

Introduced by Council Member Arias:

ORDINANCE 2025-384-E

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 122.201 (DEFINITIONS), 122.202 (PARKING RATES AT MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS) AND 122.203 (USE OF REVENUES), PART 2 (MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS), CHAPTER 122 (PUBLIC PROPERTY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO UPDATE THE DOWNTOWN PARKING PROGRAM; CREATING A NEW SECTION 122.204 (NIGHTTIME PARKING VOUCHER PROGRAM), PART 2 (MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS), CHAPTER 122 (PUBLIC PROPERTY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO CREATE A NIGHTTIME PARKING VOUCHER PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTIONS 802.102 (PARKING METER ZONE DESIGNATION), 802.103 (INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL OF PARKING METERS AND POSTS), 802.104 (PARKING SPACES MARKED), 802.105 (METERED PARKING CHARGES; OVERTIME PARKING; EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS; REGISTRY OF "PUBLIC OFFICIAL" SEALS; RENTING OF PARKING METERS, EXEMPTIONS FOR VEHICLES DISPLAYING DISABLED PLACARDS AND DISABLED VETERANS LICENSE PLATES), 802.106 (ADDITIONAL PARKING PROHIBITED), 802.107 (RATES AND CHARGES ESTABLISHED FOR SPECIFIC ZONES), 802.109 (DAMAGE TO METERS PROHIBITED), AND 802.110 (UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OF COINS FROM PARKING METERS), CHAPTER 802 (PUBLIC PARKING), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO MODERNIZE THE CITY'S PARKING REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Amending Sections 122.201 (Definitions), 122.202 (Parking rates at municipal parking lots) and 122.203 (Use of revenues), Part 2 (Municipal Parking Lots), Chapter 122 (Public Property), Ordinance Code. Sections 122.201 (Definitions), 122.202 (Parking rates at municipal parking lots) and 122.203 (Use of revenues), Part 2 (Municipal Parking Lots), Chapter 122 (Public Property), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 122 - PUBLIC PROPERTY

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PART 2. - MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITIES~~LOTS~~

Sec. 122.201. - Definitions.

As used in this Part 2:

- (a) ~~Reserved. Courthouse West Parking Lot means the off street parking facility bounded on the South by Coastline Drive, on the West by Market Street, on the North by Courthouse Drive and on the East by Liberty Street. The entrance to this facility is 300 Courthouse Drive.~~
- (b) *Water Street Parking Garage* is the City-owned parking garage bounded on the South by West Water Street, on the West by Broad Street. On the North by Bay Street, the easterly boundary is adjacent to and runs parallel to the most westerly boundary of the Federal Building. This parking garage has two entrances; one at 541 West Water Street, the other at the most southerly end of Clay Street.
- (c) *Yates Building Parking Garage* means the City-owned parking facility located at all of Block 3, Hart's Map of Jacksonville, bounded on the South by Forsyth Street, on the North by Adams Street, on the West by Newnan Street and on

the East by Market Street. The entrance to this parking garage is 200 East Adams Street.

(d) *Duval Street (Library) Garage* is the City-owned parking garage facility bounded on the South by Duval Street, on the West by Laura Street, on the North by Church Street, and on the East by Main Street.

(e) *Ed Ball Garage* is the City-owned parking garage facility bounded on the South by Adams Street, on the West by Julia Street, on the North by Monroe Street, and on the East by Hogan Street. The Ed Ball Garage does not include the retail bays which are deemed part of the Ed Ball Building.

(f) *Bay and Ocean* is the JEA-owned off-street parking facility, leased to the Office of Public Parking, bounded on the South by Independent Drive, on the West by Ocean Street, on the North by Bay Street and on the East by Newnan Street.

(g) *St. James Building* is the garage beneath the St. James Building, bounded on the South by Duval Street, the West by Hogan Street, the North by Church Street and the East by Laura Street.

