

CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. – 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 353 “PARKING METERS” OF THE CUYAHOGA FALLS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the parking meters currently in use on Front Street are obsolete and must be replaced with more modern technology; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the parking meters on Front Street is to encourage convenient access for customers and turnover of curbside parking spaces, ensuring local businesses attract more patrons and generate revenue; and

WHEREAS, prior to making these changes, the City has sought input from business owners and residents about their parking preferences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit, and State of Ohio:

Section 1. Chapter 353 “Parking Meters” of Title 7 “Parking” of Part 3 “Traffic Code” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls be amended to the following (new text **underlined and bolded**; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~):

353.01 DEFINITIONS.

(a) "Metered parking zones" means a portion of the paved surface of the street, approximately twenty feet in length, extending from the sidewalk curb to the street a sufficient distance to accommodate a vehicle when the same is parked parallel to the curb in the same direction in which traffic legally flows, with the wheels thereof not more than one foot from such curb, or a portion of the paved surface of the street approximately ten feet in length and extending from the sidewalk curb to the street a sufficient distance to accommodate a vehicle when the same is parked at an angle to the curb, provided there shall have been installed a parking meter upon the curb adjacent to such designated space or in the immediate vicinity thereof.

(b) "Parking meter" means a device **or sign** which shall indicate thereon the length of time during which a vehicle may be parked in a metered parking zone and which shall contain brief instructions as to the operation thereof **or how to pay for parking through other means.**

(c) "Parking" means the standing of a vehicle upon a street whether such vehicle is occupied or not and whether such vehicle is accompanied or not by an operator for a period of time in excess of two minutes.

(d) "Individual parking space" means a portion of the paved surface of the street of sufficient length and depth from the sidewalk curb to accommodate a vehicle to be parked, as shall be specified and marked off under the direction and supervision of the Safety Director.

55 **353.02 DESIGNATION OF INDIVIDUAL PARKING SPACES.**

56 The Safety Director is hereby authorized and directed to designate and mark off or
57 have marked off such individual parking spaces as he deems proper. At each place
58 where individual parking spaces are so marked off, each vehicle shall be parked entirely
59 within an individual parking space.
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61 **353.03 INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL OF PARKING METERS.**

62 The Safety Director is hereby authorized and directed to place, install and remove
63 parking meters upon the curb side or in the immediate vicinity of individual parking
64 spaces designed and marked off for such purpose. All parking meters shall be under the
65 management, supervision and control of the Safety Director.
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67 **353.04 REGULATION OF PARKING IN INDIVIDUAL PARKING SPACES.**

68 (a) Whenever a vehicle shall be parked in an individual parking space where a
69 parking meter has been installed, the person parking such vehicle shall make payment
70 in such parking meter or by other means as instructed by signage, if ~~such meter~~
71 ~~displays the signal showing that legal~~ parking is only permitted on such deposit.
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73 (b) The Safety Director, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, shall
74 determine the length of time that parking is permitted in an individual parking space
75 for which a meter is installed, payment in the parking meter or by other means as
76 hereinbefore provided. Notice to the public shall be given by appropriate signs setting
77 forth the length of time for which parking is permitted and conditions thereof. These
78 may be upon the parking meter stand, sign or in the immediate vicinity. Any vehicle
79 which remains in an individual parking space after the prescribed time for parking is
80 hereby determined to be illegally parked, but in no event shall it be considered illegal
81 parking if ~~the meter display signal shows that~~ a proper deposit has been made for
82 such parking.
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84 (c) The Safety Director may determine days and times during which parking
85 may be free of charge. ~~The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to vehicles~~
86 ~~parked or standing upon the streets of the City in parking meter zones when such~~
87 ~~vehicles are parked or standing upon such streets between the hours of 5:00 p.m.~~
88 ~~in the evening until 8:00 a.m. the following morning of each week day. The~~
89 ~~provisions of this chapter shall not apply between 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening and~~
90 ~~8:00 a.m. the following Monday. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply on~~
91 ~~Sundays and holidays but for the purpose of this chapter, the afternoon of~~
92 ~~election day in each November shall not be considered as a holiday or part~~
93 ~~holiday.~~
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95 **353.05 EVIDENCE.**

