

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: KIM NADEAU, PARKING MANAGER
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: PARKING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AGENDA ACTION: ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Finance Department that the Council introduce an ordinance amending Section 11-24.150 Parking Meter Revenue of the Santa Rosa City Code to expand and clarify permitted uses of parking user fees.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On September 22, 2015, the Council approved a finance plan to fund the cost of design and construction of the reunification of Courthouse Square. It is anticipated that forty-four (44) new parking spaces will be included in the final design of the reconstruction of Hinton and Exchange Streets, which will border the reunified square. The current City Code Section 11-24.150 does not permit the use of parking fees to pay for the construction of on-street parking spaces. This amendment broadens the permitted use of parking fees to include construction of both on-street and off-street parking within parking meter zones.

BACKGROUND

In 1949, Council adopted Ordinance 723 which established regulations for parking and the use of parking meter revenue. In 1988, Council adopted Ordinance 2713 which amended Section 11-24.150 Parking Meter Revenue to clarify the use of parking meter revenues.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable.

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ANALYSIS

The current City Code Section 11-24.150 restricts the use of parking meter revenue to installation, operation and maintenance of parking meters, cost of placing and maintaining lines, and the cost of acquiring, maintaining and operating *off-street* parking. It does not permit use of parking revenue for acquiring *on-street* parking.

This City Code amendment will broaden the permitted uses of parking user fees, including both parking meter revenue and revenue generated from the public parking garages, to be used for acquisition and construction costs of off-street and on-street parking.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of the amendment is estimated at approximately \$300,000 for the Parking Fund contribution to the cost of constructing forty-four (44) on-street parking spaces and installation of associated parking meters, signage and striping related to the Courthouse Square reunification project. Future fiscal impacts are unknown, although creation of new on-street parking within parking meter zones, which are located in the core downtown, are not anticipated. Parking funds have not been previously appropriated for the Courthouse Square project and will be a one-time expenditure.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Redline/Strikeout of Section 11-24.150 Parking Meter Revenue of the Santa Rosa City Code
- Ordinance

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