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Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: June 20, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA (Cont. dates if needed)

SPECIAL MEETING FY24 BUDGET

1. ROLL CALL

2. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

2.1. Communication Remote/Zoom Participation:

Meetings Will Be Held In Council Chamber With Public Welcome And By Using Remote Participation As Follows: Members Of The Public May View The Meeting Via LTC.Org (On-Line; Live Streaming; Or Local Cable Channel 99). Those Wishing To Speak Regarding A Specific Agenda Item Shall Register To Speak In Advance Of The Meeting By Sending Email To City Clerk Indicating The Agenda Item And A Phone Number To Call So That You May Be Issued Zoom Link To The Meeting. Email Address Is MGEARY@LOWELLMA.GOV. If No Access To Email You May Contact City Clerk At 978-674-4161. All Request Must Be Done Before 4:00 PM On The Day Of Meeting. For Zoom - [HTTPS://SUPPORT.ZOOM.US/HC/EN-US/ARTICLES/201362193-JOINING-A-MEETING](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-joining-a-meeting)

3. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1. Vote - FY2024 Appropriation Order.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24209?FILEID=49270](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/24209?fileid=49270)

3.2. Loan Order - 2023 Capital Plan Loan Order.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24200?FILEID=49261](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/24200?fileid=49261)

3.3. Loan Order - Legal Settlement Loan Order.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24201?FILEID=49262](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/24201?fileid=49262)

3.4. Ordinance - Amend Chapter 20 Article III - DPW.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24212?
FILEID=49274](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24212?FILEID=49274)

3.5. Ordinance - Amend Chapter 56 Article II.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24202?
FILEID=49263](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24202?FILEID=49263)

3.6. Ordinance - Amend Parking Rates FY24.

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - AMEND PARKING RATES FY24.PDF](#)

3.7. Ordinance - Amend Sewer Rate FY24.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24213?
FILEID=49276](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24213?FILEID=49276)

3.8. Ordinance - Amend Water Rate FY24.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24214?
FILEID=49277](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24214?FILEID=49277)

3.9. Ordinance - Create New Positions In Various Departments.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24206?
FILEID=49267](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24206?FILEID=49267)

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. ADJOURNMENT

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Amending "The Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts" With Respect to various articles in Chapter 266 as they relate to parking rates and fines: Article VII Entitled, "Parking Meters"; Article IX Entitled "Public Off-Street Parking Areas"; and Article XI entitled "Miscellaneous Parking Fines".

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

"The Code for the City of Lowell," hereinafter called the "Code", adopted by the City Council on December 23, 2008, is hereby amended with respect to Chapter 266 thereof, by amending certain sections relating to parking rates and or fines.

It is recommended to update some Parking Rates and Fines in the Parking Department.

1. **§266-90. Parking meter rate.**

A. Notwithstanding anything in this Article VII to the contrary, the parking meter rate for all parking meters in all areas of the City is \$0.30 for each 12 minutes and \$1.50 for each hour is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Notwithstanding anything in this Article VII to the contrary, the parking meter rate in the City of Lowell is hereby established according to the following levels of demand:

High Demand Zones – the parking meter rate for all parking spaces in high demand zones is \$0.40 for each 12 minutes and \$2.00 for each hour.

Moderate Demand Zones – the parking meter rate for all parking spaces in moderate demand zones is \$0.30 for each 12 minutes and \$1.50 for each hour.

Low Demand Zones – the parking meter rate for all parking spaces in low demand zones if \$0.20 for each 12 minutes and \$1.00 for each hour.

The relative level of demand zone for a particular parking space may be determined by the Parking Director based on an examination of the parking data from the kiosk computer system for a period of at least three months.

If, during the examination period, the level of demand in a particular space or block of spaces exceeds 85%, the Parking Director may, upon approval by the City Manager, designate said spaces as “**High Demand Zones**”.

If, during the examination period, the level of demand in a particular space or block of spaces is below 15%, the Parking Director may, upon approval by the City Manager, designate said spaces as “**Low Demand Zones**”.

In any zone within the Central Business District, the Parking Director, may with the approval of the City Manager, grant a fifteen (15) minute grace period, in an effort to promote economic development.

2. §266-120. Davidson Street Lot.

