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1 [Transportation Code – Limits for Parking at Inoperable/Broken Meters]

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3 **Ordinance amending San Francisco Transportation Code, Division I, by amending**
4 **Section 7.2.30 to establish a two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or**
5 **broken parking meters for on-street parking, and adding Section 7.2.65 to establish a**
6 **two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters for**
7 **off-street parking.**

8 NOTE: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;
9 deletions are ~~strike-through italics Times New Roman~~.
10 Board amendment additions are double-underlined;
11 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough-normal~~.

12 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

13 Section 1. The San Francisco Transportation Code is hereby amended by amending
14 Section 7.2.30, to read as follows:

15 **SEC. 7.2.30. OVERTIME PARKING.**

16 For the operator of any vehicle Parked on the street:

17 (a) To Park a vehicle for longer than posted time restrictions within the Downtown
18 Core; (32(c)(1))

19 (b) To Park a vehicle for longer than applicable posted time restrictions on the street
20 outside the Downtown Core; (32(c)(2)) or

21 (c) To permit any vehicle to remain Parked at a Parking Meter beyond the
22 maximum time permitted for Parking at that Parking Meter within the Downtown Core. Any
23 vehicle Parked at an inoperable or broken Parking Meter for which Parking is permitted in excess of
24 two hours shall be permitted to Park for a maximum time period of two hours. (202.1)

25 (d) To permit any vehicle to remain Parked at a Parking Meter beyond the
maximum time permitted for Parking at that Parking Meter outside the Downtown Core. Any

1 vehicle Parked at an inoperable or broken Parking Meter for which Parking is permitted in excess of
2 two hours shall be permitted to Park for a maximum time period of two hours. (202)

3 (e) Each hour or portion thereof that a vehicle is Parked in violation of this Section
4 shall be a separate and distinct offense, except that in a yellow zone indicated by yellow paint
5 on the curb, any non-commercial vehicle may be issued no more than one citation per one-
6 half hour for violations of time restrictions, and no vehicle may be issued more than two
7 citations within a 12-hour period. (32, 38.G)

8 Section 2. The San Francisco Transportation Code is hereby amended by adding
9 Section 7.2.65, to read as follows:

10 **SEC. 7.2.65. OVERTIME PARKING.**

11 For the operator of any vehicle Parked in a Municipal Parking Facility:

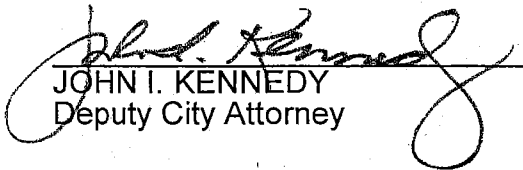
12 (a) To Park a vehicle for longer than posted time restrictions; or

13 (b) To permit any vehicle to remain Parked at a Parking Meter beyond the maximum time
14 permitted for Parking at that Parking Meter. Any vehicle Parked at an inoperable or broken Parking
15 Meter for which Parking is permitted in excess of two hours shall be permitted to Park for a maximum
16 time period of two hours.

17 (c) Each hour or portion thereof that a vehicle is Parked in violation of this Section shall be
18 a separate and distinct offense, but no vehicle may be issued more than two citations within a 12-hour
19 period.

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21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
22 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

23 By:

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25 JOHN I. KENNEDY
Deputy City Attorney

Categorically exempt from Environmental
Review Class/Section 15060(c)(2) non-physical change.

Gerald Robbins 5-19-11

Gerald Robbins Date
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

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March 18, 2011

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

Attached please find an original and four copies of a proposed ordinance for Board of Supervisors approval, which would establish a two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters for on- and off-street parking.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board recommends the Board of Supervisors amend the San Francisco Transportation Code, Division I by amending Section 7.2.30 to establish a two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters for on-street parking, and adding Section 7.2.65 to establish a two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters for off-street parking.

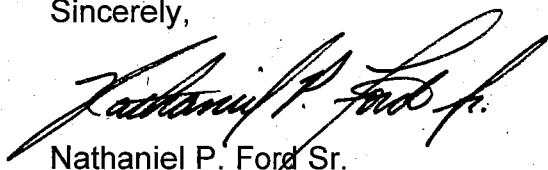
In addition to the ordinance, please find enclosed the following attachments:

- 1) briefing memorandum
- 2) copy of the SFMTA Board resolution

The SFMTA respectfully request this item be heard at the earliest possible meeting in order to implement this policy change in conjunction with or shortly after the launch of SFpark.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Lorraine Fuqua at 415.701.4678.

Sincerely,



Nathaniel P. Ford Sr.
Executive Director/CEO

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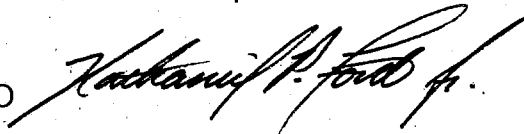
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 18, 2011

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Nathaniel P. Ford Sr.
Executive Director/CEOSUBJECT: Request for approval of amending Transportation Code, Division I
Sections 7.2.30 and 7.2.65 to establish a two hour maximum time limit for
parking at broken parking meters

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board recommends the Board of Supervisors amend the San Francisco Transportation Code, Division I by amending Section 7.2.30 to establish a two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters for on-street parking, and adding Section 7.2.65 to establish a two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters for off-street parking.

