



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to county automotive parking facilities; amending Ordinance 12077, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.010, Ordinance 12077, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.020, Ordinance 3511, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.030, Ordinance 3511, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.040, Ordinance 8753, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.045, Ordinance 3511, Section 6, and K.C.C. 3.32.050, Ordinance 12077, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.055 and Ordinance 8753, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.090, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 3.32 and repealing Ordinance 8753, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.005.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 8753, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.005 are hereby repealed.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. A new section is added to K.C.C. chapter 3.32 to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

A. "After hours parking" means parking for employees whose normal work shifts begin after 1:30 p.m. and end between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. or who are required to come into work after 4:30 p.m. "After hours parking" also includes parking on weekends and holidays that is required by the employee's agency.

B. "Business convenience" means a county business-related requirement. For purposes of this chapter, "a county business-related requirement" includes after hours parking for county employees, parking for commissioned sheriff's office personnel and for county employees who are required as part of their jobs to use

their private vehicles to routinely travel to multiple county business locations and parking for county-owned vehicles.

C. "County automotive parking facility" means:

1. The Goat Hill parking garage located at Sixth Avenue and Jefferson in Seattle;
2. The parking structure located at the regional justice center in Kent;
3. County adult detention center parking facilities located at Fifth Avenue and James in Seattle;
4. Open surface lots that are owned or leased by the county; and
5. The New County Office Building parking located at Sixth Avenue and Jefferson in Seattle.

D. "Director" means the director of the county department of executive services and his or her successor or designee, unless otherwise specified in this chapter.

E. "Public parking" means general purpose parking by persons who are not county employees and by county employees that park for less than a full day.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 12077, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.010 are amended to read as follows:

Administrative regulations adopted by the department of executive services shall include, but not be limited to, the following subjects:

- A. Identification of positions eligible for reserved and unreserved parking;
- B. Regulation of after-hours and weekend parking;
- C. Enforcement procedures, including certification and monitoring of carpools and the establishment of procedures for handling complaints;
- D. Designation of the public parking areas;
- E. Prohibition of the resale of the parking stall assignment;
- F. Designation of reserved and unreserved parking areas((:));
- G. Establishment of public parking rates at ((the 5th Avenue and Jefferson Street parking lot. During

~~the period July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2005, the director of the department of executive services shall have the authority to administratively approve and set parking rates at the 5th Avenue and Jefferson Street lot,))~~  
county automotive parking facilities. The rates shall be based upon the advice and market rate information regularly collected and analyzed by the private contractor hired to manage and operate the lot or by the director in those cases where the lot is not managed by a private contractor. The director may authorize the contractor to ~~((adjust rates on a frequent basis))~~ make periodic rate adjustments within a specified range, but shall periodically review the contractor's rate adjustments, rate setting methods and research to ensure ~~((it is))~~ that they are based on current data~~((within the area bounded by Jackson Street on the south, Sixth Avenue on the east, Columbia Street on the north and Second Avenue on the west)). ((The director of the department of executive services within forty five days of the end of each calendar year 2003 and 2004 shall provide to the council a report on operations of the 5th and Jefferson lot. Such report shall include a monthly detailed accounting of all revenues and expenses, details of all rate adjustments, a listing of all capital improvements or major maintenance undertaken or needed, and such other information as may be useful to the council in analyzing the operations of the lot.))~~

H. Designation of open surface lots that are subject to parking charges.

SECTION 4. Ordinance 12077, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.020 are amended to read as follows:

A. All county employees and elected officials ~~((who are assigned the regular use of a parking stall, or who are authorized the use of available unassigned parking stalls on a regular basis while engaged in county business, within any of the county-owned parking facilities,))~~ shall pay their own parking fees ~~((as provided in this chapter))~~ unless they are parking for the business convenience of the county. The employee's agency shall be charged for employee parking that is for the business convenience of the county. ~~((Parking fees shall not be paid by the county on behalf of any individual employee or elected official who is assigned the regular use of a county parking stall regardless of whose vehicle that person parks in the stall.))~~ Current county employees covered by existing collective bargaining agreements shall be affected only in a manner consistent with state

law. ~~((Any exemptions to garage parking fees are subject to approval by council motion. A list of county employees recommended for exemption and the reason for their exemption should be presented annually by January 31st to the council for approval before exemptions are granted.))~~

B. The parking fees for monthly parking that is not for the business convenience of the county shall be paid through monthly payroll deductions from the wages of the employee or elected official who is assigned the regular use of the county parking stall regardless of whether that person is assigned the use of a county-owned vehicle, assigned a vehicle provided at county expense, or uses a privately-owned vehicle.

C. ~~((Except as provided in K.C.C. 3.32.010.G with reference to the 5th Avenue and Jefferson Street lot ))~~In order to evaluate the appropriateness of any potential adjustments to established employee parking rates, the department of executive services, facilities management division may conduct a survey of the monthly parking rates charged for public parking in comparable lots~~((of ten or more spaces within the area bounded by Jackson Street on the south, Sixth Avenue on the east, Columbia Street on the north and Second Avenue on the west))~~. The survey and any employee parking fee recommendations shall be forwarded to the council for consideration during the budget process. ~~((Proposed rates for parking at other county surface lots, including those lots that might be located outside of downtown Seattle, shall be developed in each case from a market rate analysis of an area having a three block radius from the subject lot, and shall be transmitted to the council for consideration during the budget process.))~~

SECTION 5. Ordinance 3511, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.030 are amended to read as follows:

~~((King County motor pool vehicles not assigned to individuals are exempt from the provisions of Section 3.32.020.))~~ There shall not be exemptions from parking fees. County agencies benefiting from parking required for the business convenience of the county shall pay for that parking.

