

Legislative Summary: Ordinance No. 522-2026

This ordinance amends Codified Ordinance Sections 453.01, 403.04, and 403.06 relating to on-street paid parking regulations. It does the following:

- Requires payment method by cash and coins be available within 600 feet of each individual street parking space.
- Lowers on-street neighborhood parking rates to \$1.00 per hour for up to eight hours, and up to \$3.00 per hour after eight hours.
- Codifies the days and times the Director of Public Works is authorized to charge for parking:
 - Downtown Parking Area:
 - Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
 - Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Sundays only during special events
 - Neighborhoods (outside Downtown Parking Area):
 - Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- Requires that the Director report to Council regarding implementation and parking data one year after its effective date.
- Requires the Director to file regulations and any changes with the Clerk of Council and requires publication in the City Record.
- Requires any parking meter zone established after May 15, 2026, to be approved by Council.

Legislative purpose: Council wants to address concerns received from residents, business owners, and employees since the roll-out of the Administration's new paid parking program. Previously, amendments to Ordinance No. 817-2023, passed September 18, 2023, were motioned in committee but never voted on that would have required cash as a viable option for all on-street paid parking, ensured neighborhoods had lower parking rates than downtown parking, and the neighborhoods and Council Members were given meaningful input to new paid parking zones.