

ORDINANCE 2025-0011

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

May 20, 2025

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 2016-0033 and Establishing Parking Meter Rates

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

SECTION 1.

The city council finds the following:

- A. California Vehicle Code section 22508 requires that local authorities establish parking meter rates by ordinance. That provision also allows local authorities to set variable parking meter rates provided the ordinance includes criteria supporting the variable rates.
- B. To comply with these provisions, on August 23, 2016, the city council adopted Ordinance No. 2016-0032, which amended Sacramento City Code section 10.40.060 to provide for the setting of parking meter rates by ordinance.
- C. On August 23, 2016, the city council also approved the establishment of special event parking meter zones within 12 blocks of the Golden 1 Center. Parking rates in these zones are variable depending on the occurrence of special events.
- D. Variable rates for special event meter parking are based on a set of criteria that are dependent upon the distance of the parking meter from the event epicenter, expected event center occupancy levels, and the special event flat rate charged at city parking garages. The special event meter pricing is charged for any special event held at the Golden 1 Center with an expected occupancy level reaching above 10,000 attendees.
- E. The Golden 1 Center hosts a significant number of special events each year. This increase in special events has boosted parking demand, which in turn has resulted in an increase in maintenance and repair, telecommunication fees, and labor expenses associated with the operation of electronic parking meters. The city must increase parking meter rates to pay for these increased costs.
- F. Parking meters serve many purposes, including balancing the on-street parking supply where time limits are ineffective, encouraging the use of on-street parking meters for short-term parking and off-street parking facilities for long-term parking, and providing parking turnover to support local businesses and residents.

G. Based upon the information presented to it, and pursuant to the requirements of California Vehicle Code section 22508, the city council finds that the adjustment of parking meter rates and the need for variable parking meter rates during special events in designated parking meter zones, as described in Exhibit A, are necessary to continue to meet the ongoing operating expenses associated with parking meters by the Parking Division.

SECTION 2.

Ordinance No. 2016-0033 is hereby repealed as of July 1, 2025.

SECTION 3.

The parking meter rates set forth in the attached Exhibit A, are hereby adopted and become effective July 1, 2025.

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Exhibit A – Parking Meter Rates

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on May 20, 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Dickinson, Guerra, Jennings, Kaplan, Maple, Pluckebaum, Talamantes, Vang, and Mayor McCarty

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest:  06/02/2025

Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.

Passed for Publication: May 13, 2025

Published: May 16, 2025

Effective: July 1, 2025

EXHIBIT A

The following parking meter rates are effective for parking meter zones established by Sacramento City Code section 10.40.010:

Base Parking Meter Hourly Rate

The base parking meter hourly rate is \$3.00 per hour, effective during parking meter operating hours.

Tiered Parking Meter Rates

The tiered parking meter rates for short-term parking meters are effective throughout the parking meter zones. The tiered parking meter rates maintain the balance of the on-street parking supply, protect residents, preserve short-term use of on-street meters, encourage long-term parking in off-street facilities, and support local businesses. The tiered parking meter rates are as follows:

Tier 1 The base parking meter hourly rate, for the number of hours posted on the signage.

Tier 2 The Tier 2 rate is effective for one additional hour beyond the Tier 1 time and shall not be more than 25% above the average hourly rate of all city-owned garages. The garage rates vary based on expected occupancy.

Tier 3 The Tier 3 rate is effective any time after expiration of the Tier 2 hour and shall not be more than 50% above the Tier 2 rate.

Signage for tiered parking meters reflect the number of hours a vehicle may park at the base parking meter hourly rate (Tier 1) before subsequent tiered rates take effect:

1+ meter: Parking up to one hour at base parking meter hourly rate before Tier 2 is in effect.

2+ meter: Parking up to two hours at base parking meter hourly rate before Tier 2 is in effect.

3+ meter: Parking up to three hours at base parking meter hourly rate before Tier 2 is in effect.

4+ meter: Parking up to four hours at base parking meter hourly rate before Tier 2 is in effect.

