

Chapter 9.34 PARKING METER ZONES*

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9.34.010 Establishment.

A. The traffic engineer is authorized, with the approval of the assembly, to establish parking meter spaces and zones on any street in the municipality and on any municipally owned property where it is determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the installation of parking meters is necessary to aid in the regulation, control and inspection of the parking of vehicles. Parking meter spaces and zones may overlap with handicapped or loading zones.

B. The traffic engineer is authorized, after consultation with the parking authority, to change the time limits on any parking meter placed pursuant to this chapter. A person aggrieved by the traffic engineer's decision in changing the time limits may appeal the traffic engineer's decision to the municipal manager, and, if still aggrieved, to the assembly.

(CAC 9.34.010; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 94-68(S), § 24, 8-11-94; AO No. 95-6, § 1, 5-16-95)

9.34.020 Parking meters.

A. The traffic engineer shall install parking meters in the parking meter zones established as provided in this chapter upon the curb immediately adjacent to each designated parking space on streets and immediately adjacent to each designated parking space on municipally owned property. The meters shall be capable of being operated, either automatically or mechanically, upon the deposit therein of authorized tokens, or coins of United States currency, for the full period of time for which parking is lawfully permitted in any such parking meter zone, or, in lieu thereof, for a portion of the lawful period of time upon the deposit therein of authorized tokens, or coins of United States currency, as indicated on the parking meter.

B. Each parking meter shall be so designed, constructed, installed and set that upon the expiration of the time period registered by the deposit of one or more authorized tokens or coins, as provided in this section, it will indicate by an appropriate signal that the lawful parking meter period has expired, and at least during the initial minutes of such time will indicate the interval of time which remains of such period.

C. Each parking meter shall bear thereon a legend indicating the days and hours when the requirement to deposit authorized tokens or coins therein shall apply, the value of the tokens or coins to be deposited, and the limited period of time for which parking is lawfully permitted in the parking meter zone in which such meter is located.

(CAC 9.34.020; AO No. 78-72)

9.34.030 Designation and use of parking meter spaces.

A. The traffic engineer shall designate the parking space adjacent to each parking meter for which such meter is to be used by appropriate markings upon the curb or the pavement of the roadway or of municipally owned property. Parking meter spaces so designated shall be of appropriate length and width so as to be reasonably accessible.

B. No person may park a vehicle in any such designated parking meter space during the restricted or regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located so that any part of such vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the markings designating such space, except that a vehicle which is of a size too large to be parked within a single designated parking meter zone shall be permitted to occupy two adjoining parking meter spaces when coins shall have been deposited in the parking meter for each space so occupied as is required in this title for the parking of other vehicles in such space. If parking spaces in any parking meter zone on any street are not designated by appropriate markings, then a vehicle shall be parked with the front bumper directly in line with the parking meter.

(CAC 9.34.030; AO No. 78-72)

9.34.040 Deposit of tokens or coins; time limits.

A. No person may park a vehicle in any parking space alongside of and next to which a parking meter has been installed during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located unless either:

1. Coins of United States currency of the appropriate denomination, or such tokens approved by the assembly as provided for in this chapter, shall have been deposited therein, and such meter has been placed in operation;
2. A rearview mirror permit which allows parking at any metered space without paying the meter is clearly visible; however, a vehicle with such a permit may not park in a space for a longer period than the maximum time shown on the meter. The parking authority may, by regulation, provide for establishment of, and fees for, a permit under this section; or
3. An electronic or mechanical timing device providing for paid parking on a prepayment basis is clearly visible, however, a vehicle with such a device may not park in a space for a longer period than the maximum time shown on the meter. The parking authority may make such devices available for purchase or lease, under terms and conditions to be established by the parking authority.

B. No person may permit a vehicle within his control to be parked in any such parking meter space during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located while the parking meter for such space indicates by signal that the lawful parking time in such space has expired. This provision shall not apply to the act of parking or the necessary time which is required to deposit immediately thereafter tokens or coins in such meter or to start an electronic or mechanical timing device.

C. No person may park a vehicle in any such parking meter space for a consecutive period of time longer than that limited period of time for which parking is lawfully permitted in the parking zone in which such meter is located, irrespective of the number or amounts of the tokens or coins deposited in such meter.

D. The provisions of this section shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of this chapter.

(CAC 9.34.040; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 94-68(S), § 25, 8-11-94)

9.34.050 Use of slugs.

No person may deposit or attempt to deposit in any parking meter any slug, button or any other device or substance as substitutes for coins of United States currency, except tokens approved by the assembly.

(CAC 9.34.050; AO No. 78-72)

9.34.060 Tampering with meter.

No person may deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter.

(CAC 9.34.060; AO No. 78-72)

9.34.070 Application of proceeds.

A. The coins, or such tokens approved by the assembly, to be deposited as provided in this chapter are levied and assessed as fees to cover the regulation and control of parking and traffic upon public streets; the costs of parking meters and their installation, inspection, supervision, operation, repair and maintenance; control and use of parking spaces and regulating the parking of vehicles in parking meter zones; and the costs of acquiring, establishing, improving, maintaining and operating off-street parking facilities.

B. The coins, or such tokens approved by the assembly, shall be collected by the duly authorized agents of the municipality and shall be deposited in the parking meter collection fund.

C. All revenues derived from the use of parking meters as provided in this chapter shall be used to defray the costs of any parking meters purchased by the municipality and for installation as provided in this chapter, and expenses incurred in their installation, inspection, service, supervision, repair and maintenance, and for making collections from such parking meters. The net proceeds of collections from such parking meters, and from the sale of tokens, after payment of such costs and expenses, shall be used for parking and traffic studies, and studies for traffic control devices, and for acquisition, establishment, improvement, maintenance and operation of public off-street parking facilities as the assembly shall from time to time direct.

(CAC 9.34.070; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 80-4)

9.34.080 Parking meter hoods; disability parking permits.

A. The municipal manager, upon recommendation of the traffic engineer, shall promulgate regulations authorizing the issuing of parking meter hoods and disability parking permits which will exempt certain vehicles from liability for certain parking violations. The regulation shall include the type of permit issued, type of meter rentals, and procedures for administration and distribution.

B. No person may violate the terms of the agreement under which a parking meter hood is

issued pursuant to the municipal regulations promulgated under this section.

C. The traffic engineer shall promulgate regulations in accordance with [Chapter 3.40](#) authorizing the issuance or approval of parking permits for the handicapped to be used in accordance with [Section 9.30.235](#). The regulations shall include the procedure for application and the manner of use for such permits.

D. No person may fraudulently procure, alter or wrongfully utilize a permit issued to a handicapped person pursuant to the municipal regulations promulgated under this section.

(CAC 9.34.080; AO No. 78-72; AO No. 80-154)