STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 7, 2026

TO: City Council

FROM: Ryan Chapman, Director of Public Works Engineering & Transportation

SUBJECT: A Resolution Establishing Parking Rates for Various Parking Lots in Downtown Davis

Recommendation

Approve the attached resolution establishing parking rates for various parking lots in downtown Davis.

Fiscal Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund. While implementing metered parking in three additional downtown parking lots might raise additional revenue, the cost of converting these additional parking lots to metered can be accommodated in the existing City budget.

Council Goals

While not associated with a specific task, this effort is consistent with Council Goal Number 3, Economic Development through Downtown Vitality.

Commission Input

This item approves a resolution implementing previous Council direction and is a standard procedure where the City Council provides authority to approve.

Background and Analysis

In the spring of 2014, staff brought to City Council the Downtown Parking Management Plan (DPMP), which reflected the outcome of the Council-appointed Downtown Parking Task Force (DPTF). The DPTF had met monthly over the course of a year, concluding in the fall of 2013. Ultimately, the plan was adopted by the City Council and included a number of implementation actions, many of which have been completed.

One outstanding item is the conversion of three additional parking lots in the downtown to metered lots. These lots include the following:

- North F Street lot
- South G Street Lot
- Amtrak Train Depot Lot

The intent was that the spaces in these lots would be metered between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, with the exception of the Amtrak Train Depot Lot, which would only be metered between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

At the June 16, 2026, City Council meeting, a public hearing was held, and an ordinance was introduced that will make the additional parking lots metered lots and modify the hours of operation. During that meeting, the Council also directed that a resolution be brought back on July 7, 2026, establishing a metered parking rate of $1 per hour for all three lots. The attached resolution (Attachment 1) established these rates for all four metered parking lots.

Finally, the Council directed staff to conduct occupancy studies for the downtown parking lots that will be metered. Staff plans on conducting these studies in the fall once both UC Davis and DJUSD are back in session and return in nine months with recommendations on whether the rates should be increased and, if so, provide a recommended hourly rate.

This action would not change the majority of the parking downtown, since parking in all of the on-street parking spaces and half of the surface lots would still remain free. The F Street parking garage would also remain unchanged, with the first three hours of parking continuing to be provided at no charge.

There are approximately 2,100 public parking spaces in the downtown between the on-street parking, parking lots, and public parking garages. This action would affect 330 spaces, which is about 16% of the total available parking downtown.

Attachment

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 26-XXX, SERIES 2026

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAVIS ESTABLISHING A PERMIT PARKING FEE FOR VARIOUS PARKING LOTS IN DOWNTOWN DAVIS

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2026, the City Council considered a proposal to establish metered parking in three additional parking lots downtown; and

WHEREAS, at said meeting, the City determined that parking fees should be established by resolution; and

WHEREAS, prior to the June 16, 2026, meeting, the City had published a notice of a public hearing on the proposed parking fee and charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. The rate for parking in a parking meter zone during the hours of operation shall be twenty-five cents per fifteen-minute increment in the following lots:

- City Parking Lot located at 221 F Street, also known as the "E Street Plaza Parking Lot."
- City Parking Lot located at 310 E Street, also known as the "North F Street Parking Lot."
- City Parking Lot located between Second and Third streets on APN 070-252-022, also known as the "South G Street Parking Lot."
- City Parking Lot located at 840 H Street, also known as the "Amtrak Train Depot Parking Lot."

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this 7th day of July, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

Donna Neville
Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk