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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Center parking charges; amending Section 17.19.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) to modify terms of the monthly parking program and permits issued to short-term premises licensees, increase parking enforcement fees and maximum price for the premium parking program, adjust Special Parking charges, and revise online customer transaction fees to align with SMC 5.22.020.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 17.19.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 125700, is amended as follows:

17.19.010 Seattle Center parking charges

A. Authorization to (~~Establish Charges~~) establish charges. The Seattle Center Director may establish, by rules adopted pursuant to Chapter 3.02, (~~of the Seattle Municipal Code, Regular and Special~~) regular and special charges for the use of parking facilities operated by the Seattle Center Department, whether or not located within the bounds of the Seattle Center as defined by Ordinance 90160. All parking charges shall be inclusive of any taxes.

B. Regular charges. The regular Seattle Center parking (“Regular Parking”) charges shall be composed of two types of charges: daily charges and monthly charges. Regular Parking charges shall apply to all vehicles (including vehicles displaying disabled permits) unless the vehicle qualifies for a Special Parking charge pursuant to this Section 17.19.010 or rules adopted under this Section 17.19.010. The Regular Parking charge shall be prorated commensurate with the size and number of parking space(s) required by vehicles, such as motorcycles, mopeds, buses, and other over- or undersized vehicles.

1. Daily parking. Daily charges shall be determined by the Director with consideration for demand and shall not be less than \$1 for the first hour of parking nor greater than \$45 for any 12-hour period.

2. ~~((Monthly))~~ Designated-hours monthly parking. Monthly parking charges shall be not less than \$85 nor greater than \$250 for a monthly parking permit, valid on a space-available basis for designated hours. The monthly parking charge may be prorated when a monthly parking permit is purchased for only a portion of a month, in accordance with rules adopted under this Section 17.19.010.

C. Special Parking charges. At the discretion of the Seattle Center Director or the Director's designee, special Seattle Center parking ("Special Parking") charges may be established as follows:

1. Monthly parking discounts. For the simultaneous purchase, not for resale at a profit, of ten or more monthly parking permits for a given month, a discounted charge equal to not less than ~~((75))~~ 60 percent of the monthly parking charge.

2. Parking scrip. For the ~~((simultaneous))~~ purchase of a parking scrip, not for resale at a profit, a discounted charge equal to not less than ~~((75))~~ 60 percent of the Regular Parking charge therefor.

3. Premium parking program. For the privilege of participating in the Seattle Center Facility premium parking program (under which a non-designated parking space in such garage is reserved for the participant), a charge of not more than ~~((75))~~ \$100 for the period of time coinciding with the event. ~~((reservation plus a service charge of the greater of \$25 or one percent of each parking order.))~~

4. In excess of 12 hours. For parking in excess of 12 hours, up to a total of 24 hours, a fee equal to each 12-hour applicable event or non-event parking charge for the designated location.

5. Parking coupons. For the privilege of having the Seattle Center Department honor parking coupons, a charge per event as follows: If the Seattle Center Department incurs any costs for the production of the parking coupons or any incremental staffing costs due to their use, then the greater of the Regular Parking charges that would apply to the parking of all vehicles for which the parking coupons are used plus the incremental staffing costs and actual production costs incurred by the Seattle Center Department, or a charge of

not less than \$1, nor more than \$45 for the period of time coinciding with the event plus a service charge of the greater of \$25 or one percent of each parking order. For purposes of this subsection 17.19.010.C.5, a “parking coupon” is a coupon authorized in advance by the Seattle Center Director or the Director’s designee, containing at a minimum the limitations, conditions, and instructions specified by the Director or the Director’s designee, that is distributed by the sponsor of an event or activity expected to require the use of parking facilities operated by the Seattle Center Department, and that is surrendered by the driver of a vehicle at a parking facility operated by the Seattle Center Department in lieu of payment at the time of parking there.

6. Short-term premises licensees. For the purchase of a permit issued to short-term premises licensees for use of Seattle Center parking facilities for a specified duration, a charge of not less than \$15 and not more than \$45 (~~(per day)~~) for any 12-hour period.

7. Other parking charges

a. For the replacement of a lost monthly parking access card, a charge of not less than \$5 and not more than \$15.

b. For a purchase of monthly parking after the close of the announced monthly parking sales period, a charge of \$15.

c. For the online customer transaction fee, (~~(for the purchase of monthly parking,)~~) a charge (~~(of not more than \$5 and not less than \$3)~~) consistent with Section 5.22.020.

d. For a lost parking facility entry ticket, an amount of not more than twice the 12-hour fee in place at time of entry.

e. For exceeding the designated hours limitation for designated-hours monthly parking, a fee equal to each 12-hour applicable event or non-event parking charge for the designated location.

D. Permits for parking without charge. At the discretion of the Seattle Center Director, parking permits may be issued, without charge, to individuals providing uncompensated service to the Seattle Center Department or to the Seattle Center Advisory Commission, to any officer or employee of The City of Seattle or

other governmental entity, or to any person in order to facilitate any contractor engaged in a construction or demolition project at Seattle Center, to enhance public safety, or to align with the Department's race and social justice goals.

E. When parking charges due and payable. All parking charges imposed pursuant to this Section 17.19.010 shall be due and payable in advance or as of the commencement of the use of the subject parking area except when (1) a short-term premises licensee has contracted to pay for parking fees as part of the Seattle Center Licensing Agreement, (2) a parking coupon is used, pursuant to subsection 17.19.010.C.5, (3) a client is invoiced for parking charges and pays according to standard Seattle Center invoicing provisions, or (4) automated parking equipment installed in the parking facility prohibits exiting the facility unless proof of payment is provided.

F. Enforcement of parking charges. A parking surcharge equal to no more than ~~((Five Dollars (\$5.00)))~~ \$10 shall be due and payable whenever the applicable parking charge has not been paid at or before the time such parking charge became due and payable. An additional parking surcharge equal to no more than ~~((Twenty Dollars (\$20.00)))~~ \$30 shall be due and payable whenever the applicable parking charge or the first surcharge has not been paid within ~~((fourteen (14)))~~ 14 days after the time the parking charge became due and payable. At the discretion of the Director, the Department may allow all or a portion of the parking surcharges collected by an agent to be retained by the agent in exchange for said agent's collection and remittance of the parking charge to the Seattle Center.

G. ~~((Nonpublic Parking Use of Parking Facilities))~~ Non-public use of parking facilities. The Seattle Center Director or such official's designee is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, licensing agreements for the use of all or a portion of a parking facility for a client's exclusive use for such times as such facility is not required for public parking or in use by contract made pursuant to a specific ordinance, at a discounted charge equal to not less than ~~((fifty (50)))~~ 50 percent of the ~~((Nonevent))~~ non-event charge therefor.

Section 2. Section 1 of this ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2021.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2020, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2020.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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