Special Event Parking Meter Rates

All parking meters located within the Special Event Parking Zone are programmed to have the capability to charge a flat rate when expected attendance at the Golden 1 Center exceeds 10,000 attendees. When special event parking meter rates are in effect, the parking meters will activate the flat rate when the Tier 2 time is reached, with the exception of 1+ meters that will activate special event pricing at Tier 3.

The Special Event Parking Zone is defined as the area bounded by the Sacramento River on the west side, then bounded on the north side beginning at Richards Boulevard continuing east, then to the east side of Bercut Drive following east along Bannon Street turning into North D Street, the east boundary begins at 16th Street turns east on the north side of D Street then commences south along the east side of 19th Street, and the south boundary commences west along the south side of W Street to the Sacramento River. Within the Special Event Parking Zone are smaller zones, identified as Special Event Meter Zones, as described below in the attachment to this ordinance. Parking meters in this area will apply variable rates during qualifying special events, when such parking controls are necessary.

The special event parking meter flat rate is calculated as a percentage of the flat rate charged at City-owned garages during special events. The proximity of the parking meter from the event center determines the percentage amount.

The special event parking meter rates maintain the balance of the on-street parking supply, protect residents, preserve short-term use of on-street meters, encourage long-term parking in off-street facilities and support local businesses during increased parking demand.

The special event parking meter rate shall be in effect two hours before and during special events with expected occupancy of over 10,000 attendees at the Golden 1 Center. Payment of the flat rate will allow the vehicle to park until it departs from the parking space.

SPECIAL EVENT PARKING METER RATE ACTIVATION POINT BASED ON METER TYPE

	HOUR 1	HOUR 2	HOUR 3	HOUR 4	REMAINDER OF PARKING SESSION
1+ meter	Tier 1	Tier 2	Special Event Parking Meter Flat Rate		
2+meter	Tier 1	Tier 1	Special Event Parking Meter Flat Rate		
3+meter	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 1	Special Event Parking Meter Flat Rate	
4+ meter	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 1	Special Event Parking Meter Flat Rate

1+ Meters Rates during hour 1 (Tier 1) and hour 2 (Tier 2) shall not change. At hour 3 (Tier 3) rate will be the special event parking meter flat rate.

2+ Meters Rates during hour 1 and 2 (Tier 1) shall not change. At hour 3 (Tier 2) rate will be the special event parking meter flat rate.

3+ Meters Rates during the first three hours (Tier 1) shall not change. At the fourth hour (Tier 2) the rate will be the special event parking meter flat rate.

4+ Meters Rates during the first four hours (Tier 1) shall not change. At the fifth hour (Tier 2) the rate will be the special event parking meter flat rate.

The calculation of special event parking meter flat rates is as follows:

Special Event Meter Zone A (Old Sacramento):

Parking meters located in Special Event Meter Zone A shall charge a flat parking meter rate after expiration of the posted number of hours, with the exception of 1+ zone, as described above. The flat parking meter rate shall be 25% above the special event flat rate charged at City-owned garages.

Special Event Meter Zone B:

Parking meters located in Special Event Meter Zone B shall charge a flat parking meter rate after expiration of the posted number of hours, with the exception of 1+ zone, as described above. The flat parking meter rate shall be 25% above the special event flat rate charged at City-owned garages.

Special Event Meter Zone C*:

Parking meters located in Special Event Meter Zone C shall charge a flat parking meter rate after expiration of the posted number of hours, with the exception of 1+ zone, as described above. The flat parking meter rate shall be equal to the special event flat rate charged at City-owned garages.

Special Event Meter Zone D*:

Parking meters located in Special Event Meter Zone D shall charge a flat parking meter rate after expiration of the posted number of hours, with the exception of 1+ zone, as described above. The flat parking meter rate shall be 50% less than the special event flat rate charged at City-owned garages.

*Special event parking meter rates in Special Event Meter Zones C and D will be activated if an assessment of the affected area confirms a parking occupancy exceeding 85% of on-street parking spaces during the times and days of special events.

SPECIAL EVENT PARKING METER ZONES

