

ARTICLE 509
Parking Meters

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CROSS REFERENCES

City parking lots - see TRAF. Art. 517

Meter regulations - see TRAF. 517.02

509.01 DEFINITIONS.

The following words and terms, when used in this article, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (a) "Parking meter zones" means highways or portions thereof, on which parking meters are to be installed, operated and used.
- (b) "Parking meter" means a device intended to assist public authorities in enforcing ordinances limiting the time during which vehicles may be parked on any highways within a parking meter zone. (1944 Code Ch. 18 §54.)

509.02 ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES.

Parking meter zones are hereby established on the following highways or portions thereof as follows:

Market Street, both sides, from the Square west to Carlisle Avenue;
Market Street, both sides, from the Square east to Sherman Street;
Philadelphia Street, both sides, from George Street west to Pershing Avenue;
Philadelphia Street, both sides, from George Street east to Pine Street;
Princess Street, both sides, from George Street west to Beaver Street;
Princess Street, both sides, from George Street east to Pine Street;
King Street, both sides, from George Street west to Pershing Avenue;
King Street, both sides, from George Street east to Pine Street;
College Avenue, both sides, from George Street west to Lindbergh Avenue;
College Avenue; both sides, from George Street east to Duke Street;
George Street, both sides, from Square north to North Street;
George Street, both sides, from Square south to Boundary Avenue;
Duke Street, both sides, from College Avenue north to North Street;
Queen Street, both sides, from College Avenue north to North Street;
Pine Street, both sides, from Market Street south to King Street;

Beaver Street, both sides, from College Avenue north to Gas Avenue;
Pershing Avenue, both sides, from Princess Street north to Gas Avenue;
Newberry Street, both sides, from King Street north to Philadelphia Street;
Penn Street, both sides, from Market Street north to Philadelphia Street.
(Ord. 10-1986 §1. Passed 7-15-86.)

509.03 SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS EXCLUDED.

Parking in any parking meter zone is hereby specifically excluded from the provisions of this article on Sundays and on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and such other holidays as may hereafter be designated by the Mayor.
(1944 Code Ch. 18 §56.)

509.04 HOURS OF OPERATION.

Except as provided in Section 509.03, the schedule of hours of operation of the meters in all parking zones shall be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., unless the General Authority shall adopt a resolution establishing a revised schedule of hours of operation which thereafter becomes effective. (Ord. 19-2015. Passed 8-18-15.)

509.05 ADDITIONAL ZONES.

Additional parking meter zones may be established by resolution of Council, and the parking times in the zones now established, or in additional zones which may hereafter be established, may be prescribed or changed by resolution of Council, or by executive order of the Mayor, in connection with regulating the times of parking upon streets.
(1944 Code Ch. 18 §58; Ord. 70-1954 §1.)

509.06 INSTALLING METERS AND MARKING SPACES.

In all parking meter zones a parking meter shall be installed for each parking space. All parking spaces shall be plainly designated by lines or markings on the highway and may be placed either parallel with or diagonal to the curb.
(1944 Code Ch. 18 §59.)

509.07 METER PLACEMENT AND SIGNAL INDICATIONS.

Parking meters shall be placed upon the sidewalk or curb immediately adjacent or next to each designated parking space, and in such manner as to show or display by a signal that the parking space controlled by such meter is or is not legally occupied. Each parking meter shall indicate by a proper legend the established legal parking time and, when in operation, shall also indicate on or by its dial or pointer the duration of the period of legal parking and, on the expiration of such period, shall indicate any illegal or overparking.
(1944 Code Ch. 18 §60.)

509.08 MANNER OF PARKING VEHICLES.

(a) Every vehicle parked in any parking meter zone shall be entirely within the lines of the designated parking space, with the front end of such parked vehicle at or immediately adjacent to the parking meter controlling such parking space.

(b) Where two parking meters are mounted on a single post, in all cases where the length of the vehicle is required to stand parallel to the curb, the front end of the vehicle shall always be pointed in the direction required of vehicular traffic on the side of the street where the vehicle is parked with the rear end of such parked vehicle, at or immediately adjacent to the meter mounted forward in the aforesaid direction of vehicular traffic and with the front end of such other parked vehicle at or immediately adjacent to the meter mounted rearward in the aforesaid direction of vehicular traffic.

(c) Where two parking meters are mounted on a single post, in all cases where the length of the vehicle is required to stand perpendicular to or at an angle with the curb, the right front end of the parked vehicle shall be immediately adjacent to the meter mounted on the left side of the post facing the front of the vehicle and with the left front end of a parked vehicle immediately adjacent to the meter mounted on the right side of the post, facing the front of the vehicle.

