

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2020-568

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Downtown Investment Authority

**Date of Introduction:** September 8, 2020

**Committee(s) of Reference:** TEU, F

**Date of Analysis:** September 10, 2020

**Type of Action:** Ordinance Code amendment; request for one-cycle emergency passage

**Bill Summary:** The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 122 – Public Property – in Part 2 – Municipal Parking Lots – to extend the discounted parking rate for City employees in city garages and lots for an additional year from September 30, 2020 to September 30, 2021. One-cycle emergency enactment is requested.

**Background Information:** In 2014 the City Council via Ordinance 2014-438-E enacted a 50% discount for City employees parking in City-operated parking facilities for a period of 2 years through September 30, 2016. In 2016 the discount was extended for 2 additional years through September 2018, followed by an additional 2-year extension through September 2020. Earlier this year the DIA commissioned a parking rate study that found that the City's downtown parking rates do not reflect current market conditions and need to be increased by varying amounts at different facilities depending on location, demand, waiting lists, etc. The DIA board will decide at its next meeting whether to adopt the recommendations of the consultants and the DIA Strategic Implementation Committee to increase the parking rates and phase out all rate discounts, including those for City employees, in order to make the parking enterprise fund self-sustaining.

**Policy Impact Area:** Employee parking discount

**Fiscal Impact:** The impact of the discount based on the current number of monthly passes and current rates is a negative impact to the enterprise fund of \$239,350.44. If the proposed parking rate increases are approved by the DIA, that rate increase will result in a slight increase to City Employees of \$ 5-10/month after the discount and the net negative impact is reduced to 178,702.44 if you look at the combined actions.

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