

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance amending Division 4 of Article VII of Chapter 126 of the Code of Ordinances regarding parking meters.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

City Council unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Division 4 of Article VII of Chapter 126 of the Code of Ordinances regarding parking meters on March 25, 2019.

City staff is proposing amendments to Division 4 of Article VII of Chapter 126 of the Code of Ordinances regarding parking meters to update to current practices and technology. In addition, the paid parking currently listed in Sec. 86-7 is proposed to be moved to this section so that all paid parking ordinances are consolidated for uniform operations and enforcement. Changes to specific sections are detailed below:

Sec. 86-7. Operation of vehicles in parks.

- Moving the portions of this section related to parking fees in Prince Solms Park, Landa Park parking lots located off Elizabeth Avenue, East San Antonio Street, and Hinman Island Drive to Chapter 126.
- Referencing Sec. 126-381 for all paid parking within parks.

Sec. 126-1. Definitions.

- Moving the definition of “holiday” from Sec. 126-385.
- Adding the definitions of “paid parking space”, “paid parking zone”, “parking meter”, “parking occasion”, “parking pay station”, “pay and display station”, and “pay by space station” to reflect changes made to Division 4 of Article VII as a part of this update effort.

Division 4. Meters.

- Renaming division “Metered and pay station parking”.

Sec. 126-381. Parking meter zones established.

- Renaming section “Paid parking space and paid parking zone established”.
- Removing parking meter zone locations that no longer have parking meters.
- Moving the paid parking in Prince Solms Park, Landa Park parking lots located off Elizabeth Avenue, East San Antonio Street, and Hinman Island Drive to this section from Sec. 86-7.
- Restructuring the exceptions for each paid parking zone to consolidate similar exceptions into one list.

Sec. 126-382. Installation and maintenance; authority of the chief of police.

- Updating language from “parking meters” to “paid parking spaces and parking zones” to be consistent with the rest of this division.

Sec. 126-383. Location; signals.

- Renaming section to “Location”.
- Updating language to address locations of paid parking spaces and paid parking zones in addition to parking meters.
- Including language to give the parks and recreation director authority over paid parking within parks.

Sec. 126-384. Marking spaces; method of parking.

- Updating section to be consistent with surrounding communities.
- Adding method of parking in paid parking spaces and paid parking zones to include all possibilities.

Sec. 126-385. Operation; hours and days required; exceptions.

- All the information from this section is now in Sec. 126-381.

Sec. 126-386. Payment excused while loading or unloading.

- Removing this section at the direction of the Legal Department. Similar language is not included in any surrounding cities.

Sec. 126-387. Deposit of coins; oversized vehicles.

- Renaming section to “Fee due for parking vehicle”.
- Updating section to include pay parking stations in addition to parking meters as well as different payment methods.

Sec. 126-388. Extending time prohibited.

- Renaming section to “Time limits on paid parking”.
- Updating section to be consistent with surrounding communities.

Sec. 126-389. Use of slugs prohibited.

- Updating language to include parking pay stations in addition to parking meters.

Sec. 126-390. Damaging or tampering with meters.

- Updating language to include parking pay stations in addition to parking meters.

Sec. 126-391. Collection procedures; disposition of coins.

- Removing this section as it is not required to be in the ordinance.

Sec. 126-392. Purposes of levy.

- Removing this section as it is not required to be in the ordinance.

Sec. 126-393. Violations - Report; notice.

- Moving the penalties and towing of vehicles requirements from Sec. 86-7 to this section.
- Updating the enforcement requirements to be consistent with surrounding communities.

Sec. 126-394. Violations - Overtime parking.

- Removing this section as it is addressed in Sec. 126-388(a).

Sec. 126-395. Violations - Overtime parking prohibited; presumptive evidence.

- Renaming section to "Presumptive evidence".
- Updating the presumptive evidence portion to be consistent with surrounding communities.

Sec. 126-396. Violations - Fine; "Traf-O-Teria" payments.

- Removing this section because the "Traf-O-Teria" system is not used in New Braunfels.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

Strategy 1: Support Vibrant Centers: Action 1.11: Update policies and codes to achieve development patterns that implement the goals of this plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the amendments to Division 4 of Article VII of Chapter 126 of the Code of Ordinances regarding parking meters.