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ORDINANCE _____

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Effective January 1, 2007, Section 17.19.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

17.19.010 Seattle Center parking charges

A. Authorization to Establish Charges. The Seattle Center Director may establish, by rules adopted pursuant to Chapter 3.02 of the Seattle Municipal Code, ~~r~~Regular and ~~s~~pecial charges for the use of parking facilities operated by the Seattle Center Department whether or not located within the bounds of the Seattle Center as defined by Ordinance 90160. All parking charges shall be inclusive of any taxes.

B. Regular Charges. The ~~r~~Regular Seattle Center parking charges shall be composed of ~~four (4)~~ three (3) types of charges: Nonevent charges, Event charges, ~~Stacked Parking charges~~ and Monthly charges. Regular ~~p~~Parking charges shall apply to all vehicles (including vehicles displaying disabled permits) unless the vehicle qualifies for a ~~s~~pecial ~~p~~Parking charge pursuant to this section or rules adopted under this section. The ~~r~~Regular Parking charge shall be prorated commensurate with the size and number of parking space(s) required by vehicles, such as motorcycles,

mopeds, buses, and other over- or undersized vehicles.

1. Nonevent: Nonevent charges shall be in effect during times and in parking locations when parking demand is low as determined by the Director and shall not be less than One Dollar (\$1.00 for the first hour of parking nor greater than Eight Dollars (\$8.00 for any ten (10) hour period.
2. Event: Regular Event charges shall be in effect during times and in parking locations when parking demand is high as determined by the Director and shall not be less than Three Dollars (\$3.00 for the first hour of parking nor greater than Thirty Dollars (\$30.00 for any ten (10) hour period.
- ~~3. Stacked Parking. Stacked Parking charges apply whenever vehicles are parked bumper-to-bumper to maximize available space for a specific event on a nonreserved basis. Stacked Parking charges shall be not less than Three Dollars (\$3) nor more than Six Dollars (\$6) per vehicle for the specified event period. Vehicles may not exit the parking location prior to the end of the event and shall exit immediately after the event. A vehicle not moved immediately after an event may be towed.~~
- 4 3. Monthly Parking. Monthly Parking charges shall be not less than Thirty Dollars (\$30.00 nor greater than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00 for a ~~m~~Monthly ~~p~~ Parking permit valid on a space available basis. The ~~m~~ Monthly ~~p~~ Parking charge may be prorated when a ~~m~~ Monthly ~~p~~ Parking permit is purchased for only a portion of a month, in accordance with rules adopted under this section.

C. Special Parking Charges. At the discretion of the Seattle Center Director or such official's designee, ~~s~~Special ~~p~~ Parking charges may be established as follows:

1. Monthly Parking Discounts. For the simultaneous purchase, not for resale at a profit, of ten (10) or more ~~m~~Monthly ~~p~~ Parking permits for a given month, a discounted charge equal to not less than seventy-five (75) percent of the ~~m~~ Monthly ~~p~~ Parking charge ~~;~~.
2. Parking Scrip. For the simultaneous purchase, not for resale at a profit, of one (1) or more books of Seattle Center parking scrip or the simultaneous purchase, not for resale at a profit, of one hundred (100) or more ~~d~~Daily ~~p~~ Parking tickets, a discounted charge equal to not less than seventy-five (75) percent of the ~~r~~Regular ~~p~~ Parking charge therefor~~;~~.
3. Park and Ride Program. For the purchase, not for resale at a profit, of a parking permit for a given month by a participant in a Seattle Center Park and Ride program, a discounted charge equal to not less than fifty (50) percent of the ~~M~~monthly ~~P~~ parking charge~~;~~.
4. Reserved Parking Program. For the privilege of participating in the Mercer Street Garage or the Seattle Center Facility Reserved Area Parking Program (under which a parking space in such garage/lot is reserved for the participant, a charge of not more than Thirty Dollars (\$30.00 for the period of time coinciding with the event reservation plus a service charge of not less than One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) nor more than Three Dollars (\$3.00 for each parking order~~;~~.
- ~~5. Reserved Stacked Parking Program. For the privilege of participating in the Reserved Stacked Parking Program (under which a stacked parking space in such garage/lot is reserved for the participant on not less than three (3) dates that are specified by the participant), a charge of not more than Six Dollars (\$6) for each parking ticket, during the time periods specified by the participant plus a service charge of not less than One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) nor more than Three Dollars (\$3) for each parking order. Vehicles may not exit the parking location prior to the end of the event and shall exit immediately after the event. A vehicle not moved immediately after an event may be towed;~~
- 6 5. Vehicle In-and-Out Privileges. For the privilege of moving a vehicle in and out of a Seattle Center parking facility when a ~~D~~daily ~~P~~ parking ticket is purchased, a surcharge of not more than Two Dollars (\$2.00 ~~;~~.
- 7 6. Event Carpool. To encourage carpooling during Seattle Center festivals and events as designated by the Director, Event Carpool charges may be established based on vehicle occupancy, shall not exceed a rate of Twenty Dollars

