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Agenda Item#: 12.B.1.

Ordinance Number: **O – 2023.12.13 - 17**
Ordinance Title: Vehicles and Traffic
Chapter: 141
Section: 30 Hours of operations and rates

The City of Dover Ordains:

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 141 of the Dover Code to codify certain recommended ordinance amendments by the City's Parking Commission.

2. AMENDMENT

Chapter 141 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" is hereby amended by revising Section 141-30, "Hours of operation and rates", as follows:

a. THE FOLLOWING ARE AMENDED:

§ 141-30 Hours of operation and rates.

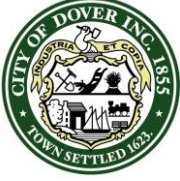
A. Paid parking shall be required daily between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., except on Sundays, with the exception of:

(1) The Orchard Street Parking Garage where designated as metered or paid parking shall also be required as paid parking at all times, 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

(2) The following holidays: January 1; the third Monday in January, known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Day; the third Monday in February, known as Washington's Birthday; the last Monday in May, known as Memorial Day, or on a date to coincide with the federal observance if it is held on a different day; July 4; the first Monday in September, known as Labor Day; the second Monday in October, known in Dover as Indigenous People's Day; November 11, known as Veterans Day; Thanksgiving Day; the Friday after Thanksgiving; and Christmas Day. When one of the listed holidays falls on a Sunday, the Monday after shall be observed as a holiday.

(3) Any vehicle bearing the following special New Hampshire license plates and in use by the person qualifying for said special plates shall be entitled to free parking in metered spaces for no more than three hours each day: Purple Heart (including Purple Heart-Vanity), Gold Star, Prisoner of War, and Pearl Harbor Survivor (including Pearl Harbor Survivor-Vanity). Any vehicle with license plates from another state or United States territory bearing substantially equivalent governmental license plates shall, provided the vehicle is in use by the person qualifying for said special license plates, likewise be entitled to no more than three hours each day of free parking in metered spaces.

(4) The Dover Transportation Center Parking Lot where designated as metered or paid parking shall also be required as paid parking at all times, 24 hours a day and seven days a week.



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- B. Parking meter rates shall be set forth in the annual Fee Schedule adopted by the City Council.
- C. For good cause, the Chief of Police, upon recommendation of the Parking Commission, shall have the authority to temporarily suspend the provisions of this section for specified dates and times.
- D. Free parking permitted for persons with a walking disability under RSA 265:74 shall be limited to a maximum of three hours.

3. TAKES EFFECT

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage. The City Clerk shall cause publication of notice as required by RSA 47:18.

REQUIRES PUBLIC HEARING TO BE REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 10, 2024

AUTHORIZATION

Approved as to Funding: Daniel R. Lynch
Finance Director

Sponsored by: Mayor Robert Carrier
By Request

Approved as to Legal Form and Compliance: Joshua M. Wyatt
City Attorney

Recorded by: Jerrica Vansylvong-Bizier
City Clerk



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DOCUMENT HISTORY:

First Reading Date: 12/13/2023	Public Hearing Date: 1/10/2024
Approved Date: 2/15/2024	Effective Date: 2/15/2024

DOCUMENT ACTIONS: Deputy Mayor Shanahan made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Hackett. Roll Call Vote: 8-0.

VOTING RECORD		
Date of Vote:	YES	NO
Mayor Robert Carrier	X	
Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan	X	
Councilor S. April Richer, Ward 1	X	
Councilor Robert Warach, Ward 2	X	
Councilor Anthony Retrosi, Ward 3	X	
Councilor Debra Hackett, Ward 4	X	
Councilor Fergus Cullen, Ward 6	X	
Councilor Linnea Nemeth, At Large	X	
Councilor Lindsey Williams, At Large	Absent	
Total Votes:	8	
Ordinance does pass.		

ORDINANCE BACKGROUND MATERIAL:

The City’s lease for the Transportation Center Parking Lot with Cocheco Mills Holdings (Chinburg Builders) contains a provision allowing Cocheco Mills Holdings to designate parking areas within the lot for their exclusive use. That provision has been invoked by Cocheco Mills Holdings and executed for 96 spaces, in anticipation of the opening of the Old Court House development. The City also has 114 other current monthly permit holders, as well as short-term use by downtown visitors and commuters. To properly manage the lot and its varied users, the Parking Manager has recommended, and the Parking Commission unanimously approved on November 21, 2023, that the Dover Transportation Center Parking Lot become metered parking at all times. This will be especially important during designated winter parking ban nights. No changes to parking rates are being proposed.