The schedules of parking rates at the Davidson Street Lot for monthly pass card holders and transient (hourly) rate parking, effective July 1, 2023, shall be amended as follows:

B. Monthly pass card rates.

- (1) Individual pass card: \$125, market rate.
- (2) Pass cards, group billing (20 or more): \$112.50, 90% of market rate.
- (3) Residents of central business district: \$100, 80% of market rate.
- (4) Persons 65 years of age and over residing in downtown Lowell and handicapped or disabled persons residing in downtown Lowell shall pay \$46.50 per month per space.

C. Transient (hourly) rates.

Hours	Fee
Up to 1 hr	\$1.50
Up to 2 hrs	\$3.00
Up to 3 hrs	\$4.50
Up to 4 hrs	\$6.00
Up to 5 hrs	\$7.50
Up to 6 hrs	\$9.00
6 to 24 hrs	\$11.00

And inserting a new section C which shall read as follows:

“C. CPI Adjustment. All parking rates in this section shall be adjusted upward (but not downward) annually based on the Consumer Price Index plus 1% each July 1. Adjustments shall be rounded to the nearest quarter.”

3. **§266-121. Joseph Downes Parking Garage.**

By Amending Section B as follows:

B. Parking Rates. The schedules of parking rates at the Joseph Downes Parking Garage for monthly pass card holders and transient (hourly) rate parking, effective July 1, 2023 shall be amended as follows:

(1) Monthly pass card rates.

- a. Individual pass card: \$125, market rate
- b. Pass cards, group billing (20 or more): \$112.50, 90% of market rate
- c. Residents of the central business district: \$100, 80% of market rate
- d. Persons 65 years of age and over residing in downtown Lowell and handicapped or disabled persons residing in downtown Lowell shall pay \$46.50 per space per month

(2) Transient (hourly) rates

Hours	Fee
Up to 1 hr	\$1.50
Up to 2 hrs	\$3.00
Up to 3 hrs	\$4.50
Up to 4 hrs	\$6.00
Up to 5 hrs	\$7.50
Up to 6 hrs	\$9.00
6 to 24 hrs	\$11.00

And inserting a new section C which shall read as follows:

“C. CPI Adjustment. All parking rates in this section shall be adjusted upward (but not downward) annually based on the Consumer Price Index plus 1% each July 1. Adjustments shall be rounded to the nearest quarter.”

4. **§266-122. Leo A. Roy Parking Garage.**

The schedules of parking rates at the Leo A. Roy Parking Garage for monthly pass card holders and transient (hourly) rate parking, effective July 1, 2023, shall be amended as follows:

A. Monthly pass card rates.

- (1) Individual pass card: \$125, market rate

- (2) Pass cards, group billing (20 or more): \$112.50, 90% of market rate
- (3) Residents of the central business district: \$100, 80% of market rate
- (4) Persons 65 years of age and over residing in downtown Lowell and handicapped or disabled persons residing in downtown Lowell shall pay \$46.50 per space per month.

B. Transient (hourly) rates

Hours	Fee
Up to 1 hr	\$1.50
Up to 2 hrs	\$3.00
Up to 3 hrs	\$4.50
Up to 4 hrs	\$6.00
Up to 5 hrs	\$7.50
Up to 6 hrs	\$9.00
6 to 24 hrs	\$11.00

And inserting a new section C which shall read as follows:

“C. CPI Adjustment. All parking rates in this section shall be adjusted upward (but not downward) annually based on the Consumer Price Index plus 1% each July 1. Adjustments shall be rounded to the nearest quarter.”

5. **§266-123. Lower Locks Parking Facility.**

The schedules of parking rates at the Lower Locks Parking Facility for monthly pass card holders and transient (hourly) rate parking, effective July 1, 2023, shall be amended as follows:

A. Monthly pass card rates.

- (1) Individual pass card: \$125, market rate
- (2) Pass cards, group billing (20 or more): \$112.50, 90% of market rate
- (3) Residents of the central business district: \$100, 80% of market rate
- (4) Persons 65 years of age and over residing in downtown Lowell and handicapped or disabled persons residing in downtown Lowell shall pay \$46.50 per space per month.