(\$20.00 and shall be implemented at parking locations as designated by the Director. During designated Seattle Center festivals and events, the Event Carpool charge for vehicles displaying valid disabled permits shall not exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00 regardless of vehicle occupancy. Seattle Center employees on paid status during designated Seattle Center festivals will pay the lowest festival carpool rate regardless of vehicle occupancy.

~~8~~ 7. In Excess of Ten (10) Hours. For parking in excess of ten (10) hours up to a total of twenty-four (24) hours, a fee equal to twice the applicable Event or Nonevent ~~P~~ parking charge for the designated location.

~~9. Frequent User Pass. For the nonrefundable purchase, not for resale at a profit, of a frequent user pass produced by the client and validated by Seattle Center for parking on five (5) or more specific dates with entry prior to a specified time of day for a duration of not more than two (2) hours of parking, a discounted charge equal to not less than fifty (50) percent of the Event charge;~~

~~10~~ 8. Parking Coupons. For the privilege of having the Seattle Center Department honor parking coupons, a charge per event as follows:

a. If the Seattle Center Department incurs any costs for the production of the parking coupons or any incremental staffing costs due to their use, then the greater of (i) the ~~r~~Regular ~~p~~Parking charges that would apply to the parking of all vehicles for which the parking coupons are used plus the incremental staffing costs and actual production costs incurred by the Seattle Center Department, or (ii) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00);

b. If the Seattle Center Department incurs neither costs for the production of the parking coupons nor incremental staffing costs due to their use, then the greater of (i) the ~~r~~Regular ~~p~~Parking charges that would apply to the parking of all vehicles for which the parking coupons are used, or (ii) Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

For purposes of this subsection, a parking coupon is a coupon authorized in advance by the Seattle Center Director or his or her designee, containing at a minimum the limitations and conditions and instructions specified by the Director or his or her designee, that is distributed by the sponsor of an event or activity expected to require the use of parking facilities operated by the Seattle Center Department, and that is surrendered by the driver of a vehicle at a parking facility operated by the Seattle Center Department in lieu of payment at the time of parking there.

~~11~~ 9. Short-term Premises Licensees. For the purchase of a permit issued to short-term premises licensees for use of Seattle Center parking facilities for a specified duration, with in-and-out privileges, a charge of not less than Six Dollars (\$6.00 and not more than Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day.

D. Permits for Parking Without Charge. At the discretion of the Seattle Center Director, parking permits may be issued, without charge, to individuals providing uncompensated service to the Seattle Center Department or to the Seattle Center Advisory Commission, to any officer or employee of The City of Seattle or other governmental entity, or to any person in order to facilitate any contractor engaged in a construction or demolition project at Seattle Center, ~~or to attendees of regularly scheduled veterans meetings held in the Veteran's Hall,~~ or to enhance public safety.

E. When Parking Charges Due and Payable. All parking charges imposed pursuant to this section shall be due and payable in advance or as of the commencement of the use of the subject parking area except when 1) a short-term premises licensee has contracted to pay for parking fees as part of the Seattle Center Licensing Agreement, 2) a parking coupon is used, pursuant to subsection C. 8., or 3) automated parking equipment is installed in the parking facility which prohibits exiting the facility unless proof of payment is provided.

F. Enforcement of Parking Charges. A parking surcharge equal to no more than Five Dollars (\$5.00 shall be due and payable whenever the applicable parking charge has not been paid at or before the time such parking charge became due and payable. An additional parking surcharge equal to no more than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00 shall be due and payable whenever the applicable parking charge or the first surcharge has not been paid within fourteen (14) days after the time the parking charge became due and payable. At the discretion of the Director, the Department may allow all or a portion of the parking surcharges collected by an agent to be retained by the agent in exchange for said agent's collection and remittance of the parking charge to the Seattle Center.

G. Nonpublic Parking Use of Parking Facilities. The Seattle Center Director or such official's designee is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City, licensing agreements for the use of all or a portion of a parking facility for a client's exclusive use for such times as such facility is not required for public parking or in use by contract made pursuant to a specific ordinance, at a discounted charge equal to not less than fifty (50) percent of the Nonevent charge therefor.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2006, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this ____ day of _____, 2006.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2006.

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2006.

City Clerk

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