

City of Cincinnati
An Ordinance No. 10

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MODIFYING Chapter 509, “Parking Meters,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Sections 509-2, “Types of Parking Meters,” 509-5, “Parking in Metered Spaces or Spaces Requiring Payment,” and 509-7, “Unmetered Parking,” to update the on-street parking requirements in the Cincinnati Municipal Code with current best practices and useful technology for the parking industry.

WHEREAS, Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 509, “Parking Meters,” establishes the conditions and requirements for on-street metered parking in the City of Cincinnati and provides for parking violations; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to invest in better parking technology to modernize its on-street parking facilities and create a better user experience for drivers by implementing various options for payment; and

WHEREAS, the current provisions in Chapter 509, are inconsistent and need updates to reflect the ongoing modernization and best practices for payment systems for on-street parking; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Sections 509-2, “Types of Parking Meters,” 509-5, “Parking in Metered Spaces or Spaces Requiring Payment,” and 509-7, “Unmetered Parking,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 509-2. - Types of Parking Meters.

The city manager may use various devices, technologies, and systems to meter parking on city streets and right-of-way including the following:

- (a) Single-space parking meters shall be of either the penny, nickel, dime, quarter, or combination type and shall be so designed and constructed as to display a signal showing lawful parking following the deposit therein of a prescribed coin of the United States of America during the period of time for parking provided for the denomination of coin so deposited, which in no event shall exceed the parking limits now or hereafter provided for the part of the street upon which such single-spaced meter is placed. Each single-spaced meter shall bear a sign or legend setting forth the denomination or denominations of coins which can be deposited therein, and the parking time secured thereby, which sign or legend may be in lieu of any other sign pertaining to the parking of vehicles in the adjacent parts of the street. Each such single-spaced meter shall also be designed and

constructed so that upon the expiration of the parking time provided for the denomination of coin deposited it will indicate by automatic operation of a visual signal that the lawful parking period has expired.

- (b) Multi-space meters shall be any device installed for the acceptance of parking fees for more than one parking space. Multi-space meters shall require either the conspicuous display of a receipt inside a vehicle where it can be clearly seen from outside the vehicle or the entering of the proper parking space number or entering of license plate information in which the vehicle is parked in conjunction with paying the parking fee. Multi-space meters may accept one or more of the following payment options: coins, tokens, cash, credit cards, debit cards, or other stored value cards.
- (c) Parking payment applications, including mobile payment systems, smart phone applications, and all other similar types of technologies.

Sec. 509-5. - Parking in Metered Spaces or Spaces Requiring Payment.

- (a) Spaces controlled by meters. Whenever a vehicle is parked in a space at which requires payment for parking ~~a parking meter is located~~ during hours of limited parking, the owner or driver of the vehicle shall, upon entering the vehicle in the parking space, immediately pay the required fee by any method accepted by such space or the meter. Such owner or driver may use the unexpired time displayed on the meter from its previous use without making an additional payment. Any unexpired time displayed on the meter will not be added to any time purchased for that meter using pay-by-phone technology.
 - (b) When a vehicle is too large to be confined in a single space, the owner or driver of the vehicle shall make payment for the number of parking spaces the vehicle fully or partially occupies.
 - (c) If a vehicle remains parked either fully or partially in any parking space beyond the limit fixed for the amount of the payment accepted by such space or meter, such vehicle shall be considered as parked overtime.
 - ~~(b) Other spaces requiring payment. Whenever a vehicle is parked in any designated space that requires payment for parking other than by a meter, the owner or driver of the vehicle shall, upon entering the vehicle in the parking space, immediately pay the required fee by any method accepted. If required, the owner or driver shall conspicuously place the receipt showing the purchased time face up inside the vehicle where it can be easily and clearly seen from outside the vehicle.~~
- ~~When a vehicle is too large to be confined in a single space, the owner or driver of the vehicle shall make payment for the number of parking spaces the vehicle fully or partially occupies.~~
- (d) If any equipment, system, or technology for paying for parking is out of order or unable to accept payment, the owner or driver of the vehicle shall use other equipment that is nearby to pay for the parking space or spaces used or shall pay

for the space or spaces used through another available system or technology. ~~If a vehicle remains parked in any parking space beyond the expiration time printed on the receipt conspicuously displayed in the vehicle or the amount of time purchased through another system or technology, such vehicle shall be considered as parked overtime.~~

Sec. 509-7. - Unmetered Parking.

No person during hours of limited parking shall permit a vehicle to remain parked in a designated parking space in violation of section 509-5 or while the parking meter for the space indicates that the car is illegally parked or if the vehicle does not conspicuously display a valid, unexpired receipt, whether the indication is the result of the failure to pay the required fee by any method accepted by such meter and operate the lever or other actuating device of the meter, or the result of the automatic operation of the meter following the expiration of the authorized parking time subsequent to the payment of the required fee by any method accepted by such meter at the time the vehicle was parked.

The fact that a vehicle is parked in a metered parking space during hours of limited parking either with (i) the meter time signal showing no permitted parking or (ii) without conspicuously displaying a valid unexpired receipt or (iii) not showing as paid via a valid payment method, shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle has been parked at such space longer than the lawfully permitted parking period.

Section 2. That the City Manager and the proper City officials are authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to carry out the provisions of this ordinance, including by updating applicable rules and regulations, fee schedules, and policies and procedures in accordance with the modifications to the Cincinnati Municipal Code provided for herein.

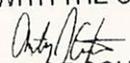
Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed: January 14, 2026

Attest: 
Clerk


Aftab Pureval, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 10-2026
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 1/27/2026

Additions indicated by underline; Deletions indicated by strikethrough. 
CLERK OF COUNCIL