



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Matthew R. Walsh, Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects

DATE: September 25, 2019

SUBJECT: Strategic Parking Plan - Phase II Meter Expansion
South State Street (Thompson Street to Thorndike Street)
Wall Street (South State Street to South Street)

Recommendation:

Set the attached ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-3, Parking Meters for public hearing on November 12, 2019.

Background:

The City Council accepted the Strategic Parking Plan on December 18, 2017.

The Plan recommended two phases of meter expansion. The purpose of these expansions was to 1) appropriately manage public parking near activity centers (Federal Court, Merrimack County Court, etc.), and 2) generate additional revenues to support additional capital investments in the parking infrastructure, including the City's 3 public parking garages and 9 surface lots.

Phase I of meter expansion was implemented in FY 2019. This Phase originally included 50 parking spaces on South Main Street, Concord Street, and Dixon Avenue. However, this was subsequently reduced to 43 spaces due to the elimination of on-street parking at Dixon Avenue as part of the Granite Center Redevelopment Project.

Phase II of meter expansion will be implemented in FY 2020. Originally, it was estimated that this Phase would add approximately 258 meters throughout Downtown. However, based upon recently completed meter layout plans, this figure has been revised to 234+/- meters. Please see the table below for more information.

Street	Location	Total Meters
Center	Union to North Spring	19
Chesley	Pleasant to Wall	8
Court	North State to North Main	16
Montgomery	North State to Court	15
North Main	Court to Pitman	8
North State	Center to Chapel	25
Pleasant	Spring to Merrimack; South to Spring (Federal Court Frontage)	42
South	Wall to Thompson	26
South Spring	Oak to Pleasant	9
South State	Wall to Thorndike	52
Wall	South to South State	14
Total		234

Lastly, during the FY 2020 budget adoption, it was determined that an additional 82 spaces located on Storrs Street (north of Dixon Avenue and south of Theatre Street) will also be metered. With this addition, approximately 316 meters will be installed as part of Phase II meter expansion.

The City Council approved Ordinance #3043 on June 17, 2019, which authorized the City Administration to proceed with implementation of Phase II meter expansion. The FY 2020 budget also included \$345,000 to purchase and install meters at these locations.

Please see the attached map for more information.

Discussion:

While preparing to move forward with Phase II meter installation, staff determined that Ordinance #3043 inadvertently omitted South State Street (between Thompson and Thorndike Street – approximately 27 parking spaces), as well as Wall Street (between South State Street to South Street – approximately 14 parking spaces).

The attached ordinance seeks to correct these omissions.

If not corrected, the City will be unable to appropriately manage parking in these locations and revenue goals set forth in the FY 2020 budget will not be achieved.

The City’s Parking Committee reviewed this issue during its August 26, 2019 meeting. It was the consensus of the Parking Committee to amend the Code of Ordinances to correct these omissions.

