.

(b) When meters are in effect, they are enforced from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

(2) The following fees shall be collected so that a vehicle may occupy:

(a) A Lakeside Avenue parking space governed by a parking meter: one hour for ~~\$1~~ **\$2.00**; for a lesser time, in increments of 15 minutes: the appropriate percentage of the hourly rate.

(b) An Endicott Rock Park parking lot space: one hour for ~~\$2~~ **\$2.50**; for a lesser time, in increments of 15 minutes: the appropriate percentage of the hourly rate.

C. The minimum fee when using a credit or debit card shall be \$1.

§ 221-42 Violations.

It shall be unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this chapter for any person to:

A. Cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or occupied by such person to be parked overtime or beyond the period of legal parking time established for any parking meter or to deposit in any parking meter any coin for the purpose of parking beyond the maximum legal parking time for the particular parking meter. If said vehicle remains in such parking space at a time when a visible signal on said parking meter indicates that the time limit has expired, then such vehicle shall be considered as parking overtime and shall be deemed in violation of this chapter.

B. Permit any vehicle to remain or be placed in any parking space adjacent to any parking meter while said meter is displaying a signal indicating that vehicle occupying such parking space has already been parked beyond the period prescribed for such parking space.

C. Park any vehicle across any line or marking of a parking meter space or in such position that the vehicle shall not be entirely within the area designated by such lines or markings, unless such vehicle is too large to park within one such parking meter space.

D. Deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the provisions of this chapter.

E. Deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slugs, device or metal substance or other substitutes for lawful coins of the United States of America.

§ 221-43 Collection of meter deposits.

[Amended 7-23-2007 by Ord. No. 11.2007.11]

It shall be the duty of the City Public Works Director to designate some member of the City Public Works Director's department to make regular collections of the money deposited in said meters, and it shall be the duty of such person so designated to remove from the parking meters the money therein and to deliver to the City Public Works Director the money so collected to be deposited directly at the bank.

§ 221-44 Use of meter deposits.

[Amended 4-24-2017 by Ord. No. 2017-221-03]

The fees deposited in parking meters are required and shall be considered a general revenue of the City, except for those meters located in the municipal lot known as "Endicott Rock Park" which shall be deposited into the Special Revenue Fund/Beach Refurbishment Fund after the amount collected exceeds \$25,000 in the fiscal year.

§ 221-45 Special uses.

Nothing in this article shall prevent the holding of certain parking meters as a reservation for special uses with approval of the City Council, and any vehicle parked in violation of such special use shall be deemed in violation.

This Ordinance amendment shall take effect on May 28, 2022.

Andrew Hosmer, Mayor

Passed and approved this 9th day of May, 2022.

Katie Gargano, City Clerk