B. Transient (hourly) rates

Hours	Fee
Up to 1 hr	\$1.50

Up to 2 hrs	\$3.00
Up to 3 hrs	\$4.50
Up to 4 hrs	\$6.00
Up to 5 hrs	\$7.50
Up to 6 hrs	\$9.00
6 to 24 hrs	\$11.00

And inserting a new section C which shall read as follows:

“C. CPI Adjustment. All parking rates in this section shall be adjusted upward (but not downward) annually based on the Consumer Price Index plus 1% each July 1. Adjustments shall be rounded to the nearest quarter.”

6. **§266-124. George A. Ayotte Parking Facility.**

The schedules of parking rates at the Lower Locks Parking Facility for monthly pass card holders and transient (hourly) rate parking, effective July 1, 2023, shall be amended as follows:

A. Monthly pass card rates.

- (1) Individual pass card: \$125, market rate
- (2) Pass cards, group billing (20 or more): \$112.50, 90% of market rate
- (3) Residents of the central business district: \$100, 80% of market rate
- (4) All students within the City of Lowell public school system shall pay \$33 per month per space. Persons 65 years of age and over residing in downtown Lowell and handicapped or disabled persons residing in downtown Lowell shall pay \$46.50 per space per month.
- (5) Seven hundred fifty spaces shall be provided to the Wannalancit Tech Center at the rate of \$16.75 per month as adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

B. Transient (hourly) rates

Hours	Fee
Up to 1 hr	\$1.50
Up to 2 hrs	\$3.00
Up to 3 hrs	\$4.50
Up to 4 hrs	\$6.00
Up to 5 hrs	\$7.50

Up to 6 hrs	\$9.00
6 to 24 hrs	\$11.00

And inserting a new section C which shall read as follows:

“C. CPI Adjustment. All parking rates in this section shall be adjusted upward (but not downward) annually based on the Consumer Price Index plus 1% each July 1. Adjustments shall be rounded to the nearest quarter.”

7. **§266-125. Edward J. Early Parking Garage.**

By Amending Section B as follows:

B. Parking Rates. The schedules of parking rates at the Edward J. Early Parking Garage for monthly pass card holders and transient (hourly) rate parking, effective July 1, 2023 shall be amended as follows:

(1) Monthly pass card rates.

- a. Individual pass card: \$125, market rate
- b. Pass cards, group billing (20 or more): \$112.50, 90% of market rate
- c. Residents of the central business district: \$100, 80% of market rate
- d. Persons 65 years of age and over residing in downtown Lowell and handicapped or disabled persons residing in downtown Lowell shall pay \$46.50 per space per month

(2) Transient (hourly) rates

Hours	Fee
Up to 1 hr	\$1.50
Up to 2 hrs	\$3.00
Up to 3 hrs	\$4.50
Up to 4 hrs	\$6.00
Up to 5 hrs	\$7.50
Up to 6 hrs	\$9.00
6 to 24 hrs	\$11.00

And inserting a new section E as follows:

“E. CPI Adjustment. All parking rates in this section shall be adjusted upward (but not downward) annually based on the Consumer Price Index plus 1% each July 1. Adjustments shall be rounded to the nearest quarter.”

8. **§266-126. HCID Parking Facility.**

By Amending Section B as follows:

B. Parking Rates. The schedules of parking rates at the HCID Parking Facility for monthly pass card holders and transient (hourly) rate parking, effective July 1, 2023 shall be amended as follows:

(1) Monthly pass card rates.

- a. Individual pass card: \$125, market rate
- b. Pass cards, group billing (20 or more): \$112.50, 90% of market rate
- c. Residents of the central business district: \$100, 80% of market rate
- d. Persons 65 years of age and over residing in downtown Lowell and handicapped or disabled persons residing in downtown Lowell shall pay \$46.50 per space per month

(2) Transient (hourly) rates

Hours	Fee
Up to 1 hr	\$1.50
Up to 2 hrs	\$3.00
Up to 3 hrs	\$4.50
Up to 4 hrs	\$6.00
Up to 5 hrs	\$7.50
Up to 6 hrs	\$9.00
6 to 24 hrs	\$11.00

And inserting a new section E as follows:

“E. CPI Adjustment. All parking rates in this section shall be adjusted upward (but not downward) annually based on the Consumer Price Index plus 1% each July 1. Adjustments shall be rounded to the nearest quarter.”

8. All provisions of the Lowell City Code, as amended, which are consistent with this Ordinance, shall continue in effect, but all provisions of said Code inconsistent herewith, are repealed.

9. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Corey Williams
City Solicitor

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