



**AGENDA SUMMARY  
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL**

**TITLE: Parking Improvements 2023 - Amendment to the Eureka Municipal Code Chapters 70 and 72 – Traffic Code**

**DEPARTMENT: Public Works**

**PREPARED BY: Brian Gerving, Director of Public Works**

**PRESENTED FOR:**            Action             Information only             Discussion

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Waive full reading, read by title only and adopt Bill No. 1028-C.S., an ordinance of the City of Eureka amending Eureka Municipal Code Title 7, Chapters 70 and 72 pertaining to parking; and,
2. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council adopting the Parking Time Limits Map.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No Fiscal Impact             Included in Budget             Additional Appropriation

**COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION**

- Financially stable, effectively run City

**DISCUSSION**

The goal of implementing changes to parking in the Old Town/Downtown District is to better manage the City's existing parking resources and improve utilization and access to parking throughout the district. In June of 2022 the City of Eureka completed a parking study and from that study emerged a number of recommendations for improvements to existing parking in the Downtown/Old Town areas. Suggestions for improvements included: 1) parking lot wayfinding and signage improvements, 2) website updates and outreach of existing parking resources, 3) modification of the existing time limit zones including the reduction of 2-hour time limit zones and the establishment of mid-range time limit zones (4-hour), 4) replacement of existing parking meters, 5) implementation of a permit parking pilot program for employees in the area and 6) explore longer-term upgrades such as striping/resurfacing/lighting improvements and the creation of a parking lot shuttle program.

In addition to improvements listed above, the City is proposing to implement pay-to-park parking in four downtown core lots, amend parking time limits to include Saturdays and

to raise existing parking meter rates. To achieve these goals staff is proposing changes to the Eureka Municipal Code (EMC) to allow for these improvements.

### **Overview of Changes to the EMC**

A number of these changes are minor such as replacing the term “Parking Place Commission” with “Transportation Safety Commission” as the Parking Place Commission was previously incorporated into the Transportation Safety Commission. Other changes include amending the hours of operation for parking restrictions to any time between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day except Sundays and holidays, creating a 4-hour parking time limit, adopting changes to parking meter zones via a resolution and not by ordinance, and amending the code to allow the City Manager or Director of Public Works to modify parking meter zones and rates within a range as set by Council. These changes to the EMC will better streamline parking regulations and allow for a more responsive approach to address future changes to parking.

At the May 9<sup>th</sup> Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) meeting, the TSC voted unanimously to forward a recommendation to support changes to the parking in the Downtown/Old Town district to the City Council. On July 16, 2023, the City Council introduced Bill No. 1028-C.S., an Ordinance updating the aforementioned Municipal Code provisions regarding parking.

### **Proposed Changes to Parking in the Old Town/Downtown District**

The following changes will be made to parking in the Downtown/Old Town areas:

- Amend parking time limits per adoption of the attached Parking Time Limits Map
- Designate the public lots at the southwest side of 3<sup>rd</sup> and E Streets, northeast side of 3<sup>rd</sup> and E Streets, southeast side of 1<sup>st</sup> and E Streets and southeast side of 2<sup>nd</sup> and H Streets as pay-to-park lots
- Amend the current parking fee rate to \$0.50 per hour
- Amend parking time limits to include Saturdays
- Implement an employee permit parking pilot program

### **SUGGESTED MOTION**

**“I move the City Council waive full reading, read by title only and introduce Bill No. 1028-C.S. an Ordinance of the City of Eureka amending Eureka Municipal Code Chapters 70 and 72, approve improvements to parking in the Old Town/Downtown District and adopt a Resolution adopting the Parking Time Limits Map.”**

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:**

- City Attorney
- City Clerk/Information Services
- Development Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Parks and Recreation
- Personnel
- Police
- Public Works