(d) Each vehicle shall park within the lines or markings so established.
(1944 Code Ch. 18 §61; Ord. 59-1960 §1.)

509.09 DEPOSIT OF COIN.

(a) Upon parking any vehicle in a parking meter zone at any time when the provisions of this article are in effect, the operator thereof shall, upon entering the designated parking space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited a coin of United States currency in the parking meter controlling such parking space as designated thereon and, in a manually operated parking machine pull the lever.

(b) Upon the deposit of such coin, and the setting of the timing mechanism in operation when so required, the parking space may be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period of time which has been prescribed for the part of the street in which such parking space is located, provided that any person placing a vehicle in a parking meter space adjacent to a meter which indicates that unused time has been left in the meter by the previous occupant of the space shall not be required to deposit a coin so long as his occupancy of the space does not exceed the indicated unused parking time.
(1944 Code Ch. 18 §62; Ord. 43-1965 §1; Ord. 13-1967 §1; Ord. 19-1995. Passed 11-21-95.)

(c) The fee to be charged for parking shall be the schedule of rates and charges for the use of the meters adopted by the Authority which may be amended thereafter on or before the first day of each fiscal year of the Authority when the Authority will adopt a schedule of rates and charges for the use of the meters which initial and any subsequent amended schedules of rates and charges shall, in the judgment of the Board of the Authority, taking into account the hours of operation of the meters, be sufficient in each such period or fiscal year to provide the Authority with sufficient funds, together with other revenues of the Authority derived from the System to satisfy the Rate Covenant which shall thereafter become effective.
(Ord. 19-1995. Passed 11-21-95.)

509.10 PARKING OVERTIME.

No owner or operator of any vehicle shall cause, allow or permit such vehicle to be parked overtime or beyond the period of the legal parking time established for any parking meter zone herein created. (1944 Code Ch. 18 §63.)

509.11 DEPOSIT TO EXTEND PARKING BEYOND LEGAL TIME.

No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter a coin for the purpose of increasing or extending the parking time of any vehicle beyond the legal parking time established for any parking meter zone herein created.
(1944 Code Ch. 18 §64.)

509.12 DEPOSIT OF SLUGS.

No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device or metallic substance for a coin of United States currency.
(1944 Code Ch. 18 §65.)

509.13 DEFACING METERS.

No person shall deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the provisions of this article. (1944 Code Ch. 18 §66.)

509.14 FREE OR SPECIAL PARKING USES AUTHORIZED.

Nothing in this article shall be construed as prohibiting the City from providing for free parking space for loading and unloading, for bus stops, for taxicab stands or for other matters of a similar nature. (1944 Code Ch. 18 §67.)

509.15 ENFORCEMENT.

(a) The duty of enforcing the provisions of this article shall be on the Police Commissioner or Police Chief acting through the Police Department. In an emergency, any of the provisions of this article may be temporarily suspended by the Police Chief or Commissioner, who shall then have the authority to adopt and enforce such other temporary rules and regulations as traffic conditions during such emergency may demand or require.

(b) Regular police officers of the Police Department shall be empowered to enforce the provisions of this article and to issue citations and parking tickets for violations thereof. Uniformed employees of the Department who are not regular police officers and uniformed employees of the Parking Bureau shall be empowered upon authorization by the Chief of Police or Police Commissioner to issue citations and parking tickets for parking violations only. (Ord. 1-2009. Passed 1-6-09.)

509.16 COLLECTION AND DISPOSITION OF COINS.

The coins required in Section 509.09 to be deposited in parking meters is hereby levied and assessed as a fee to provide for the proper regulation and control of traffic upon the streets and highways of the City, including the cost of supervising and regulating the parking of vehicles in the parking meter zones created hereby, and the cost of the purchase, supervision, protection, inspection, installation, operation, maintenance, supply of parts, control and use of the aforesaid parking meters and the enforcement of this article. The coins deposited in such meters shall be collected for the City General Authority and shall be deposited in an account of the City General Authority. (Ord. 22-1995. Passed 12-5-95.)

509.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates Section 509.08 of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than twenty-five dollars and if not paid within eight (8) days shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs of prosecution, and in default thereof shall be imprisoned for not more than ten days. Whoever violates Section 509.13 of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs of prosecution, or a term of imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days or both. Whoever violates any other provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20.00) and if not paid within eight (8) days shall be fined not less than forty dollars (\$40.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned not more than ten days (10 days). (Ord. 1-2009. Passed 1-6-09.)