



Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 160, Traffic Code - Parking Meter Zones, of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, to comply with state law changes and to update or eliminate outdated language.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1

Chapter 160 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 160.15 01. Parking meters. Metered areas zones.

~~Parking meters, as mentioned in this chapter, shall be mechanical devices approved by the city council and installed on the sidewalk near the curb in the locations authorized by the city council. Each parking meter shall measure the permissible predetermined period of time and shall operate in the following manner: Each said parking meter shall be so set as to show or display a signal indicating whether the parking space alongside it is or is not in use. Each said parking meter shall be so constructed as to display a signal showing legal parking upon the deposit of coins of the United States of America in such amounts as designated for said metered area and for a period of time conforming to the parking limit as hereafter prescribed by ordinance of the City of Saint Paul, and each meter shall, by its device, clearly set out and continue operation from the time of depositing such coin or coins until the expiration of the time fixed for said meter for lawful parking. Each said meter shall also be arranged so that, upon the expiration of said parking limit, it will indicate that the lawful parking period has expired.~~

~~(Code 1956, § 147.01)~~

~~The director of the department of public works traffic engineer is hereby authorized to install, or cause to be installed, parking meters within the a "parking metered area zone," which shall consist of such areas, specific streets or parts of streets and specific locations on described streets as are determined approved by the city council resolution, as provided under Section 152.10(a).~~

~~(Code 1956, § 147.15)~~

Sec. 160.05 2. Parking meter zones established. Supervision of meters.

~~The parking meter zones established by the city council as of January 31, 1967, are continued in effect, and the council may add to or modify said parking meter zones by appropriate ordinance from time to time, which ordinances shall not be deemed part of the Legislative Code. There shall be maintained in the traffic engineer's office, the department of police traffic and accident section, the traffic violations bureau and the clerk of municipal court office at all times, a complete listing of all parking meter zones, which said listing is hereby incorporated in this Code as if fully set forth herein.~~

~~(Code 1956, § 147.02)~~

~~The installation, upkeep and repair of parking meters shall be under the supervision of the director of public works traffic engineer.~~

~~(Code 1956, § 147.05)~~

Sec. 160.03. Parking restrictions.

(a) Parking meter regulations.

When parking meters have been installed indicating the metered area, no vehicle other than a commercial vehicle shall remain parked at any time between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, in the metered area in any one (1) parking meter space for longer than the period of time specifically set out for the lawful use of said metered area for the charge imposed.

(b) Other parking restrictions may supersede parking meter regulations.

~~Such parking~~ Parking at parking meters between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Saturday shall be specifically subject to ~~any other~~ partial or absolute prohibition against parking ~~in relation to time during such period of time as may have been established for such partial or absolute prohibition of parking at any of the areas~~ a zone pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the provisions of Chapters 157, 158 and 159, or as may have been directed and designated by the director of the department of public works as prohibited areas under powers granted to him by Chapters 157, 158 and 159. traffic code. Examples of such partial or absolute prohibitions within parking meter zones include but are not limited to sanitation bans, rush hour bans, handicapped parking restrictions or other restrictions.

(c) Alternate effective hours in parking meter zones.

When determined by the ~~director of the department of public works~~ traffic engineer that public necessity so requires, the ~~director~~ traffic engineer is hereby authorized to designate effective hours for specific parking meter locations different than the effective periods specified in this section. The ~~director~~ traffic engineer shall post appropriate signs at each of such locations setting forth the specific hours governing the parking meter location and shall ~~file~~ maintain a complete listing of these locations ~~with the office of the city clerk.~~
(Code 1956, § 147.03; Ord. No. 17320, § 1, 12-24-85; Ord. No. 17571, § 1, 6-28-88; C.F. No. 94-1560, § 1, 11-16-94)

Sec. 160.14 04. Holidays.

No parking meter shall be in operation on Sundays nor upon the following holidays: New Year's Day (January 1 and the federally observed holiday), Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (July 4 and the federally observed holiday), Labor Day, ~~Columbus Day~~, Veterans Day (November 11 and the federally observed holiday), Thanksgiving Day, day following Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day (December 25 and the federally observed holiday). Parking limitations imposed by parking meters shall not be in effect upon such days.

(Code 1956, § 147.14; Ord. No. 17355, § 1, 5-20-86; C.F. No. 94-45, § 1, 2-2-94)

Sec 160.05. Use of parking meter space.

Any vehicle parked in a metered parking space shall be parked parallel to the curb, and in a manner that such vehicle does not infringe upon another metered space. Trucks and other commercial vehicles using parking meters shall park in such a manner that the least number of metered spaces are occupied.

Sec. 160.06. Payment required.

No person shall stop, stand or park or cause to stop, stand or park any vehicle in any place serviced by a parking meter without payment of the meter fee, and no person shall allow or cause any vehicle under his or her care or charge to remain in any such metered space beyond the time permitted by such meter except as provided for in the following sections, 160.08 and 160.09. Any such violation shall be a petty misdemeanor.
(Code 1956, § 147.06; Ord. No. 17765, § 1, 8-30-90; C.F. No. 96-780, § 1, 8-7-96; C.F. No. 00-573, § 2, 7-5-00)

Sec 160.07. Malfunctioning parking meter.

