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Amendment 1
to
Council Bill 120115
Sponsor: CM Morales
Limit Large Event Parking Rates to Events at Seattle Center

This amendment would delete the last recital and amend sections 1-4 of Council Bill 120115, as follows:

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WHEREAS, SDOT and the Uptown community want to ensure some on-street parking access for businesses, residents, and visitors in this neighborhood and prevent gridlock in Uptown during large events and one way to meet these goals is through adoption of event parking rates as set forth in this ordinance; ~~((and~~

~~WHEREAS, SDOT may eventually charge event rates in other areas around or near large stadiums or arenas if needed to meet its goals of parking turnover at SMC 11.16.121.C;))~~

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Section 11.14.276 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

11.14.276 Large Seattle Center event

“Large Seattle Center event” means planned commercial or public event that is expected to draw at least 10,000 people to Seattle Center, including but not limited to a sports event, concert, festival, or exhibition.

Section 2. Section 11.16.121 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 125210, is amended as follows:

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11.16.121 Director of Transportation—Rate setting for parking payment devices((-))

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B. The Director of Transportation is authorized to set parking rates up to \$5((-00)) per hour ("Maximum Hourly Rate"), except that for large [Seattle Center](#) events the Director is authorized to set parking rates up to \$12 per hour [for locations within a mile of Seattle Center](#).

When parking rates are in effect, parking rates shall be set no lower than \$0.50 per hour ("Minimum Hourly Rate").

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D. The Director of Transportation is authorized to develop a Director's Rule setting forth how rate setting will occur for the Performance-Based Parking Pricing Program, including for large [Seattle Center](#) events and how the Seattle Department of Transportation will determine the applicable geographical area that is subject to large [Seattle Center](#) event rates. Performance-Based Parking Pricing has a policy goal of achieving approximately one to two parking spaces available on each block face.

Section 3. Section 11.14.277 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 122243, is amended as follows:

11.14.277 Legal parking holidays((-))

Except where otherwise indicated by signposting in the area or for individual parking spaces, the following are parking holidays: Sunday; the first day of January, New Year's Day; the third Monday of January, the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr.; the third Monday of February, Presidents' Day; the last Monday of May, Memorial Day; the fourth day of July, the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; the first Monday in September, Labor Day; the

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eleventh day of November, Veterans Day; the fourth Thursday of November, Thanksgiving Day; and the twenty-fifth day of December, Christmas Day.

Whenever any parking holiday, other than Sunday, falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be a parking holiday.

Rates for large [Seattle Center](#) events, defined in Section 11.14.276, shall apply regardless of whether the day is a parking holiday.

Section 4. Section 11.76.015 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 125609, is amended as follows:

11.76.015 Parking violations on blockfaces, or portions thereof, requiring payment to park((=))

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C. The prohibitions in this Section 11.76.015 shall not apply on ~~((Sundays and))~~ legal parking holidays as defined in Section 11.14.277, except that the prohibitions in this Section 11.76.015 shall apply to parking for large [Seattle Center](#) events, defined in Section 11.14.276, regardless of whether the day is a parking holiday.

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Effect: The proposed amendment would limit the use of large event parking rates to events occurring at Seattle Center. Any parking rate increase for large events would be limited to locations within a mile of Seattle Center. This one mile distance extends to McGraw Street to the north, University Street to the south and Boylston Avenue E to the east.