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**AN ORDINANCE  
BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 150 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE IV. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING, DIVISION 3 PARKING METERS, SECTION 131 ENFORCEMENT AND SECTION 132 PARKING METER ZONES; TIME LIMITS; FEES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta's ("City") current parking meter enforcement zone regulations were originally established in 2009 and do not adequately address the rapidly changing conditions for on-street parking throughout Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, the current parking meter enforcement zone methodology results in a one-size fits all system that does not take neighborhood specific context or off-street parking availability into consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the current static enforcement zones link time limits to hours of enforcement which prevents the City from responding to request for shorter maximum time limits and longer enforcement hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works recommends amending Chapter 150 Traffic and Vehicles, Article IV Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 3 Parking Meters, Section 131 Enforcement and Section 132 Parking meter zones; time limits; fees in order to enable the City to respond to parking demands tailored to specific neighborhoods, accommodate requests for on-street parking management during large scale events within the City, increase parking turnover to benefit patrons for restaurants and businesses and decrease unpermitted valet parking operation and vehicles parked in no parking areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:**

**SECTION 1:** That Chapter 150, Traffic and Vehicles, Article IV, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 3, Parking Meters, Section 131, Enforcement and Section 132, Parking Meter Zones; time limit; fees of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances shall be amended such that it shall read as follows (with permanent amendments in bold font and permanent deletions in strikeout font):

**DIVISION 3. - PARKING METERS**

**Sec. 150-131. - Enforcement.**

Enforcement of this division, including issuance of citations for vehicles parked in restricted areas, shall be the responsibility of parking enforcement officers, the parking management service, and/or the police chief, or designee.

- (a) Parking enforcement officer means non-sworn personnel designated by the commissioner of the public works, and appointed by the police chief, or his designee as code enforcement agents pursuant to section 98-1 of the Code of Ordinances, for the purpose of enforcing parking regulations including issuance of citations, towing of vehicles, and/or



immobilization of vehicles parked in restricted areas. In order to enforce these code provisions, these employees must apply for and receive the status of code enforcement agent.

- (b) Parking management service is the private vendor retained by the City of Atlanta that employs off duty or retired police officers to perform services described in subsection (c) below, and in addition, that employs non-sworn personnel (parking management agents) **that who** are authorized to issue parking citations for vehicles that are illegally parked only in the following three instances:

- (1) The issuance of citations for vehicles ~~that violate~~ **in violation of** the provisions of Atlanta City Code Section 150-132 which provides for parking time limits at metered parking spaces.
- (2) The issuance of citations for vehicles that violate **in violation of** the provisions of Atlanta City Code Section 150-133 which prohibits overtime parking at metered parking spaces.
- (3) The issuance of citations for vehicles that are illegally parked on streets that are included in residential permit ~~service for the purpose of enforcing City of Atlanta parking regulations~~, including the issuance of citations for vehicles that are illegally parked, and the immobilization and impoundment of vehicles that are illegally parked; or
- (4) ~~Any retired police officer presently employed by the parking management service for the purpose of enforcing City of Atlanta parking regulations, including the issuance of citations for vehicles that are illegally parked, and the immobilization and impoundment of vehicles that are illegally parked.~~

- (c) Violations of the provisions of Atlanta Code of Ordinances Sections 150-132, which provides for parking time limits at metered parking spaces, and 150-133, which prohibits overtime parking at metered parking spaces, shall be deemed non-criminal. The imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to sections 150-132 and 150-133 shall not be deemed a conviction and shall not be made a part of the criminal record of the person upon which such a penalty is imposed.

Sec. 150-132. - Parking meter time limits; fees.

