

ORDINANCE NO. 2512

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AMENDING DIVISIONS 4 AND 10 OF ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE CITY CODE OF REDWOOD CITY RELATING TO PARKING IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Redwood City adopted an ordinance at its meeting on April 28, 2014 updating the policies and procedures by which the City will manage its off street parking; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City completed a parking study in 2019. The study made recommendations to improve the operation and management of the parking program so that it better meets the changing needs of downtown activities and businesses as well as the financial sustainability of the parking program; and

WHEREAS, the parking study in 2019 found that there are off-street parking facilities that are over-subscribed during weekday peak periods and during periods outside the current meter hours; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City in 2020 experienced significant impacts to parking operations due to the Covid-19 pandemic. While the City is in the process of recovering, the impacts are still being felt in 2022 and leading to lower parking demand than before the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City completed a parking study in 2021. The study found that the parking demand was still below pre-pandemic levels. The study showed that significant progress had been made to recovering from the lowest demand of the pandemic. Based on the progress seen, it is anticipated that parking demand will return to pre-pandemic levels in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City and its Council acknowledge the benefit of managing parking through market-based pricing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City and its Council support the continued economic viability of downtown buildings with no, or limited, dedicated parking; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to retain a limited number of parking spaces near the Downtown Library for access to library staff; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is adopted in accordance with Chapter 9 (STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING) of Division 11 of the California Vehicle Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Redwood City Municipal Code is hereby amended as shown in the following Sections by adding the text shown in double underline (example) and deleting the text shown in strikethrough (~~example~~). The preceding Section, following table of contents and text in brackets, [example] are informational only and need not be published in the Municipal Code.

Section 2. Chapter 20, Article VII, Division 5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

DIVISION 5. ON-STREET PARKING METER ZONES AND RATES

Sec. 20.130. MANNER OF ESTABLISHING ON-STREET PARKING METER ZONES:

Parking meter zones in streets and public rights-of-way, the rate of parking fees and regulations for use therein shall be as established in this Division.

Sec. 20.131. ESTABLISHMENT OF DOWNTOWN METER ZONES:

A. The Downtown Meter Zone A is hereby established and is described as follows:

That certain area of the City of Redwood City, County of San Mateo, State of California, bounded by the following described line, but excluding that area in the center which constitutes Downtown Meter Zone B as described in Section 20.131.B. below:

Commencing at the point where the centerline of Brewster Avenue intersects with the northeasterly edge of the Veterans Boulevard right-of-way, extending along the centerline of Brewster Avenue to the southerly edge of the Broadway right-of-way; extending along the southerly edge of the Broadway right-of-way to the centerline of El Camino Real; extending along the centerline of the El Camino Real to the centerline of James Avenue; extending along the centerline of James Avenue to the centerline of the Southern Pacific Railroad; extending along the centerline of the Southern Pacific Railroad to the westerly edge of the Maple Street right-of-way; extending along the westerly edge of the Maple Street right-of-way to the southerly edge of the Broadway right-of-way; extending along the southerly edge of the Broadway right-of-way to the centerline of Chestnut Street; extending along the centerline of Chestnut Street to the northerly edge of the Broadway right-of-way; extending along the northerly edge of the Broadway right-of-way to the easterly edge of Maple Street; extending along the easterly edge of Maple Street to the northerly edge of the Veterans Boulevard right-of-way; extending along the northerly edge of the Veterans Boulevard right-of-way to the point of commencement.

B. Downtown Meter Zone B is hereby established and is described as follows:

That certain area of the City of Redwood City, County of San Mateo, State of California, bounded by the following described line:

Commencing at the point where the centerline of Broadway intersects with the southwesterly edge of Marshall Street, extending along the northern edge of Broadway to the eastern edge of Perry Street; extending along the easterly edge of Perry Street to the intersection with the centerline of Commercial Way; then crossing Commercial Way and extending along the westerly edge of Perry Street, from Commercial

Way to Broadway; extending along the northerly edge of Broadway to the easterly edge of El Camino Real; extending along the easterly edge of El Camino Real to Winklebleck Street; extending along the southern edge of Winklebleck Street to the easterly edge of California Street; extending along the easterly edge of the California Street right-of-way to the centerline of the Southern Pacific Railroad; extending along the centerline of the Southern Pacific Railroad to the westerly edge of the Maple Street right-of-way; extending along the westerly edge of Maple Street to the easterly edge of Main Street right-of way; extending along the easterly edge of the Main Street right-of-way to the southwesterly edge of Marshall Street; extending along the southwesterly edge of Marshall Street to the point of commencement.

