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DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

ON-STREET PARKING DIVISION

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
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Law and Legislative Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.36.040 OF TITLE 10 OF THE
SACRAMENTO CITY CODE RELATING TO THE PARKING OF TAXICABS**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Citywide, all districts

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the Law and Legislative Committee approve and forward to the City Council for adoption the attached Ordinance amending Section 10.36.040 of Title 10 of the Sacramento City Code relating to the parking of taxicabs.

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FOR LAW AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: August 8, 2002

SUMMARY:

In November 2001, the Revenue Division received direction from the City's Law and Legislative Committee to work with various stakeholders to identify and make improvements to the City Code for regulation of the taxi industry. This report responds to concerns of taxicabs monopolizing the short term parking meters adjacent to local businesses. The attached ordinance authorizes the City Council to prohibit, by resolution, all taxi parking during certain hours. This is the first step in improving the City Code relating to taxicabs. This ordinance will provide benefits for businesses and customers by increasing the available short term parking.

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COMMITTEE /COMMISSION:

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Over the last year, the Revenue Division has received inquiries, complaints and comments from various persons concerning the operation of taxicabs within the City of Sacramento. Specific concerns reported included:

- Operation of non licensed taxicab vehicles and drivers;
- Number of taxicabs in the City;
- The impact of taxicabs on local businesses (on street parking) and;
- Business practices by various operators that negatively impact other taxicab businesses.

There are currently over 300 taxicabs with City permits and over 350 taxicab drivers. The need to provide enforcement and compliance of taxicab City Code has become evident. In November 2001, the Revenue Division received direction from the City's Law and Legislative Committee to work with the various stakeholders to identify and make improvements to the City Code for regulation of the taxi industry. The Revenue Division is in the process of conducting a comprehensive review of the taxi industry and will come back to the City's Law and Legislative Committee this fall with recommendations for changes to Chapter 5.136 of the Sacramento City Code.

This report responds to specific concerns of taxis monopolizing short-term metered parking adjacent to businesses with an informal queuing system. The attached ordinance authorizes the City Council to prohibit, by resolution, all taxi parking during certain hours. This is the first step in improving the City Code relating to taxicabs. The time line for implementing this first step is as follows:

- Jun 25 Stakeholders meeting.
- Jun-Sep Out reach to the taxi industry.
- Aug 8 Taxicab parking ordinance reviewed by the Law & Legislative Committee and forwarded to the City Council.
- Aug 20 Ordinance passed for publication.
- Aug 27 Ordinance adopted by the City Council.
- Sep 27 Ordinance takes effect.

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The stakeholder meeting held on June 25, 2002, was to discuss the proposed City ordinance and listen to concerns. A major concern expressed was the lack of taxi parking. Staff is sensitive to this issue and will be working with the taxi industry to place additional taxi only parking near the most desired locations. These zones will provide taxis a place to park while waiting for their next fare and will be located where they will not adversely impact businesses. Taxis will not be subject to a time limit or required to pay for a meter at these locations. Initially, the City Council will be asked to approve a resolution to prohibit all taxi parking Monday through Saturday from 8am to 6pm on the streets that have been the most problematic.

- J Street, both sides from 11th to 14th streets.
- L Street, both side, from 10th to 15^h Streets.
- L Street, both sides, from 7th to 8th Streets.

Taxis will not be prohibited from using any taxicab zones located on these streets. To offset the prohibition of taxis parking at metered spaces, additional taxi zones will be placed at the following locations:

- 1 spaces, J Street, south side, 12th to 13th Streets.
- 2 spaces, L Street, north side, 7th to 8th Streets.
- 2 spaces, L Street, south side, 11th to 12th Streets.

Parking staff will work with representatives of the parking industry to locate additional spaces as necessary.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The initial cost to implement the taxi-parking ordinance is estimated to be \$2,000 for the placement of regulatory signs and painting of curbs. There will be a loss of revenue from the meters that will be removed to provide the additional taxicab parking. However, this loss will be offset with the revenue increase from meters where all taxicab parking will be prohibited. Funds are available in the On-Street Parking operating budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no environmental considerations associated with this report.

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POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Establishing City Code, that includes reasonable regulations and requirements for the parking of taxicabs, would contribute to making Sacramento the choice to live, work and play.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

Any goods and services will be purchased in accordance with established City policy.

Respectfully submitted:



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RECOMMENDED APPROVED



Ken Nishimoto
Deputy City Manager

Approved



Michael Kashiwagi
Director of Public Works

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ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1.

Section 10.36.040 of the Sacramento City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.36.040 On-street stopping, standing or parking prohibited during certain hours
regulation of taxicab parking during certain hours

A. When authorized signs are in place giving notice thereof, no person shall stop, stand or park on the days indicated on such signs, between the hours specified on such signs, upon any of the streets described in resolutions duly adopted by the city council.

B. When authorized signs are in place giving notice thereof, no person shall stop, stand or park any taxicab on the days indicated on such signs, between the hours specified on such signs, upon any of the streets described in resolutions duly adopted by the city council.

DATE PASSED FOR PUBLICATION:

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