96 After the installation of such parking meters, all parking is prohibited in
97 any parking space where a meter is installed ~~which displays a signal showing~~
98 ~~that parking is not permitted~~ unless a payment is made as herein provided. Any
99 vehicle parked in violation of this provision shall be deemed to be an
100 illegal parking under the provisions of this chapter. The fact that a vehicle is in an
101 individual parking space when ~~the time signal on~~ the parking meter of the same or
102 other means of tracking parking shows no parking permitted, unless payment is
103 made as herein provided, shall be deemed prima-facie evidence of the
104 unlawful parking of such motor vehicle by its operator or owner.
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109 **353.06 OVERTIME PARKING.**

110 No person shall cause, allow or permit any vehicle registered in the name of, or
111 operated by such person to be parked overtime or beyond the period of legal parking
112 time established for any parking meter zone as herein described
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114 **353.07 PARKING SPACE MARKED AS OVERTIME PARKING.**

115 No person shall permit a vehicle to remain or be placed in any parking place adjacent
116 to any parking meter while ~~such meter is displaying a signal indicating that~~ the
117 vehicle occupying such parking space has already been parked beyond the period of
118 time prescribed for such parking space.
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120 **353.08 OFFICERS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT; TICKETS.**

121 (a) It shall be the duty of the police ~~officers department~~ of the City, acting in
122 accordance with instructions issued by the Safety Director, to report:

123 (1) The number of each ~~metered parking place parking meter which indicates~~
124 that the vehicle occupying the parking space adjacent to such parking meter is or has
125 been parked in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter;

126 (2) The state license number of such vehicle;

127 (3) The time during which such vehicle is parking in violation of any of the
128 provisions of this chapter;

129 (4) Any other facts, a knowledge of which is necessary to a thorough
130 understanding of the circumstances attending such violation.

131 (b) ~~Each such police officer shall also attach to such vehicle a~~ A notice to the
132 owner or operator thereof that such vehicle has been parked in violation of a provision
133 of this chapter and instructing such owner or operator where to report, in regard to
134 such violation shall be attached to such vehicle. Such owner or operator may within
135 the time specified on such notice, pay the amount specified a penalty for such violation.
136 The owner or operator will be subjected to penalties set forth in this chapter if he or she
137 fails to pay the required amount.
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139 **353.09 COLLECTION OF COINS.**

140 The Police Chief shall designate some member or members of the Police Department
141 to collect the coins deposited in parking meters. In collecting such coins, the person so
142 designated shall remove the coins from each parking meter in the manner prescribed by
143 the Safety Director, and promptly deliver such coins to the Director of Finance. The
144 Director of Finance shall count or cause to be counted, the coins so delivered and
145 deposited the same to the credit of the City.
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147 **353.10 INTERPRETATION OF CHAPTER.**

148 This chapter shall be construed as a supplement to the general traffic ordinances and
149 all other ordinances of the City, regulating the traffic, parking and use of streets, which
150 shall be in force and effect, except insofar as modified by the provisions hereinbefore set
151 forth. Any authority heretofore or hereafter exercised by the City under any ordinance,
152 rule or regulation restricting or prohibiting parking, independent of time limits, shall in
153 no manner be affected by this chapter or any of the provisions thereof. The purpose of
154 this chapter is to assist in the regulation of overtime parking by the use of parking
155 meters, and it shall be so construed.

156 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting the City from providing for
157 free parking space for loading and unloading, for taxicab stands and for other matters
158 of similar nature.
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163 **353.11 PARKING PROHIBITED IN METER SPACE.**

164 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, no person shall park in a parking
165 meter space when otherwise directed by a police officer or fireman or when parking is
166 prohibited by properly posted signs.

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168 **353.99 PENALTY.**

169 (EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 303.99 for misdemeanor classifications and
170 penalties.)
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173 Section 2. Any other ordinances or resolutions or portions of ordinances and
174 resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and
175 resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are
176 hereby ratified and confirmed.
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178 Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council
179 concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open
180 meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its
181 committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in
182 compliance with all legal requirements, to the extent applicable, including Chapter 107
183 of the Codified Ordinances.
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185 Section 4. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary
186 for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of
187 Cuyahoga Falls and inhabitants thereof, and provided this ordinance receives the
188 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall
189 take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor;
190 otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.
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194 Passed: _____

President of Council

Clerk of Council

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Mayor

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