Updating Parking Payment Types

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Background



Prior updates of SMC for new types of payment

- 2004: Began replacing meters with pay stations
- 2012: Added pay by phone option
- 2018: New pay stations installed

SMC update needed to reflect new types of payment (converting to pay by plate August - December)



Current Conditions

- 1,700 pay stations/12,000 paid spaces
- Almost 1 million transactions/month
 - 71% at pay stations
 - 29% by phone
 - 4% by coin
- Rates (\$0.50-\$5.00/hour) to achieve 1-2 open spaces per block





Proposed legislation: signs vs devices

Moving from payment required by presence of a device (such as a meter)...



... to
payment
required by
presence of
a sign.





Proposed legislation: parking payment device

- Removes language specifically defining meters and pay stations
- Replaces with general language, ". . . any device used to accept payment for parking. . . "



Proposed legislation: parking payment methods

- Allows SDOT to approve new methods of payment in the future, such as in-car payment
- Builds in flexibility to implement new technologies
- Rigorous PCI and security approval through Treasury and Seattle Department of Information Technology
- Provide secure, easy payment options



Proposed legislation: parking payment methodologies

- Allows for pay by plate (converting all machines, August – December)
- Advantages
 - Don't have to return to vehicle
 - No sticky tickets
 - Can create account:
 - Swipe card, select vehicle, select time, done!
 - Access parking history/receipts
 - Parking enforcement efficiencies





Proposed legislation: proper payment

- Changes very specific language to general requirements
 - Make valid payment
 - Provide required information (e.g., license plate or space number)
 - Take required action (e.g. display ticket, if any area stays or converts back to pay and display)



Questions?

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