COMMISSIONERS’ ORDINANCE NO. 0-1/L-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 75.53 AND 75.54 OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, PARKING REGULATIONS, TO UPDATE THE HOURS OF OPERATION AND FEES FOR ALL CITY-OWNED GARAGES AND SURFACE LOTS AND UPDATE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS.

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WHEREAS, The City revised Chapter 75: Parking Regulations in May 2016 to address several areas that needed revision to maintain legal compliance;

WHEREAS, Part of the Chapter 75 revisions included setting forth the fees and hours of operation for all City-owned garages and lots in Section 75.53;

WHEREAS, Since the May 2016 revisions, the fees and hours of enforcement have been updated and some lots are no longer owned by the City or in existence due to certain development, and these changes require amendment of Section 75.53;

WHEREAS, Section 75.53 is also being revised to resolve inconsistencies between: the posted fees and hours at City-owned lots, the City’s online parking map, and Section 75.53. With this amendment, the rates, times and names of City-owned lots should be consistently conveyed to the public;

WHEREAS, Section 75.54 is being revised to include reference to the ability of a third-party vendor to issue parking citations on behalf of the City or its assignee. This amendment clarifies the existing practice of using the City’s third-party parking contract, ABM, to issue parking citations; and

WHEREAS, The proposed legislative changes have been reviewed and approved by the Covington Motor Vehicle Parking Authority as evidenced by Resolution 2018-04.

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

Section 1

Section 75.53 of the Covington Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 75.53 PAYMENT OF FEE REQUIRED.

(A) The fee fixed by the City for parking at any parking meter or in any parking lot or parking garage shall be displayed or posted on any parking meter or on appropriate signage at any parking lot or parking garage.

(B) The fee for parking at a meter or pay station shall be as follows: $0.55 per half-hour in all areas [except the Mainstrasse Neighborhood, where the fee shall be $0.35 per half-hour, unless otherwise indicated below]. Meters shall be in effect Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. unless a different time is displayed on a meter or otherwise provided by local ordinance or City order. All parking at meters during
the effective times shall be limited to two (2) consecutive hours. Exceptions specified in § 75.54 shall apply.

(C) The fees for City-owned parking garages shall be as follows:

1. Rivercenter Garage - $2.00 per [half-hour], $10.00 daily max, $20.00 lost ticket, $60.00 monthly rate.
2. Mid Town Garage [& City Center Garage] - $1.00 per hour, $6.00 daily max, $12.00 lost ticket, $50.00 monthly rate.
3. City Center Garage aka Hotel Covington Garage - $1.00 per half-hour, $10.00 daily max, $12.00 lost ticket, $50.00 monthly rate.

(D) The fees for City-owned parking lots shall be as follows:

1. Flood Wall Lot[, Pershing/7th Street Lot, Mutter Gottes/Railroad Lot] - $20.00 monthly.
2. Covington Landing Lot, Suspension Bridge Lot, East 5th Street Lot - $30.00 monthly, 2 hour only from [9:00] 8:00 a.m. until [6:00] 5:00 p.m.
3. Mike Fink Lot - $30.00 monthly, 2 hour only from [9:00] 8:00 a.m. until [6:00] 5:00 p.m.
4. Yoke Lot - $45.00 monthly, monthly parking only from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
5. West Lot - $20.00 monthly, monthly parking only from [9:00] 8:00 a.m. until [6:00] 3:00 p.m.
6. 400 Madison Lot aka Madison Coin Lot - $45.00 monthly, monthly parking only from [9:00] 8:00 a.m. until [6:00] 5:00 p.m., meter parking available.
7. The L Lot - $25.00 monthly, monthly parking only from [9:00] 8:00 a.m. until [6:00] 5:00 p.m.
8. [Mural Lot, Madison Coin Lot, ]East 8th North Street Lot - $25.00 monthly, no daily rates.
9. [West 8th Street Lot, ]East 9th North Street Lot - $25.00 monthly, monthly parking only from [9:00] 8:00 a.m. until [6:00] 5:00 p.m.
10. [East 8th Street North] East 7th Street South Lot - $25.00 monthly, daily rate $1.00 per hour $6.00 max.
11. [West 5th Street Lot—Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday (8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.), Friday (8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.), Saturday (11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.). Rate: $1.00 per half hour with a $2.00 maximum fee. Residential passes are available for at least fifteen (15) reserved spaces for properties adjacent to the lot at a cost of $30.00 per month. Monthly business passes for nearby businesses are available for $26.00 per month and will be valid Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.]
12. West 9th Street Lot - $30.00 monthly, no daily rates.
East 5th Street Lot – $30.00 monthly, no daily rates.  East 8th Street Lot – $25.00 monthly, daily rate $1.00 per hour $6.00 max.

(E) Special Event Parking Rates – During certain special events, the above-listed rates for City-owned parking lots and/or parking garages may be temporarily increased. In the event the above-listed rates are increased during a special event, there shall be a sign or other notification at each City-owned parking lot and parking garage where the increased rate will apply. Each sign shall provide notification to a guest of the amount of the increased parking rate.

Section 2

Section 75.54 of the Covington Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 75.54 PARKING METER, PARKING LOT, AND PARKING GARAGE VIOLATIONS.

(A) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any vehicle to park such vehicle at any parking meter or within any parking lot or parking garage without inserting the coin or coins or other payment form prescribed thereon or required for parking at such meter, parking lot, or parking garage on any day and during the hours meters are in effect.

(B) After having occupied a parking space for the period of time allowed at that meter, or within a parking lot or parking garage, it shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, or cause to be deposited, any coin or other payment form in the same meter for the purpose of extending the parking time beyond the single period of time allowed (sometimes referred to as "meter feeding").

(C) All coins used in parking meters shall be coins of the United States. It shall be unlawful to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter, any slug, device, or substitute for the proper United States coin or coins required for the operation of such meter.

(D) On any day, during the hours meters are in effect, if a vehicle shall remain parked at a parking meter or within a parking lot or parking garage wherein parking is regulated by a parking meter beyond the time paid for, the parking meter shall display a signal or otherwise indicate that the time paid for parking thereat has expired and, in that event, the vehicle shall be considered as parking overtime and beyond the time fixed by ordinance. The parking of any vehicle overtime at any authorized parking meter or within a parking lot or parking garage wherein parking is regulated by a parking meter shall be construed as a violation of this section by the owner, as identified in § 75.55 of this chapter, and punishable as provided in § 75.99.

(E) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle across any line or mark on the street designating a parking space unless such vehicle is of sufficient length to require more than one parking space, in which event the owner or operator of such vehicle must insert the required coin or coins or other payment form for each parking meter space and portion of a parking meter space so occupied.

(F) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to deface, injure, tamper with, open, willfully break, destroy, or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the terms of this subchapter.
(G) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to park any vehicle in a space controlled by a parking meter when such parking meter is out of order, malfunctioning, displaying an error message, or otherwise not in proper working condition.

(H) Citations for overtime parking at parking meters or within a parking lot or parking garage wherein parking is regulated by a parking meter shall be issued by an authorized Police Officer or any citation officer, including any third-party contractor acting on behalf of the City or its assignee, who was designated by the city. For purposes of parking rule and regulation enforcement, any third-party contractor acting on behalf of the City or its agent, assignee, or agent, shall be deemed to be a citation officer as defined within KRS 83A.087.

Section 3

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, publication, which may be in summary form, and recording, according to the law.

[Signature]
MAYOR

ATTEST:

[Signature]
CITY CLERK

Passed: __12-11-18__(Second Reading)

__11-20-18__(First Reading)