In accordance with the parking meter instruction information affixed to the parking meter no person shall park any vehicle in a parking meter space where the parking meter is malfunctioning. Parking at a malfunctioning meter is a parking violation and subject to citation.

Sec. 160.04 8. Commercial vehicles.

(a) Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., clearly designated commercial vehicles may park in a parking meter space without payment of the fee for the loading or unloading of merchandise, ~~provided that the loading or unloading operation is promptly carried out and that the vehicle is promptly moved out upon~~ but shall leave such space promptly upon completion of that operation and shall not park for more than thirty (30) minutes at any one time.

(b) Clearly designated commercial vehicles may park at spaces indicated by signs, which may be supplemented by curb and sidewalk markings, as a loading zone for the purpose of loading or unloading but shall leave such space promptly upon completion of that operation, and shall not park for more than thirty (30) minutes at any one time.

(c) For purposes of this section, "clearly designated commercial vehicle" shall mean a vehicle bearing State of Minnesota commercial vehicle license plates or Interstate Commerce Commission local cartage carrier (LCC), courier service carrier (CSC), contract carrier (CC), regular route common carrier (RRCC) or irregular route common carrier (IRCC) permit or placard or City of Saint Paul special parking permit issued pursuant to Chapter ~~167 158~~ of this Code.

(Code 1956, § 147.04; Ord. No. 17031, 6-9-83; Ord. No. 17457, § 1, 5-26-87; Ord. No. 17602, § 1, 10-18-88; Ord. No. 17656, § 1, 6-8-89; Ord. No. 17784, § 1, 11-6-90)

Sec 160.09. Parking meter use by physically disabled.

A physically disabled person may exercise his or her parking privileges in accordance with Chapter 157.10 and State Law in a metered parking space without obligation to pay the meter fee in Saint Paul, but must follow the time restrictions officially posted for the physically disabled. The maximum time limit allowed for the physically disabled at a parking meter is four (4) hours unless otherwise posted. The requirements of 160.11 apply to the physically disabled.

Sec. 160.0710. Extending parking time.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited in the parking meter a coin or to use a debit card for the purpose of increasing or extending the parking time of any vehicle beyond the legal parking time limit which has been established for the parking space adjacent to which said parking meter is placed.

(Code 1956, § 147.07)

Sec. 160.0811. Reparking in same space.

It shall be unlawful for any person or operator of a motor vehicle, who has parked a vehicle in a particular parking meter space for the time allowed, to again park the same vehicle in the same parking meter space until two (2) hours have elapsed after expiration of the time allowed, or to move the same vehicle to a parking space within two (2) blocks of their initial metered space in accordance with section 152.09 (b).

(Code 1956, § 147.08)

Sec. 160.11. Meter fee.

~~The coin or coins required to be deposited as provided herein are levied and assessed as a fee to cover the cost of inspection and regulation, control and operation involved in the inspection, installation, operation, control and use of the parking spaces and parking meters and involved in checking and regulating the parking and traffic of vehicles in the metered areas as determined by the city council.~~

~~(Code 1956, § 147.11)~~

Sec. 160.0912. Slugs, etc.

It shall be unlawful to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device or metallic substitute for a coin of the ~~Unites~~ United States of America.

(Code 1956, § 147.09)

Sec. 160.1013. Tampering with meter.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, injure, tamper with, open, or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the provisions of this chapter, ~~except that a regularly designated employee of the city may open said meters for the purpose of repairing or making collections therefrom.~~

(Code 1956, § 147.10)

Sec. 160.1214. Interference with use of meters.

When the construction, remodeling or repair of any building in the metered area shall, in the opinion of the ~~director of the department of public works~~ traffic engineer, interfere with the use of or make it unsafe to use any parking meter space or spaces on any street adjacent to said building or when, in the opinion of the ~~director of public works~~ traffic engineer, construction work or special events make it impractical or undesirable to use any parking meter space or spaces adjacent to or near such construction work or special events, such parking meter spaces shall be closed to parking. The organization or persons responsible for or requesting such closing of parking meter space shall pay to the city the sum equal to the hourly rate of the closed metered space for an eight-hour (8 hr) period for each day the metered space is closed, ~~including~~ and all costs necessary to provide the ~~necessary~~ closure.

(Code 1956, § 147.12; Ord. No. 17490, § 1, 9-8-87)

Sec. 160.1315. Separate offenses.

Each hour that a vehicle remains parked in a parking meter space in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed a separate offense hereunder.

(Code 1956, § 147.13)

Sec. 160.16. ~~Meter monitors.~~ Parking Enforcement Officers (PEO's).

All duly appointed parking ~~meter monitors~~ enforcement officers (PEO's), community service officers as defined in Saint Paul City Administrative Ordinance No. 7607, as amended from time to time, parking meter collectors, parking meter crew leaders, and parking meter ~~repairmen~~ repair personnel are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to issue ~~summonses~~ citations for parking meter and other parking violations, ~~such summonses~~ Such citations shall be in a form approved by the Ramsey County Municipal District Court and to have the same force and effect as though issued by a police officer or other peace officer.

(Code 1956, § 147.16)

Section 2

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days following its passage, approval and publication.