Sec. 122.202. - Parking rates at municipal parking facilities~~lots~~.

(a) The Downtown Investment Authority Chief Executive Officer ~~Economic Development Officer~~ shall develop hourly, monthly and special event rates for each municipal parking ~~lot~~ facility managed by the Office of Public Parking as found in www.coj.net/fees. Rates shall be designed (1) to be competitive with similar private facilities, (2) to provide for the most efficient use of facilities, and (3) to achieve other economic development and downtown revitalization goals as determined by the Downtown Investment Authority Board ~~Office of Economic Development~~. The Downtown Investment Authority Chief Executive Officer ~~Economic Development~~

Officer shall present any proposed rates for downtown, as defined in Part 3, Chapter 55, to the Downtown Investment Authority Board for review and approval ~~for the Downtown Investment Authority Board to make an advisory recommendation with respect to such rates.~~ The Downtown Investment Authority Chief Executive Officer ~~Economic Development Officer~~ shall file the rate schedule and any subsequent change to the rate schedule with the Council Secretary and the Council Auditor and email a copy of same ~~emailed~~ to each Council Member, and such rates shall become effective ~~30~~ 60 days after such filing, unless and until the Council enacts an ordinance to the contrary.

- (b) The ~~Economic Development Officer and the~~ Downtown Investment Authority Chief Executive Officer shall ~~jointly~~ develop a discount program (1) for customers of the Office of Public Parking who lease large numbers of parking spaces or who commit to yearly or longer contracts, (2) to provide incentives to certain targeted employer types, or (3) to further other economic development or downtown revitalization goals, ~~and provide such discount program to the Downtown Investment Authority Chief Executive Officer for review and comment. Upon the mutual agreement of the Economic Development Officer and the Downtown Investment Authority Chief Executive Officer regarding such discount program, the Economic Development Officer~~ The Downtown Investment Authority Chief Executive Officer shall present the proposed discount program for downtown, as defined in Part 3, Chapter 55, to the Downtown Investment Authority Board for review and approval. ~~for the Downtown Investment Authority Board to make an advisory recommendation with respect to such discount program.~~ The Downtown Investment Authority Chief Executive

1 Officer ~~Economic Development Officer~~ shall file any discount
2 rate program and any subsequent change to the discount rate
3 program with the Council Secretary and the Council Auditor
4 and email a copy of same ~~emailed~~ to each Council Member, and
5 such discounts shall become effective ~~30~~ 60 days after such
6 filing, unless and until the Council enacts an ordinance to
7 the contrary. The term "discount" as used in this Section
8 shall mean no more than a ten percent discount off of the
9 existing rates in effect at the time of the proposed rates.

10 (c) ~~The Economic Development Officer, with the assistance of the~~
11 ~~Downtown Investment Authority Chief Executive Officer,~~ shall
12 negotiate lease agreement terms for retail and commercial
13 space located in the Duval Street (Library) Garage and Ed
14 Ball Garage ~~downtown parking garages~~. Upon the mutual
15 agreement of the ~~Economic Development Officer,~~ Downtown
16 Investment Authority Chief Executive Officer, and lessee, ~~the~~
17 ~~Economic Development Officer and the Downtown Investment~~
18 ~~Authority Chief Executive Officer~~ shall present the proposed
19 retail and commercial lease agreement terms to the Downtown
20 Investment Authority Board for review and approval of such
21 lease agreement terms. The Downtown Investment Authority
22 Chief Executive Officer shall file any retail and commercial
23 lease agreement with the Council Secretary and the Council
24 Auditor and email a copy of same to each Council Member, and
25 such retail and commercial lease agreement shall become
26 effective 60 days after such filing, unless and until the
27 City Council enacts an ordinance to the contrary.