Goals of this policy change include:

- 1) Create a uniform, easily understood meter enforcement policy that balances public interest in using available parking spaces with the need to discourage vandalism.
- 2) Improve parking management in the City, including making all parking rules consistent and transparent to the public.
- 3) Anticipate the impact of relaxed time limits at meters, which are expected to greatly increase customer satisfaction with meters and make parking regulations less punitive.
- 4) Ensure fairness and equity between people parking at meters. The two hour time limit at broken meters will discourage people from monopolizing these spaces.

BACKGROUND

Current law and City policy permit patrons to park at inoperable or broken on-street and off-street parking meters for the maximum amount of time for parking at that

meter. In December 2010, the SFMTA Board of Directors rejected a proposal for a one hour citywide limit at broken meters and referred the matter to the Board's Policy and Governance (PAG) committee. On January 11, 2011, the PAG Committee recommended that the parking limit at broken parking meters be extended to two hours. In February 2011, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved the recommendation for a two hour citywide limit at broken meters.

The SFMTA Board considered different variations of this policy, examining case studies from other cities. Los Angeles, for example, does not allow any parking at broken meters. After considering different variations, the Board made the determination that a two hour time limit at a broken meter would be the most equitable and acceptable option for the public wishing to utilize available parking spaces; for businesses that benefit from parking availability and turnover; and for the SFMTA which wishes to avoid an increase in meter vandalism and simplify enforcement procedures.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed amendments to the Transportation Code would establish a citywide two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken meters for both on- and off-street metered parking. Parking at inoperable or broken meters with time limits of less than two hours (e.g. fifteen or thirty minutes) would be limited to the maximum amount of time permitted for parking at that meter.

Board of Supervisors approval is required to amend Division I of the Transportation Code. To codify this modification, Section 7.2.30 would be amended to establish a two-hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters for on-street parking, and Section 7.2.65 would be added to establish a two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters for off-street parking.

Establishing this policy also provides a number of benefits:

- 1) Disincentive to meter vandalism. Meter vandalism currently stands on a given day at about 1.2 to 2 percent, or 300 – 500 meters out of approximately 26,000 installed citywide, but could increase as meter parking limits are adjusted and potentially lengthened during the pilot period in the *SFpark* metered areas of the City. *SFpark* will experiment with relaxing meter time limits, initially setting a four hour time limit in pilot areas and no time limit in a sub-area. Relaxed time limits could increase the incentive to vandalize meters and make enforcement more confusing as the rules for parking at broken meters will begin to vary significantly. If the number of broken meters increases, this could hinder parking turnover that provides access to nearby businesses.

- 2) A two-hour maximum at all meters where parking is permitted in excess of two hours is a simple and uniform message that can be enforced and communicated clearly to customers on a decal on all meters, whether single or multi-space.

In the short term, there will not be a major practical change, as most meters will go from a one to a two hour time limit at broken meters. The SFMTA would benefit significantly from having this two hour maximum time limit at broken meters in place ahead of other changes to parking regulations, both Citywide and related to *SFpark*, in order to minimize customer confusion.

Upon enactment of the proposed ordinance, a resolution will be submitted to the SFMTA Board to amend Division II, Section 302 to establish a fine amount for violations of Section 7.2.65 (off-street parking). For on-street parking, a \$55 fine is currently imposed for violations occurring outside the downtown area and \$65 within this area. In addition, vandalism rates will be monitored for a period of six months.

FUNDING IMPACT

This action is expected to be revenue and cost neutral.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

In December 2010, SFMTA Board considered and rejected a proposal for a one hour citywide limit at broken meters.

STATUS

On February 1, 2011, the SFMTA Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 11-019, which authorized the Executive Director/CEO of the SFMTA to recommend to the Board of Supervisors Transportation Code changes establishing a two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters.

RECOMMENDATION

The SFMTA Board requests that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached ordinance to amend the San Francisco Transportation Code, Division I by amending Section 7.2.30 to establish a two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters for on-street parking, and adding Section 7.2.65 to establish a two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters for off-street parking.

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MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESOLUTION No. 11-019

WHEREAS, Current law and City policy permits patrons to park at an inoperable or broken on-street and off-street parking meters for the maximum amount of time permitted for parking at that meter; and,

WHEREAS, The Parking and Governance Committee of the SFMTA Board has reviewed the issue and recommended that a two-hour limit be imposed on broken meters; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed amendments to the Transportation Code would establish a citywide two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken meters for both on-street and off-street metered parking; and,

WHEREAS, Parking at inoperable or broken meters with time limits of less than two hours would be limited to the maximum amount of time permitted for parking at that meter; and,

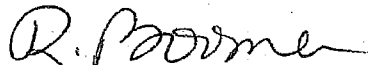
WHEREAS, A two-hour maximum time limit at all meters where parking is permitted in excess of two hours is a simple and uniform message that should deter vandalism and can be enforced and communicated clearly to customers on a decal on all meters, whether single or multi-space; and,

WHEREAS, Upon passage of the ordinance, staff will submit a resolution to the SFMTA Board to amend Division II, Section 302 to establish a fine amount for violations of Section 7.2.65; and,

WHEREAS, Modifications to Division I of the Transportation Code, which is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors, requires their approval of the ordinance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve amendments to the San Francisco Transportation Code, Division I, by amending Section 7.2.30 to establish a two-hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters for on-street parking, and adding Section 7.2.65 to establish a two hour maximum time limit for parking at inoperable or broken parking meters for off-street parking; and, be it further

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of FEB 01 2011.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