- C. A map depicting the two (2) Downtown Meter Zones shall be on file at the City Clerk's office. To the extent, there are any inconsistencies between the descriptions in this Section and the map on file with the City Clerk, the map shall control.

Sec. 20.132. ESTABLISHMENT OF DOWNTOWN METER ZONE METER RATES FOR ON-STREET PARKING AREAS:

- A. Under the authority of California Vehicle Code section 22508, meter rate for the Downtown Meter Zone A shall be ~~twenty-five cents (\$0.25)~~ fifty cents (\$.50) per hour, Monday through Saturday, ~~ten eight o'clock (10:00) A.M. to six eight o'clock (6:00) P.M.~~, subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 20.133.
- B. Under the authority of California Vehicle Code section 22508, meter rate for the Downtown Meter Zone B shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per hour, ~~ten eight o'clock (10:00) A.M. to six eight o'clock (6:00) P.M.~~, subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 20.133.

Sec. 20.133. PERIODIC ADJUSTMENT OF DOWNTOWN METER ZONE METER RATES:

Under the authority of California Vehicle Code section 22508, the following process for adjusting Downtown Meter Zone meter rates from time to time to manage the use and occupancy of the parking spaces for the public benefit in all parking areas within the Downtown Meter Zones is hereby established.

- A. To accomplish the goal of managing the supply of parking, including the use and occupancy of parking spaces for the public benefit, and to make it reasonably available when and where needed, a target occupancy rate of eighty-five percent (85%) is hereby established as the goal sought to be achieved with the rate structure for parking meters within the Downtown Meter Zones. Such target occupancy rate balances the consistent use of the public parking supply with minimizing the time it takes for individual parkers to find a parking space. For purposes of this Section 20.133, the "two (2) representative days" shall fall on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, and shall exclude days that fall on a holiday, experience severe weather, or host a special event within the City's downtown area. The two (2) representative days shall be taken from within a single month during one of the busiest four (4) months of the year, based on the past twelve (12) month period of parking data.
- B. At least biennially and not more frequently than quarterly, the City Manager shall survey the average occupancy for each parking area in the Downtown Meter Zone that has parking meters. The occupancy rate will be calculated from the average of the peak occupancy from the two representative days as defined above in Sec. 20.133 A. Peak occupancy will be calculated from the average occupancy for the two highest consecutive hours of parking occupancy in the day, and the parking rates will be recalculated the parking rates for parking meters in both Downtown Meter Zones A and B using the criteria and calculations established below:
1. In the Downtown Meter Zone A:
 - a. The hourly parking rate in Downtown Meter Zone A shall at all times be between twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per hour and two (\$2.00) dollars per hour.
 - b. ~~If the average occupancy within Downtown Meter Zone A between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and one o'clock (1:00) P.M. on two (2) representative~~

days ~~are~~ is over 85%, the then existing hourly meter rate shall be increased by twenty-five cents (\$0.25) provided, however, the hourly parking rate shall in no event exceed the approved maximum rate.

- c. If the ~~average~~ occupancy within Downtown Meter Zone A between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and one o'clock (1:00) P.M. on two (2) representative days ~~are~~ is between seventy percent (70%) and eighty-five percent (85%), the then existing hourly meter rate shall remain the same.
- d. If the ~~average~~ occupancy within Downtown Meter Zone A between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and one o'clock (1:00) P.M. on two (2) representative days ~~are~~ is below seventy percent (70%), the then existing hourly meter rate shall be reduced by twenty-five cents (\$0.25), provided, however, the hourly parking rate shall in no event go below the approved minimum rate.