SECTION 6. Ordinance 3511, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.040 are amended to read as follows:

Public ((P))parking space ((will)) within county automotive parking facilities shall be established ((for public parking to be used in connection with county business)) to the extent practicable. Members of the public on county business shall be charged for all time parked. Religious service volunteers who work at the King County jail are ((exempt from the payment of parking fees. Other exceptions from parking fees can be made if they meet explicit criteria for exemptions established in accordance with Section 3.32.010 and monitored by the King County auditor)) parking for the business convenience of the department of adult and juvenile detention. Other volunteers who are specifically authorized by ordinance to park in county automotive parking facilities at no charge are parking for the business convenience of those agencies that the volunteers serve.

SECTION 7. Ordinance 8753, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.045 are hereby amended as follows:

The rates for county employee parking at the Goat Hill parking garage shall be as follows:

A. Daily parking: ten dollars.

<del>(1. 1 hour</del>	<del>\$3.00</del>
<del>1-2 hours</del>	<del>\$5.00</del>
<del>2-4 hours</del>	<del>\$7.00</del>
<del>4-10 hours</del>	<del>\$10.00</del>
<del>Early bird special</del>	<del>\$8.00</del>
<del>(Weekdays prior to 8:30 a.m.)</del>	
<del>Special events</del>	<del>\$7.00</del>

B. ~~((Special events rates shall apply after 6 p.m. weekdays and all day Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays and shall apply during those events designated in accordance with K.C.C. 3.32.010. Parking for special events shall be provided in surface lots and in the county automotive center, provided that county employees who pay for parking privileges in the automotive center shall be exempted from payment of the special event fee at the county automotive center.))~~ Hourly parking. Hourly public parking rates shall apply up to a maximum of ten

dollars.

C. The rate for after hours parking shall be five dollars.

SECTION 8. Ordinance 3511, Section 6, and K.C.C. 3.32.050 are hereby amended as follows:

A. ~~((Employees and positions currently assigned stalls for the purpose of private parking within the automotive center and the King County courthouse will retain a parking space subject to payment of fees as specified in K.C.C. 3.32.020.~~

B.)) Spaces ~~((will))~~ shall be reserved for the disabled ~~(ambulatory handicapped)~~ and located convenient to elevators.

SECTION 9. Ordinance 12077, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.055 are hereby amended as follows:

A. Monthly employee and county vehicle rates for parking in the ~~((stalls in the King County automotive center, adult detention center, courthouse))~~ Goat Hill parking garage, New County Office Building, King County Correctional Facility, open surface parking lots~~((other than the 5th Avenue and Jefferson Street lot,))~~ that are designated by rule to be subject to parking charges, and bicycle lockers shall be as follows:

**((Parking)) Reserved Area    ((Parking)) Unreserved Area**

1. Vehicle parking	<del>(((\$160.00))</del> <u>\$205.00</u>	<del>(((\$150.00))</del> <u>\$190.00</u>
2. Motorcycle parking	<del>(((\$10.00))</del> <u>N/A</u>	<u>\$95.00</u>
3. Bicycle lockers	\$5.00	
4. <del>((Other))</del> <u>Open</u> surface lots	\$20.00	<u>\$20.00.</u>

B. The facilities management division of the department of executive services shall identify surface parking lots~~((, other than the 5th Avenue and Jefferson Street lot, for which))~~ where it is reasonable and feasible to charge employees for monthly parking~~((, and to implement such charges))~~. These surface parking lots are located at county facilities outside the downtown Seattle metropolitan core and include, but are not limited to, district courts, health centers, alcohol treatment facilities, police precincts, youth service centers~~((;))~~ and similar

facilities. Designation of open surface lots that are subject to parking charges shall occur by administrative rule adopted pursuant to King County Code section 3.32.010.

~~((B))~~ C. For county employees with disabilities that make it difficult or impossible to use public transit, and who display a disabled parking permit, the fee for covered parking shall be fifty percent of the normal rate. Employees with disabilities shall receive first priority in the assignment of available parking stalls.

~~((C. Authorized second and third shift parking and interim use parking in the automotive center shall be limited to floors four through seven. The executive will notify second and third shift employees of the availability of escort service.))~~

SECTION 10. Ordinance 8753, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.090 are hereby amended as follows:

All revenues derived from parking fees shall be distributed as follows:

A. ~~((Forty four percent of parking revenues shall be distributed to the children and family set aside fund for support of health and human services activities and the remainder shall be distributed to the current expense fund))~~ An allocation to cover rent payments for the Goat Hill parking garage and pro-rated rent for the parking portion of the New County Office Building;

B. It is the intent of the council to annually, during the budget process, identify a portion of the revenue going to the current expense fund to be transferred to the major maintenance reserve fund to support major maintenance projects at the garage and other parking facilities, taking into account the major maintenance model and financial plan; ~~((and))~~

C. ~~((The department of executive services, facilities internal service fund shall be reimbursed by the current expense fund for expenses associated with the operation of the parking program))~~ An allocation to the facilities management division of the department of executive services' internal service fund to reimburse the fund for expenses associated with the operation of the parking program;

D. An allocation to the children and family set-aside fund for support of health and human services

activities sufficient to increase the allocation from 2004 levels at the local consumer price index; and

E. The residual revenues distributed to the current expense fund.

**SECTION 11. Effective date.** This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2007.

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