



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Change to Parking Meter Rates, Adjustments to Parking Meter Zone Boundaries, and Changes in Maximum Parking Durations at On-street Metered Locations

Date:	April 19, 2007
To:	Planning and Growth Management Committee
From:	President, The Toronto Parking Authority
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain City Council authority to amend the existing regulations concerning rates and durations of stay at on-street metered parking locations. The recommended rate changes represent increases which are generally consistent with the Toronto consumer price deflator and with fare changes which have been undertaken by the TTC since the current meter rates were enacted in July of 1999.

The City currently operates four metered rate zones with rates as indicated in the following Table:

Zone	Rate Per Hour	Number of Spaces
AA	\$3.00	770
A	\$2.00	2,540
B	\$1.50	7,950
C	\$1.00	6,230

The rates in Zones A, B, and C were established by City Council in July of 1999 and have been in effect since that time, although the rates at some of the meters in rate Zone B were increased from then the pre-amalgamation existing rate of \$0.50 per hour to the current rate of \$1.50 per hour in two steps. Zone AA was created out of need in April of

2004 to address usage levels which were exceeding the supply of available parking spaces in the commercial core of the city.

A new rate zone with a rate of \$1.00 per hour is proposed for metered spaces in areas of the city where meters are required to encourage turnover but the overall levels of activity are relatively low at most time. These areas are generally located in the former cities of Etobicoke, Scarborough and York and are indicated on the Map provided.

At the present time metered spaces allow a maximum parking duration of 2 hours from 08:00 to 17:59 from Monday to Saturday and three hours at other times. It is being recommended that the maximum duration be increased to 3 hours at all times. This will accommodate trips such as medical and dental visits and dining trips where the parker expects to complete the activity within two hours but experiences unexpected and unpredictable delays.

The Authority is requesting an amendment to Chapter 179 of the Municipal Code to increase its delegated rate setting ceiling from \$2.00 to \$3.50. The \$2.00 ceiling was established in 1999 when this rate reflected the highest rate then in effect. As the highest rate will now rise to \$3.50 it is appropriate to increase the ceiling accordingly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The President of the Toronto Parking Authority recommends that:

1. City Council approve the following changes to the existing on-street meter rates.
 - a. Where the current rate is \$3.00 (Zone AA) to increase the rate to \$3.50 per hour;
 - b. Where the current rate is \$2.00 (Zone A) to increase the rate to \$2.50 per hour;
 - c. Where the current rate is \$1.50 (Zone B) to increase the rate to \$2.00 per hour; and
 - d. Where the current rate is \$1.00 (Zone C) to increase the rate to \$1.50 per hour, except at Zone C locations which are to be re-designated as Zone D (\$1.00 per hour).
2. City Council authorize the establishment of a new rate Zone 'D' with a rate of \$1.00 per hour for the locations indicated as rate Zone 'D' on the Map provided.
3. City Council designate the on-street meter spaces in the area bounded by Bloor Street, University Avenue, College Street and Spadina Avenue as Zone A from the current Zone B designation.
4. City Council authorize an increase in the maximum allowable duration of stay to three hours at all metered spaces which currently have a maximum duration of stay of two hours.
5. City Council amend Chapter 179 (7)(D) of the City of Toronto Municipal Code to adjust the Authority's delegated authority to change rates from the existing upper limit of \$2.00 per hour to \$3.50 per hour with consent of the impacted Ward Councillor.
6. City Council authorize the appropriate City officials to undertake the actions necessary to implement recommendations 1 to 5.

Financial Impact

The changes recommended when fully implemented will increase the monthly revenue generated at on-street metered locations by approximately \$500,000 per month. The Authority will incur costs of \$1,075,000 to implement the changes. Funds have been allocated in the Authority's capital budget to undertake the change.

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President

Attachments:

1. Report on Changes to On-Street Rates
2. Rate Zone Map