28 (d) Effective October 1, 2014, all City employees (which term
29 shall include all City of Jacksonville employees and
30 employees of the Duval County Supervisor of Elections, Duval
31 County Property Appraiser, Duval County Tax Collector, Duval

County Clerk of Court and employees of the Office of the Public Defender of the Fourth Judicial Circuit), who are monthly parkers at municipal owned parking facilities operated by the Office of Public Parking, shall be entitled to a reduced monthly parking rate, which shall be 50 percent of the established, monthly parking rate for the given facility. The Downtown Investment Authority shall file the employee rate schedule and any subsequent change to the employee rate schedule with the Council Secretary, and such rates shall become effective upon such filing unless and until the Council enacts an ordinance to the contrary.

Sec. 122.203. - Use of revenues.

All permit fees and other revenues arising from use of the municipal parking facilities ~~lot, City annex lot and Courthouse parking lot~~ under this Part shall be deposited in the Off-Street Revenue Fund.

Section 2. Creating a new Section 122.204 (Nighttime Parking Voucher Program), Part 2 (Municipal Parking Lots), Chapter 122 (Public Property), Ordinance Code. A new Section 122.204 (Nighttime Parking Voucher Program), Part 2 (Municipal Parking Lots), Chapter 122 (Public Property), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby created to read as follows:

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PART 2. - MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITIES~~LOTS~~

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Sec. 122.204. - Nighttime Parking Voucher Program Reserved.

The Downtown Investment Authority Chief Executive Officer may develop a nighttime parking voucher program applicable to the Ed Ball Garage for downtown food and beverage establishments and entertainment venues located in the Hogan and Laura Food and Beverage

District and applicable to the Yates Garage for downtown food and beverage establishments and entertainment venues located in the Elbow Food and Beverage District, as those terms are described in the Business Investment and Development Strategy Update, June 2022. The program will allow the qualified businesses to provide their patrons with vouchers that will allow free or substantially reduced rate parking after normal business hours. The details of the program and its implementation will be presented by the Downtown Investment Authority Chief Executive Officer to the Downtown Investment Authority Board for review and approval. The Downtown Investment Authority Chief Executive Officer shall file any voucher program and any subsequent change to the voucher program with the Council Secretary and the Council Auditor and email a copy of same to each Council Member, and such change to the voucher program shall become effective 60 days after such filing, unless and until the City Council enacts an ordinance to the contrary.

Section 3. Amending Sections 802.102 (Parking meter zone designation), 802.103 (Installation and removal of parking meters and posts), 802.104 (Parking spaces marked), 802.105 (Metered parking charges; overtime parking; exemptions for certain officials; registry of "Public Official" seals; renting of parking meters, exemptions for vehicles displaying disabled placards and disabled veterans license plates), Rates and charges established for specific zones), 802.106 (Additional parking prohibited), 802.107 (Rates and charges established for specific zones), 802.109 (Damage to meters prohibited), and 802.110 (Unlawful removal of coins from parking meters), Chapter 802 (Public Parking), Ordinance Code. Sections 802.102 (Parking meter zone designation), 802.103 (Installation and removal of parking meters and posts), 802.104 (Parking spaces marked), 802.105 (Metered parking charges; overtime parking; exemptions for certain officials; registry of "Public Official" seals; renting of

1 parking meters, exemptions for vehicles displaying disabled placards
2 and disabled veterans license plates), Rates and charges established
3 for specific zones), 802.106 (Additional parking prohibited), 802.107
4 (Rates and charges established for specific zones), 802.109 (Damage
5 to meters prohibited), and 802.110 (Unlawful removal of coins from
6 parking meters), Chapter 802 (Public Parking), Chapter 802 (Public
7 Parking), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby amended to read as follows:

8 **Chapter 802 - PUBLIC PARKING**

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10 **Sec. 802.102. - Paid on-street parking ~~Parking meter~~ zone**
11 **designation.**

