



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Special Called Meeting Agenda

January 16, 2020 4:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

- [1.](#) 2020-06: Parking Meters

Doug Parks, City Attorney

ADJOURNMENT



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: January 16, 2020
TITLE: 2020-06: Parking Meters
PRESENTED BY: Doug Parks, City Attorney

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

An ordinance to allow the installation and regulation of parking meters in the City of Dahlonega.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION:

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance 2020-06: Parking Meters

Ordinance 2020-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA, CHAPTER 32: TRAFFIC; ARTICLE II: STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING; DIVISION 1: GENERALLY; SECTIONS 32-42—32-70: PARKING METERS.

Short title: “An ordinance to allow the installation and regulation of parking meters in the City of Dahlonega.”

WHEREAS, the City Council of Dahlonega, Georgia desires to install parking meters;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Dahlonega, Georgia desires to establish fees associated with metered spaces;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Dahlonega, Georgia desires to establish dates and times that metered spaces will be enforced;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Dahlonega, Georgia desires to establish use of funds derived from the metered spaces;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, and it is so ordained by the City Council of Dahlonega, that Chapter 32, Article II, Division 1, Sections 32-42—32-70 shall be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Sec. 32-42. - Definitions with regards to parking meters and meter spaces.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

Operator means every individual who shall operate a vehicle as the owner thereof, or as the agent, employee or permittee of the owner.

Parking meter means any mechanical device or meter not inconsistent with this chapter placed or erected for the regulation of parking by authority of this chapter, including pay-and-display parking meters.

Parking meter space means the space alongside the curb in which a vehicle shall be properly parked, which shall be indicated clearly by painted lines or otherwise, and adjacent to which a parking meter is installed within four feet of the front line of such space.

Public holidays mean the holidays of Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Memorial Day.

Vehicle means any device in or upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a highway, road or street, except a device which is operated upon rails or tracks.

Sec. 32-43. - Designation and use of spaces.

Lines or markings shall be painted or placed upon the curb or upon the street adjacent to each parking meter for the purpose of designating the parking space for which such meter is to be used, and each vehicle parking adjacent or next to any parking meter shall park within the lines or markings so established. It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle across any such line or marking or to park any vehicle in such position that the vehicle shall not be entirely within the area so designated by the lines or markings. When a parking space in any parking meter zone is parallel with the adjacent curb or sidewalk, any vehicle parked in such parking space shall be parked with the foremost part of the vehicle nearest to the meter. Each of the meters shall be so arranged as to show or display a signal which shall indicate whether the time limits during which parking in that space is permitted has expired.

Sec. 32-44. - Operation of meters; exceptions.

Except in a period of emergency determined by the Mayor or City Manager of Dahlgonega, or except in compliance with directions of a law enforcement officer, when any vehicle shall be parked in a space regulated by a parking meter, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day except Sunday and public holidays, the owner, operator or driver of such vehicle shall, upon entering such parking space, immediately pay \$1 per hour as directed by meter signage.

Sec. 32-45. - Parking time limits—Posted notices.

Parking or standing in any designated parking space shall be lawful only for the period of time designated by official signage.

Sec. 32-46. - Parking overtime; separate offenses; inoperative timing device.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to be parked overtime.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, allow or permit any vehicle to stay parked in any designated metered parking space beyond the purchased designated unit of time specified by such meter.
- (c) The exceeding of each segment of time or fraction thereof beyond the initial lawful unit of time shall constitute a separate violation of this section.
- (d) The fact that the timing device on any parking meter is not showing available paid time shall be presumptive evidence, as to a parked vehicle then found in the parking space regulated by such parking meter, that the owner or driver failed to provide payment via coin or credit card, and the digital indication by such meter of a "violation" shall be presumptive evidence of unlawful parking.

Sec. 32-47. - City of Dahlgonega employees.

Any clearly marked vehicle belonging to the City of Dahlgonega, the driver of which is engaged in the performance of his duties as an employee of the City of Dahlgonega, is hereby exempted from the

provisions of this chapter and the driver of any such vehicle is authorized to park the vehicle on any parking space governed by a parking meter without the necessity of payment.

Sec. 32-48. - Defacing, etc., meters.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, injure, tamper with or open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 32-49. - Fees for parking meters.

The fee for parking in metered spaces shall be one (1) dollar per hour for each space and shall be indicated on the parking meter.

Sec. 32-50. – Use of funds.

All the revenue derived from the installation and use of parking meters shall be used exclusively for the purchase and maintenance of parking meters, parking enforcement, additional parking facilities and related administrative costs in the downtown area to be accounted for separately.

Sec. 32-51. – Collections, installation and maintenance.

Installation and maintenance of parking meters shall be the responsibility of the Department of Public Works.

Sec. 32-52.- Reserved.

Sec. 32-53. - Items attached to parking meter posts.

It shall be unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this chapter for any person to attach animals or other objects, including bicycles, mopeds and motorcycles, to any parking meter post.

Sec. 32-54.- Installation of new parking meters.

Reserved.

Sec. 32-55. – Parking meter violations.

Parking meter violations. The civil fines for parking meter violations are hereby adopted to be the same as those set forth in Section 32-29(b)(1) of this Code for Extended parking beyond the posted time limit.

Secs. 32-56—32-70. Reserved.

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All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect on the ____ day of _____, 2020.

ORDAINED, this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Sam Norton, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Csukas, City Clerk