2. In the Downtown Meter Zone B:

- a. The hourly parking rate in Downtown Meter Zone B shall at all times be between fifty cents (\$0.50) per hour and three (\$3.00) dollars per hour.
- b. If the ~~average~~ occupancy within Downtown Meter Zone B between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and one o'clock (1:00) P.M. on two (2) representative days ~~are~~ is over eighty-five percent (85%), the then existing hourly meter rate shall be increased by fifty cents (\$0.50), provided, however, the hourly parking rate shall in no event exceed the approved maximum rate.
- c. If the ~~average~~ occupancy within Downtown Meter Zone B between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and one o'clock (1:00) P.M. on two (2) representative days (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) ~~are~~ is between seventy percent (70%) and eighty-five percent (85%), the then existing hourly meter rate shall remain the same.
- d. If the ~~average~~ occupancy within Downtown Meter Zone B the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and one o'clock (1:00) P.M. on two (2) representative days ~~are~~ is below seventy percent (70%), the then existing hourly meter rate shall be reduced by fifty cents (\$0.50), provided, however, the hourly parking rate shall in no event go below the approved minimum rate.

- C. The new rates shall become effective upon the programming of the parking meter for that rate. The current schedule of meter rates shall be available at the City Clerk's Office.

Sec. 20.134. PROVISIONS FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF METER RATES:

- A. Parking meter rates shall be suspended and shall not be charged nor due and payable on the following holidays: January 1, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (third Monday in January), Presidents' Day (third Monday in February), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Juneteenth (June 19), July 4, Labor Day (first Monday in September), Veterans Day (November 11), Thanksgiving Day, and December 25. Additionally, parking meter rates shall be suspended and shall not be charged nor due and payable on the day of the City's Salsa Festival (or its equivalent festival) or the day of the City's Hometown Holidays festival (or its equivalent festival).
- B. The City Council may, by motion, suspend the provisions of this Division, including parking meter rates and the requirement to pay parking meter fees, at additional times and/or days in any case where the Council finds that strict compliance would not serve the public interest, including but not limited to the use of public streets and sidewalks for celebrations, special public events, celebration of holiday seasons and any other such activity or purpose as the City Council in its sole discretion shall determine.

Section 3. Chapter 20, Article VII, Division 10, Section 20.184 is hereby amended to read as follows:

DIVISION 10. - REGULATED, UNMETERED OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES

Sec. 20.184. - REGULATED, UNMETERED OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES DESIGNATED:

The following off-street parking facilities, owned or operated by the City, are hereby designated as regulated, unmetered off-street parking facilities:

A. Police Department Parking Lot, located at the front, unenclosed area, of the Police Department building, 1301 Maple Street.

B. Municipal Services Center Parking Lot, 1400 Broadway.

C. Certain parking spaces designated (with posted signs and markings made) at:

- Library Lot C, located in an unenclosed area at the rear of the Downtown Library Branch, 1044 Middlefield Road.
- Schaberg Branch Library, located at 2140 Euclid Avenue.
- Redwood Shores Branch Library, located at 399 Marine Parkway.

The City Manager shall cause parking spaces to be designated and shall cause appropriate signs to be posted, and markings to be made, in all regulated, unmetered off-street parking facilities designated in this Section.

Section 4. This ordinance is not considered a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

Section 5. The City Clerk shall publish this ordinance in accordance with applicable law.

Section 6. This ordinance shall go into effect thirty (30) days after the date of its passage and adoption.

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At a Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing Authority Meeting thereof held on the 24th day of October 2022 by the following votes:

AYES, and in favor of the passage and adoption of the foregoing ordinance:

AYES: Aguirre, Espinoza-Garnica, Gee, Hale, Howard, Martinez Saballos, and Reddy

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None



Giselle Hale
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

Attest:



Pamela Aguilar, CMC
City Clerk of Redwood City

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance
this 26th day of October 2022.



Giselle Hale
Mayor of the City of Redwood City