12 The Public Parking Officer, with the approval of the Sheriff,
13 and in consultation with the Downtown Investment Authority Chief
14 Executive Officer, for Downtown zones pursuant to the definition of
15 Downtown in Chapter 55, *Ordinance Code*, is authorized to establish
16 from time to time paid on-street parking ~~meter~~-zones in the City,
17 except within the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Urban Services
18 Districts, to designate parking spaces for motorized vehicles
19 ~~automobiles~~ on the streets of the City within established paid on-
20 street parking ~~meter~~-zones and to fix the time limitations for lawful
21 parking, and the hours of operation and enforcement in those zones,
22 in a manner consistent with the schedule of rates for paid on-street
23 parking ~~meter~~ zones from time to time established by law. All paid
24 on-street parking zones shall be identified by the installation of
25 meters, payment kiosks, or pay-by-app signage. ~~No person utilizing a~~
26 ~~parking space within an established parking meter zone during the~~
27 ~~hours commencing at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday and continuing until 12:01~~
28 ~~a.m. on Monday shall be required to make payment for the use of the~~
29 ~~space and neither the Sheriff nor the Public Parking Officer shall~~
30 ~~enforce collection at a meter in the City during this period of time.~~
31 The Public Works Department shall be responsible for the location and

1 installation and replacement of parking meter posts and other parking
2 equipment.

3 **Sec. 802.103. - Installation and removal of parking meters and posts**
4 **or other devices.**

5 (a) The Public Parking Officer, in consultation with the
6 Downtown Investment Authority Chief Executive Officer, for
7 Downtown zones pursuant to the definition of Downtown in
8 Chapter 55, Ordinance Code, shall cause parking meters or
9 other parking equipment to be installed under the
10 authority of this Chapter and to be placed upon the curbs
11 adjacent to the designated parking places. Where physical
12 meters are utilized, a meter shall be placed and
13 constructed to display by a signal that the period of time
14 permitted by the parking meter for vehicle parking has or
15 has not expired. Each meter shall carry upon its face the
16 period of time permitted adjacent to the meter and, when
17 operated, shall indicate by dial or pointer the period of
18 time legally remaining for vehicle parking adjacent to the
19 meter.

20 (b) Parking meters and parking meter posts, and parking kiosks
21 where installed, may be temporarily removed by the City
22 to facilitate companies doing construction, installation
23 ~~insulation~~ or repair work within the City. A company
24 desiring such temporary removal of a parking meter, and/or
25 parking meter post and/or kiosk shall apply to the Office
26 of Public Parking for a permit and pay a permit fee as
27 found in www.coj.net/fees. In addition to the removal
28 permit fees provided for herein, the permit holder shall
29 pay to the Office of Public Parking the rental permit fee
30 and the monthly or daily parking meter rental charge as
31 set forth in Section 802.105(c). A company desiring the

temporary removal of kiosk or non-metered spaces in paid on-street parking zones from public use shall apply to the Office of Public Parking for a permit and pay a permit fee as found in www.coj.net/fees. In addition to the removal permit fees provided for herein, the permit holder shall pay to the Office of Public Parking the rental permit fee and the monthly or daily space rental charge (to be the same as the meter rental charge) as set forth in Section 802.105(c).

Sec. 802.104. - Parking spaces marked.

- (a) The City Traffic Engineer shall clearly mark designated parking spaces by placing painted lines upon the curbs and streets of the City ~~adjacent to parking meters~~. It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle across a line or marking so that the vehicle is not entirely within the area for parking designated by lines or markings, all vehicles parked at meters shall be parked within the marked spaces, which shall be deemed legally parked. Section 804.1004 shall not apply to vehicles parked at meters.
- (b) When a parking space in a paid on-street parking ~~meter~~ zone, whether marked by lines or not, is parallel with or diagonal to the adjacent curb or sidewalk, a vehicle shall be parked in the space so that the foremost part of the vehicle shall be nearest to the parking meter or curb, and in the direction of the adjacent travel lane, and it shall be unlawful to park a vehicle in the parking space in any other manner.
- (c) A person convicted of unlawful parking in violation of this Section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$20 if paid as directed by the ticket.
- (d) In City owned or operated parking facilities, it shall be

1 unlawful for a vehicle to be backed or positioned in a
2 marked parking space as to prevent the license plate from
3 being seen from the driving lane.

