Ordinance No. 122853

Council Bill No. 116368

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation; revising permit fees related to restricted parking zones; and amending Seattle Municipal Code Section 11.16.319.

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City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Office of the Mayor

September 29, 2008

Honorable Richard Conlin
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am transmitting the attached proposed Council Bill for consideration with the 2009 Proposed Budget. This legislation amends Section 11.16.319 of the Seattle Municipal Code, raising the Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT's) fees for Restricted (often called "Residential") Parking Zone permits (RPZs). The increased fees received by passage of this Council Bill will enable SDOT to recover its costs and fund needed system upgrades and improvements to customer service delivery.

In 2005, the City established the rate of $35 for RPZ permits, with most permits being valid for two years. This rate has not been sufficient to keep up with administrative costs for running the program. In addition, the RPZ program depends on computer and business systems technology that is severely outdated and cannot be further maintained. The existing system only allows for payment by check or cash, which often forces customers to drive downtown to the Seattle Municipal Tower to apply in person, contrary to the City's customer service and climate change goals. Mailings for the RPZ program use more than 50,000 pieces of paper and 50,000 envelopes in a two-year renewal cycle, which does not support our goals to reduce paper.

This legislation proposes to raise the RPZ base and guest permit fees from $35 to $45. In addition to enabling the program to recover its costs, this will fund the replacement of the old technology with a new, sustainable system to allow online permitting and payment by credit card, provide automated validation through interfaces with Department of Licensing and City databases, and add a customer-friendly phone system whereby staff can help customers who are without computers. Finally, the new system will also interface with Seattle Police Department license plate recognition systems to enhance enforcement and reduce abuse.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Mike Estey at (206) 684-8132.

Sincerely,

GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle

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ORDINANCE 122853

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation; revising permit fees related to restricted parking zones; and amending Seattle Municipal Code Section 11.16.319.

WHEREAS, SMC 11.16.120 authorizes the Director of Transportation to recommend to the City Council parking rates and fees related to restricted (otherwise known as "residential") parking zones; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 121654 adjusted restricted parking zone permit fees in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Director is recommending that the fees be adjusted to cover the increased costs for administration of said permits, **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 11.16.319 of the Seattle Municipal Code, as last amended by Ordinance 121654 is amended as follows, effective January 1, 2009:

11.16.319 Fees for restricted parking zone permits.

The parking fees to be collected by the Seattle Department of Transportation for restricted parking zone permits are as follows.

TYPE OF PERMIT	**FEE**
Resident parking permit	((~~$35.00~~)) $45.00
Temporary permit	$10.00 for first 60-day period; $15.00 for second 60-day period
Guest permit issued with resident permit	$15.00
Guest permit as only permit	((~~$35.00~~)) $45.00
Replacement of resident and guest permit	$15.00 for first permit; $25.00 for second permit
Elderly/low-income permanent permit	$10.00

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 24th day of November, 2008, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 24th day of November, 2008.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 2nd day of December, 2008.

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 4th day of December, 2008.

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2009-2010 BUDGET LEGISLATION FISCAL NOTE

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Summary of the Legislation:

- Background: *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

The Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ) program was established in 1979 to help residents who live in congested areas by discouraging long-term parking on residential streets. The program began operating as a cost center in January 2003. Since then, it has maintained a consistent financial loss every month.

The current permit fee structure took effect January 1, 2005; the standard RPZ permit fee was increased from $31 to $35 per biennium, and a fee of $15 was established for guest passes that were previously free. Since January 2005, RPZ permit fees have remained unchanged.

The existing rate for an RPZ permit has not been sufficient to keep up with administrative costs for running the program. In addition, the RPZ program utilizes computer and business systems technology that is severely outdated and cannot be further maintained. The existing system only allows for payment by check or cash, often necessitating individuals driving downtown to the Seattle Municipal Tower to apply. This is contrary to the City's customer service and climate change goals. In addition, program mailings use more than 50,000 pieces of paper and 50,000 envelopes in a two-year renewal cycle, which is inconsistent with the City's Paper Cuts goals.

SDOT proposes to change the permit fee from $35 to $45 for a two-year permit. In addition to getting the program back to financial solvency over the course of two years, this fee will also fund replacement of the old FoxPro computer system with a new computer system to:

- provide citizens with online permit application and renewal;
- allow payment by credit card;
- provide automated validation through interfaces with Department of Licensing and SCL/SPU databases;
- serve our customers without access to computers by providing a user-friendly phone system to access staff to help them complete the application and renewal; and

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- allow for interface with SPD license plate recognition systems to provide enhanced enforcement and reduce abuse.

- *Please check one of the following*:

____ This legislation does not have any financial implications. (*Stop here and delete the remainder of this document prior to saving and printing.)*

__X__ This legislation has financial implications. *Please complete all relevant sections that follow.*

Summary of Changes to Revenue Generated Specifically From This Legislation: *For budget legislation that changes revenue (e.g., fees, taxes, etc.), please provide detail on each revenue-producing item that is being changed, when it was last changed, and how the item's new overall cost compares with similar costs charged elsewhere in the region.*

	Revenue Source	2009 Proposed	2010 Proposed
Total Fees and Charges Resulting From Passage of This Ordinance	Permit Fees [422990]	$136,557	$116,718

Notes: The fluctuation in revenues from 2009 to 2010 is due to the variability in size and number of zones that renew in any given year. The largest number of permits renew in odd years.

Anticipated Total Revenue from Entire Program, Including Changes Resulting From This Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Revenue Source	Total 2009 Revenue	Total 2009 and 2010 Anticipated Revenue from Entire Program
Transportation Operating [10310]	Permit Fees [422990]	$704,073	$1,320,008
TOTAL		**$704,073**	**$1,320,008**

- What is the financial cost of not implementing this legislation? *(Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs if the legislation is not implemented)*

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Failure to adjust the RPZ fees will result in another $60,000 estimated annual shortfall in the cost center and will result in additional obligation to the General Fund. The RPZ's FoxPro computer system is unsustainable and provides inadequate customer service. Abuse of RPZ base and guest permits will continue.

- What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives? *(Include any potential alternatives to the proposed legislation, such as reducing fee-supported activities, identifying outside funding sources for fee-supported activities, etc.)*

SDOT has found no potential alternatives that would compensate for the costs of achieving the objectives of the RPZ program.

- Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements? *(If yes, what public hearings have been held to date, and/or what plans are in place to hold a public hearing(s) in the future?)*

No

- Other Issues (*including long-term implications of the legislation*):

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