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ORDINANCE NO. 018763

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.56 (PARKING METERS), SECTION 12.56.020 (INSTALLATION), AMENDING SUBSECTION C, AS WELL AS SECTION 12.56.030 (PARKING SPACE DESIGNATION – USE), SECTION 12.56.040 (OPERATION – TIME LIMITS), SECTION 12.56.050 (USE OF SLUGS UNLAWFUL), AND SECTION 12.56.070 (APPLICABILITY OF PROCEEDS) TO REMOVE TOKENS AS A METHOD OF PAYMENT AND TO EXTEND THE APPLICABILITY OF PROCEEDS FROM 2025 UNTIL 2042 FOR THE CENTRAL TRAFFIC DISTRICT AND THE SOUTH EL PASO DISTRICT; AND AMENDING SECTION 12.56.020 (INSTALLATION) SUBSECTION F TO UPDATE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE UPTOWN PARKING BENEFIT DISTRICT, TO REINSERT AN INADVERTENTLY REMOVED EXCEPTION TO THE REGULAR HOURS OF PARKING METER FEES ON A PORTION OF NORTH COLDWELL STREET, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO THE FEE ALONG A PORTION OF CINCINNATI AVENUE; THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12.84.010 (VIOLATION – PENALTY) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the municipal code allows the City to regulate and manage on-street parking demand through various parking meter regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City no longer uses tokens as a payment method at parking meters, and the City Council wishes to remove the outdated language in the City Code allowing for tokens to be used as parking meter payment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to update the boundaries of the Uptown Parking Benefit District; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to reinsert in the City Code a previous inadvertently removed 24-hour parking meter fee requirement to a portion of N. Coldwell Street; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to provide a fifteen minute exception to the standard parking meter fee along a portion of Cincinnati Avenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

**SECTION 1.** That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.56 (Parking Meters), Section 12.56.020 (Installation), Subsections 12.56.020.C and F of the El Paso City Code be amended as follows:

## 12.56.020 (Installation)

C. Reserved.

F. Parking meter fees shall apply in all areas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. of every day except on officially designated city holidays and Sundays. The International Bridges Director shall make recommendations to city council for exceptions to the days and times when parking meter fees shall apply.

Exceptions:

1. Parking meter fees shall not apply during the hours of the day when the fee is specifically exempted for special downtown events or events permitted with a special privilege license and event permit.
2. Reserved.
3. Parking meter fees shall not apply on Mills Avenue north side, between Campbell Street and Virginia Avenue on Tuesdays during scheduled city council meetings.
4. Parking meter fees shall apply within the Uptown Parking Benefit District, bounded as described in Section 12.88.230 of the City Code, as amended, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00am of every day except on officially designated city holidays and Sundays.
5. Without affecting the provisions of Section 12.56.020 F.3, parking meter fees shall not apply for the first hour during which a vehicle is parked at a parking meter on the north side of East Mills Street between North Campbell Street and North Virginia Avenue. If a vehicle is parked for more than one hour at that location, the established parking meter rates shall apply.
6. Parking meter fees shall not apply for the first hour during which a vehicle is parked at a parking meter on the north side of Texas Avenue between North Virginia Avenue and North Saint Vrain Street. If a vehicle is parked for more than one hour at that location, the established parking meter rates shall apply.
7. Parking meter fees shall apply on the portion of N. Coldwell St. within "Zone A" of the Downtown Parking District for a 24-hour period of every day except on officially designated holidays.
8. Parking meter fees shall not apply for the first 15 minutes during which a vehicle is parked at a parking meter along Cincinnati Avenue between Mesa Street to the west and Stanton Street to the east. If a vehicle is parked for more than 15 minutes at that location, the established parking meter rates shall apply.

**SECTION 2.** That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.56 (Parking Meters), Section 12.56.030 (Parking Space Designation - Use), Subsection 12.56.030.D of the El Paso City Code be amended as follows:

**12.56.030 (Parking Space Designation - Use)**

D. No person shall park a vehicle in any such designated parking meter space during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the metered parking space in which such meter is located so that any part of such vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the markings designating such space, or so that any part of such vehicle occupies or protrudes into the maneuvering area at the front or back of such space, except that a vehicle which is of a size too large to be parked within a single designated parking meter space shall be permitted to occupy two adjoining parking meter spaces when coins, a parking meter fee debit card, or other approved payment method shall have been deposited in the parking meter for each space so occupied as is required in this chapter for the parking of other vehicles in such space.

**SECTION 3.** That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.56 (Parking Meters), Section 12.56.040 (Operation – Time Limits.), Subsections 12.56.040.A-D of the El Paso City Code be amended as follows:

**12.56.040 (Operation – Time Limits)**

A. Except as provided in subsection G. of this section, it shall be a violation for a person to park a vehicle in any parking space upon a street alongside of and next to which a parking meter has been installed during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the metered parking space in which such meter is located unless a coin or coins of United States currency, a parking meter fee debit card, or other approved payment method of the appropriate denominations as provided in this chapter shall have been deposited therein, or shall have been previously deposited therein for an unexpired interval of time, and such meter has been placed in operation.

B. No person shall permit a vehicle within his control to be parked in any such parking meter space during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the metered parking space in which such meter is located when the parking meter for such space indicates by signal that the lawful parking time in such space has expired. This provision shall not apply to the act of parking or the necessary time which is required to deposit immediately thereafter a coin or coins, parking meter fee debit card, or other approved payment method in such meter.

C. Except as provided in subsections D., E., and G. of this section, it shall be a violation for a person to park a vehicle in any parking meter space for a consecutive period of time longer than that permitted in the metered parking space in which such meter is located irrespective of the number or amounts of the coins, parking meter fee debit card, or other approved payment method that are deposited for such meter. Each parking meter shall reflect the specific time limitation for that meter.

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D. Placing of additional coins, parking meter fee debit card, or other approved payment method in parking meters located on city-owned properties outside the right-of-way of city streets beyond the prescribed maximum time limit shall be permitted. What

**SECTION 4.** That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.56 (Parking Meters), Section 12.56.050 (Use of Slugs Unlawful) of the El Paso City Code be amended as follows:

**12.56.050 (Use of Slugs Unlawful)**

It is unlawful for any person to deposit in any parking meter anything other than the required United States coin or coins or parking meter fee debit card.

**SECTION 5.** That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.56 (Parking Meters), Section 12.56.070 (Applicability of Proceeds) of the El Paso City Code be amended as follows:

**12.56.070 Applicability of Proceeds.**

A. Revenue collected under this section from parking meters may be used for any lawful purpose; except that revenue collected within the Central Traffic District and South El Paso District on Saturdays shall, from September 6, 2016 until August 31, 2042, be placed in a designated fund for the following projects:

1. Payment of the Plaza Theatre debt;
2. Paseo de las Luces—Street lighting and maintenance project;
3. Sun City Lights Project—Citywide.

B. The coins deposited in parking meters shall be collected by the duly authorized agents of the International Bridges Director. It shall be the duty of such persons so designated to collect the coins as deposited in the meters and deliver such coins in a sealed or locked container to a bank for deposit to the account of the city. The city comptroller shall receive an accounting of such deposits daily.

**SECTION 6.** That except as expressly herein amended, Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.56 (Parking Meters) of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

*(Signatures appear on following page)*

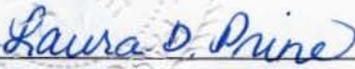
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