4 **Sec. 802.105. - Parking ~~Metered parking~~ charges; overtime parking;**
5 **exemptions for certain officials; registry of "Public Official"**
6 **seals; renting of parking meters, exemptions for vehicles displaying**
7 **disabled placards and disabled veterans license plates.**

8 (a) When a vehicle is parked in a space in a paid on-street
9 parking zone during the hours of operation and
10 enforcement, ~~adjacent to which a parking meter is located,~~
11 the vehicle operator shall, upon entering the parking
12 space, immediately provide payment in any acceptable form
13 for that parking space. ~~deposit or cause to be deposited~~
14 ~~in the parking meter a coin of the United States or other~~
15 ~~form of payment required for the parking according to a~~
16 ~~rate to be displayed upon the face of the meter.~~ Upon the
17 payment, ~~of the meter fee~~ the parking space may be lawfully
18 occupied by the vehicle during the period of parking time
19 which has been prescribed for the part of the street in
20 which the parking space is located or for that portion of
21 time covered by the payment ~~so deposited,~~ whichever is
22 less. If the vehicle remains parked in the parking space
23 beyond the parking time covered by payment or fixed for
24 ~~that parking space or the parking time paid for, as~~
25 ~~deposited in the meter,~~ whichever is less, the vehicle
26 shall be deemed illegally parked. When a vehicle is parked
27 within a timed parking zone, and the vehicle remains
28 parked beyond the time fixed by signage or payment
29 application for the parking zone, the vehicle shall be
30 deemed illegally parked. The time limitation in a zone may
31 be longer than the length of time allowed by the space

meter, in which case the driver of the vehicle may make
an additional payment in any acceptable form for that
space ~~insert more money at the end of the allowed meter~~
~~time~~ up to the limit of time allowed in the zone.

(b) Vehicles of elected City officials, members of the
Legislature elected in whole or in part by electors
residing in the City and elected officials of the Urban
Services Districts, upon request, shall be exempt from the
overtime parking provisions of this Chapter; provided,
that the overtime parking violation occurred while the
official was pursuing his official duties; and further
provided, that the vehicle bears a seal captioned Public
Official issued by the Mayor. The Mayor is directed to
issue the seals to elected City officials, members of the
Legislature elected in whole or in part by electors
residing in the City and elected officials of the Urban
Services Districts, upon request, and to maintain a
registry of the seals issued by him.

(c) The Office of Public Parking is hereby authorized to issue
permits and to rent parking spaces ~~meters~~ in the City to:
1) construction, installation ~~insulation~~ and repair
companies, only, for the purpose of facilitating the
temporary needs of these companies for working space on
City streets during the period of time in which such work
is being performed and 2) any business for a use other
than for employee or customer parking. An application fee
as found in www.coj.net/fees, per parking space ~~meter~~
shall be paid to the Office of Public Parking for issuance
of either a monthly or daily rental permit. Meter bags or
other signage to show this rental use shall be placed over
each meter or at each space so rented and shall be issued

1 by the Office of Public Parking at the rate as found in
2 www.coj.net/fees, per month per bag. Companies desiring
3 to rent parking spaces ~~meters~~ for a period shorter than
4 one month may rent these bags or signs at a daily rate as
5 found in www.coj.net/fees, excluding City holidays and
6 weekends. A deposit as found in www.coj.net/fees, shall
7 be required for each meter bag issued under this
8 subsection, which shall be refunded upon return of the
9 meter bag or sign in satisfactory condition to the Office
10 of Public Parking.

