

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING) ORDINANCE NO. 95-586
THE METRO CODE RELATING TO)
PARKING REGULATIONS AT METRO) Introduced by Mike Burton,
FACILITIES) Executive Officer

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new chapter is added to the Metro Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2.14

PARKING REGULATIONS

SECTIONS:

2.14.010 Purpose. The purpose of this Chapter is to provide for regulations governing the use of Metro parking lots and controlling the parking of automobiles on Metro facilities.

2.14.010 Definition:

(a) "Parking Lot" means any Metro owned or managed vehicle parking areas including but not limited to the Metro Washington Park Zoo Parking Lot, the Convention Center Parking Lot, parking at the Metro Regional Center, Expo Center, facilities managed by the Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department or any other Metro-owned or operated parking facility, whether currently owned or managed or which Metro acquires or assumes responsibility hereafter.

(b) "Premises" mean any property, buildings or grounds which are either owned by Metro or which are the responsibility of Metro to manage.

2.14.010 Parking Regulation: The following rules shall govern all vehicles operated within the area of any Metro Parking Lot or Metro Premises:

(a) It shall be a violation of this Code for the driver of any motor vehicle or bus to violate any legend or direction contained in any sign, signal, or marking now installed or hereafter installed upon any portion of Metro Premises or Metro Parking Lot areas. Drivers of all vehicles shall drive in a careful and safe manner at all times, and shall comply with the signals and directions of the police or security officers and all posted traffic signs. Blocking of entrances, driveways, walks, loading platforms, fire lanes, or fire hydrants is prohibited. Parking without authority, or parking in an unauthorized locations or in locations reserved for other persons or contrary to the directions of posted signs, is prohibited.

(b) Metro or Metro ERC security personnel designated by the Executive Officer as serving as a Metro parking patrol shall have the authority and duty to issue parking citations in accordance with subsection (c) of this section for a violation specified by subsection (a) of this section. The Metro parking patrol shall have no other police authority. Persons appointed as Metro parking patrol shall be special police officers of Metro. As special police officers, the Metro parking patrol personnel shall have authority to issue citations for violations of parking or non-moving traffic violations occurring on Metro Premises or Metro Parking Lots, and particularly they shall have authority to issue citations. To the extent of the power and authority granted in this section, such personnel shall exercise full police power and authority.

(c) Parking Citations:

- (1) Form of citations. All parking citation forms used by the Metro parking patrol shall be in a form approved by the General Counsel of Metro and as issued by the District Court for the State of Oregon for Multnomah County. Such parking citations shall, at a minimum, clearly state:
 - (A) the date, place, and nature of the charge;
 - (B) time and place for the defendant's appearance in court;
 - (C) name of the issuing officer;
 - (D) license number of the vehicle.
- (2) Procedure for issuing citations. Any citation form issued pursuant to this Code section shall either be delivered to the defendant or placed in a conspicuous place upon the vehicle involved in the violation. A duplicate original of the notice shall serve as the complaint in the case when it is filed with the court. In all other aspects, the procedure now provided by law in such cases shall be followed, but ORS 810.365 does not apply. The officer need not have observed the act of parking, but need only observe that the car was parked in violation of Metro Code.
- (3) Use of parking citation as complaint. The original of the traffic citation form when completed to meet the minimum requirements of ORS 221.340 may serve as a complaint, other forms of parking complaints are prohibited.
- (4) Citation form books issued by District Court. Citation form books for parking violations shall be provided by the District Court and upon request distributed to the Metro parking patrol officers who issue them.

- (5) List of parking citations. A list of the parking citations issued by Metro parking patrol officers shall be forwarded to the District Court within twenty-four (24) hours.

(d) Person Responsible for Violation Charged by the Citation: The registered owner of the vehicle is prima facie responsible for the violation charged by the citation.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 9 day of Feb., 1995.



J. Ruth McFarland, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Recording Secretary

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STAFF REPORT

RECOMMENDS AND SEEKS APPROVAL FOR METRO ORDINANCE NO. 95-586 TO AUTHORIZE DESIGNATED METRO STAFF TO ISSUE PARKING CITATIONS AT METRO PARKING LOTS.

Date: February 2 1995

Presented by: Doug Butler

Staff Findings

Metro operates parking lots which serve Metro visitors and staff at Metro facilities. The parking lots that are open to the general public generate revenues for Metro.

Ordinance 95-586 provides a method for controlling illegal and unauthorized parking at Metro parking lots through the issuance of Multnomah County District Court parking citations. Currently, except for the Metro Zoo, Metro staff responsible for parking lot management do not have authority to issue Multnomah County District Court parking citations to illegally parked vehicles at Metro parking lots located at Metro Regional Center, Oregon Convention Center and Greenspaces/Parks facilities.

The four hundred space Metro parking structure, for example, located next to Metro Regional Center accommodates Metro Regional Center building visitors and serves as a revenue generating enterprise through daily and monthly parking rentals. During 1994 one-hundred and fifty cars were issued warnings for illegally parking in the Metro parking structure. Illegal parkers do not pay the monthly or daily parking fees and are not visiting Metro Regional Center building. The number of vehicles receiving the warnings in 1994 represents a portion of cars which illegally parked in the structure. The warnings reminded parkers that the structure is a pay for parking area except when visiting Metro. In some instances some illegally parked cars recieved warnings more than once.

Current Metro Code does not authorize the issuance of Multnomah County District Court parking citations at the Metro parking structure and City of Portland ordinance prohibits the towing of illegally parked cars from the parking structure because parking ticket stubs are not offered to daily parking structure customers. Staff is seeking to have Metro Ordinance 95-586 approved and to install an automated daily pay for parking ticket dispenser at the Metro parking structure.

Together, Metro Ordinance 95-586 and the installation of a daily paid parking ticket dispenser at the Metro parking structure will greatly reduce the incidences of unauthorized parking at the Metro parking structure.

As an aside, analysis cited by Parking Management, Incorporated, indicates the convenience of automated pay for parking ticket dispensers like the unit proposed to be installed at the Metro parking

structure have increased daily parking revenues by approximately 20% when installed at downtown Portland public parking lots.

In addition to the structured parking facility adjacent to the Metro Regional Center, the proposed Metro Ordinance 95-586 will allow;

*authorized security staff at the Oregon Convention Center to issue Multnomah County District Court parking citations to vehicles parked in public right-of-ways, and

*Metro/Greenspaces Park Rangers to issue Multnomah County District Court parking citations to vehicles parked in restricted areas such as emergency fire truck lanes and public right-of-ways to visitors of heavily used facilities such as Blue Lake Park.

Budget Impact

No Metro staff additions or new equipment purchases are proposed.

Recommendation

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of Ordinance NO. 95-586.

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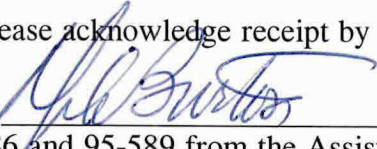


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DATE: February 10, 1995
TO: Mike Burton, Executive Officer
FROM: Cathy Ross, Assistant to the Presiding Officer
RE: Transmittal Of Legislation

Attached for your consideration are true copies of Ordinances 95-586 and 95-589 adopted by the Council of February 9, 1995.

Please acknowledge receipt by signing below:

I, , received this memo and true copies of Ordinance Nos. 95-586 and 95-589 from the Assistant to the Presiding Officer February 10, 1995.