- (a) ~~(a) Parking meter zones are hereby established as follows:~~

- (1) ~~Business/government.~~

- a. ~~This is an area where parking is occupied by patrons of businesses or government offices with high need for turnover parking.~~
- b. ~~Enforcement days are Monday through Saturday.~~
- c. ~~Enforcement hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.~~
- d. ~~Parking time limit is two hours.~~

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~~(2) Mixed use.~~

- ~~a. This is an area where buildings have multiple uses which include both residential and commercial but do not historically have on-site parking.~~
- ~~b. Enforcement days are Monday through Friday.~~
- ~~c. Enforcement hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.~~
- ~~d. Parking time limit is three hours.~~

~~(3) School/university.~~

- ~~a. This is an area where the majority of parking is occupied by attendees of post-secondary colleges and/or universities.~~
- ~~b. Enforcement days are Monday through Saturday.~~
- ~~c. Enforcement hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.~~
- ~~d. Parking time limit is three hours.~~

~~(4) Entertainment/restaurant/hospital.~~

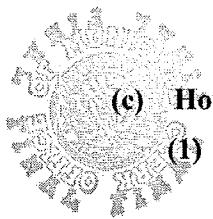
- ~~a. This is an area where the majority of parking is occupied by patrons of theaters, museums, restaurants, other entertainment venues, and hospitals.~~
- ~~b. Enforcement days are Monday through Saturday.~~
- ~~c. Enforcement hours are 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.~~
- ~~d. Parking time limit is four hours.~~

**(a) The designation of maximum time limits shall be determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, or his designee. Maximum time limits for metered streets may be set at:**

- (1) 1-hour maximum limit**
- (2) 2-hour maximum limit**
- (3) 3-hour maximum limit**
- (4) 4-hour maximum limit**
- (5) Variable maximum times**
  - i. Maximum time limit before 5:00 pm is 2-hours**
  - ii. Maximum time limits after 5:00 pm and on weekends may be 3-hours or 4-hours**
- (6) No maximum time limit**

**(b) Days of parking meter enforcement are from Monday to Saturday**

**(1) Upon written request, parking meter enforcement may be permitted on Sundays during special events or stadium events.**



**(c) Hours of parking enforcement are from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.**

**(1) Reduced hours of enforcement may be utilized for areas where buildings have multiple uses which include both residential and commercial but do not historically have on-site parking. Reduced hours of enforcement are from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Monday to Friday.**

**(2) Upon written request from the neighborhood association and approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, or designee, parking enforcement hours may be extended until 2:00 am to manage activity near nightclubs and bars.**

**(d b) The period of time of parking in areas designated as parking meter **time limits** shall be registered by parking meters, and the charges which are reasonably necessary to defray the expenses incident thereto for this parking shall be as set out in subsection (e) of this section.**

**(e e) Such meters shall provide for maximum time limits as indicated on each meter, where the maximum time limit at parking meters shall be determined by the parking meter zone. The fee in each instance shall be at the rate of \$1.00 per half an hour of time allowed.**

**(fd) Vehicles which have purchased a currently valid truck loading zone/parking meter pass pursuant to Atlanta City Code section 150-111(c) shall be permitted to park at all parking meter spaces in the City of Atlanta without charge for a period not to exceed the maximum time limit indicated on each meter or 30 minutes, whichever is more.**

**(ge) The municipal court is authorized to impose a civil monetary penalty against persons who violate this section in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each such violation.**

**(hf) Parking signage shall accurately reflect the City's Code of Ordinances provisions as applied to days and times of parking enforcement. If there is a conflict between on-street parking signage and associated parking meters with respect to days, hours of enforcement, and/or maximum parking times, the information contained in the parking signage shall apply.**

**(ig) Within designated food truck areas, food trucks permitted in accordance with Chapter 30, Article XXIII shall not be subject to the parking time limits contained in this division, but must comply with all further provisions contained therein.**

**SECTION 2: Should any ordinance or part thereof be found in conflict with this Ordinance or the provisions thereof, then those sections contained herein shall be deemed controlling.**

**SECTION 3: That the Municipal Clerk is instructed to retain all legislative history references in the codified version of Chapter 150, not deleting any such references, but amending them to include this Ordinance.**

A true copy,

Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council  
APPROVED per City Charter Section 2-403

JAN 07, 2019  
JAN 16, 2019