

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH  
LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4071  
Adopted by the City Council on OCTOBER 19, 2015**

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH AMENDING SECTIONS 10.060.010, 10.060.020 AND 10.060.030 OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO METER ZONES"

**SYNOPSIS:**

At the Strategic Planning Retreat held July 13, 2015, the City Council created a working group with the objective of evaluating options on how to generate additional General Fund revenue. Under the leadership of Mayor Pro Tem Katapodis, the City Manager, Police Chief, and Director of Finance were tasked to identify potential new General Fund revenue sources. Based upon City Council direction, the working group met with Mayor Pro Tem Katapodis and presented options at the September 8, 2015, Public Hearing to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Proposed Budget.

The following revenue options and proposals were introduced:

Parking Meter Revenue – Staff conducted a review of surrounding beach cities, including Redondo Beach, Long Beach, Seal Beach, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, and San Clemente and proposed a modest increase to the hourly parking meter charge during the summer months for meters in the downtown business zone, downtown residential zone, bluff top parking lots, Pacific Coast Highway, Beach Boulevard, and metered lots at Pier Plaza. The proposed increase of 25 cents per hour for the months of May through August would increase the hourly rate from \$1.50 per hour to \$1.75 per hour and generate approximately \$380,000 per year. The current parking meter rates are within the range of rates charged by other coastal communities, and the proposed summer charge of \$1.75 per hour is in keeping with rates in neighboring Newport Beach and Laguna Beach which similar to Huntington Beach, generally have a higher concentration of visitors during the summer months and a greater draw on City staff and resources.

Parking Citation Violations – While the Uniform Bail Schedule consists of many types of violations and fines, Staff proposes changes in two areas that relate to the fines for expired meters (Huntington Beach Municipal Code) and parking in a handicap ramp (California Vehicle Code). The proposed changes would increase the expired meter fine from \$48.00 to \$58.00 per violation and from \$55.00 to \$356.00 for parking illegally in a handicap ramp. These changes to the Uniform Bail Schedule will generate approximately \$282,000 annually. Please be advised that the State recommends a handicap ramp fine of at least \$250.00. These increased fines are also generally in-line with neighboring cities.

Civil Fines for Municipal Code Violations – The final proposed source of revenue relates to changes in the Civil Fines for Municipal Code violations such as public intoxication and using glass containers on the beach. The proposed general increase for Administrative Citations will generate approximately \$85,000 in revenue per year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting held October 19, 2015 by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** O'Connell, Katapodis, Hardy, Sullivan, Delgleize

**NOES:** Posey, Peterson

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**THE FULL TEXT OF THE ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.**

**This ordinance is effective 30 days after adoption.**

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JOAN L. FLYNN, CITY CLERK**