11 (d) Vehicles which possess disabled placards and/or permits
12 pursuant to F.S. § 316.1964(5), shall be exempt from paid
13 on-street ~~metered~~ parking fees, as prescribed by this
14 Section, for a maximum of four (4) hours, but shall be
15 subject to the time limits established pursuant to this
16 Chapter.

17 (e) Vehicles which possess disabled veterans license plates,
18 pursuant to F.S. § 320.0848, shall be exempt from paid
19 on-street ~~metered~~ parking fees and fines and time limits
20 established pursuant to this Chapter.

21 **Sec. 802.106. - Additional parking prohibited.**

22 (a) It is unlawful for a person to permit a vehicle registered
23 in his name or operated by him to be illegally parked. It
24 is unlawful for a person to deposit an additional coin or
25 make any other alternative form of payment in a paid on-
26 street parking ~~meter~~ for the purpose of increasing or
27 extending the parking time for a vehicle beyond the lawful
28 parking time which has been established for the zone in
29 which the space ~~meter~~ is located.

30 (b) It shall be unlawful for a person to utilize a timed
31 parking zone beyond the time limit specified in the posted

1 area within a 12-hour period, ~~except as permitted in~~
2 ~~Section 802.105(f)~~. A person convicted of violating this
3 Section shall be punishable by fine of not more than \$15
4 if paid as directed by the ticket.

5 **Sec. 802.107. - Rates and charges established for specific zones.**

6 (a) The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Downtown
7 Investment Authority, for Downtown zones pursuant to the
8 definition of Downtown in Chapter 55, Ordinance Code,
9 shall develop rates and charges for each paid on-street
10 parking ~~meter~~-zone, and the times and days when these
11 charges shall be enforced. Rates shall be designed to
12 provide for the most efficient use of on-street parking
13 spaces, to be competitive with off-street parking
14 facilities, and to achieve other downtown revitalization
15 goals as determined by the Downtown Investment Authority.
16 The CEO shall file the rate schedule and any subsequent
17 change to the rate schedule with the Council Secretary,
18 and such rates shall become effective upon such filing,
19 unless and until the Council enacts an ordinance to the
20 contrary.

21 (b) The CEO~~r~~ may develop a discount program for on-street
22 parking to encourage short term parking in the downtown
23 area. Such a discount program may involve graduated rates,
24 payment using smartcards which may be sold at a discount,
25 the waiving of parking citations under certain conditions,
26 and any other policy or program designed to improve the
27 perception, availability or value of on-street parking.
28 The CEO shall file any discount program and any subsequent
29 change to the discount rate program with the Council
30 Secretary, and such discounts shall become effective upon
31 such filing, unless and until the Council enacts an

ordinance to the contrary.

(c) The CEO may develop a variable rate or dynamic rate program for on-street parking to encourage turnover, regulate demand for on-street parking spaces, and to charge rates during special events consistent with off-street rates. This program shall also be designed to achieve downtown revitalization goals as determined by the Downtown Investment Authority. The CEO shall file any variable or dynamic rate program with the Council Secretary, and such rates shall become effective upon such filing, unless and until the Council enacts an ordinance to the contrary.

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Sec. 802.109. - Damage to meters prohibited.

It shall be unlawful and a class D offense against the City for a person to deface, injure, tamper with, open, impair the usefulness of or otherwise damage any a parking equipment or signs located within the right-of-way meter.

Sec. 802.110. - Unlawful removal of coins from parking meters.

It is unlawful for a person, except an authorized employee of the Office of Public Parking Facilities and Enforcement Division, to remove or cause to be removed money or coins from a parking meter. A person convicted of unlawful removal shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both a fine and imprisonment.

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Section 4. Codification Instructions. The Codifier and the Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and division "table of contents" consistent with the changes set forth herein. Such editorial changes and any other changes necessary to make the *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation are approved and directed herein, and the changes to the *Ordinance*

Code shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Shannon MacGillis

Office of General Counsel

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