



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Council Session

## Item F3

### **#8735 - Consideration of Amending City Code Relative to Implementation of Fees for Parking Ramp**

*As discussed at the City Council Retreat, the Downtown Improvement Board, at the suggestion of the Parking Ramp Committee, is recommending moving toward a “pay for parking” structure at the parking ramp. Since the structure was built, downtown property owners have funded the maintenance of this structure through an assessment district. No city tax dollars are used to support the operations and/or maintenance of the Ramp.*

*Unfortunately, many property owners on the outer perimeters of the improvement district did not realize any benefit from their assessments, as their properties are not in close proximity to the parking ramp. The new fees will place that responsibility on people who are actually using the ramp.*

*Upon Council approval, staff will commence with finalizing equipment/infrastructure pricing information, soliciting bids for the equipment and associated electrical work, and procurement of signage. It is anticipated this change would become effective with the new fiscal year, October 1, 2002.*

*A courtesy notice/flyer has been distributed to County, State, and Federal employees, as well as area businesses regarding the proposed user fees for the parking ramp in Downtown Grand Island.*

*Suggested fees are as follows:*

*\$25/month fee for lower level reserved space*

*\$20/month fee for middle and upper level reserved space*

*\$2/day fee for non-reserved spaces (\$1 8 a.m. - 12 noon; \$1 12 noon to 5 p.m.)*

*The two-hour parking on the lower level, and free extended parking on upper levels will be eliminated. Approval is recommended.*

Staff Contact:

ORDINANCE NO. 8735

An ordinance to amend Chapter 13 of the Grand Island City Code; to amend Sections 13-4 and 13-17 and to add Section 13-55 pertaining to parking ramp regulations; to repeal Sections 13-4 and 13-17 as now existing, and any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 13-4 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§13-4. Use of Revenue**

The proposed uses to this additional revenue derived from the imposition of a general business license and occupation tax on businesses and users of the space within the district, are as follows:

- (1) The acquisition, construction, maintenance, administration, and operation of public off-street parking facilities for the benefit of the district area ~~on which no charge for use shall be made.~~
- (2) Improvement and decoration of any public place in the district area.
- (3) Promotion of public events which are to take place on or in public places in the district area.
- (4) Creation and implementing of a plan for improving the general architectural design of public areas in the district area.
- (5) The development of any public activities in the district area.
- (6) Any other project or undertaking for the betterment of the public facilities in the district area, whether the project be capital or noncapital in nature.

SECTION 2. Section 13-17 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§13-17. Congested Parking Area**

The following areas of the City are found and determined to be areas where congestion of vehicular traffic is such that the public convenience and safety require regulation of parking by a parking meter system:

- (A) Third Street between Elm Street and Sycamore Street;
- (B) Second Street between Elm Street and Pine Street;
- (C) Cedar Street between Second Street and Third Street;
- (D) Walnut Street between First Street and South Front Street;
- (E) Wheeler Street between First Street and Third Street;
- (F) Locust Street between First Street and South Front Street;
- (G) Pine Street between Second Street and South Front Street;
- (H) The southern most row of parking stalls in the public parking lot on the south side of South Front Street and east of vacated Wheeler Street;
- (I) The public parking lot on the north side of Second Street and Walnut Street;
- (J) The western most row of parking stalls in the public parking lot on the east side of Pine Street, south of South Front Street; and

Approved as to Form ? _____
April 19, 2002 ? City Attorney

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~~—(K) The lower level of the public parking ramp on the east side of Locust Street, north of First Street.~~

All city-owned parking spaces located within said congested parking area shall be designated Metered Zone or Express Zone and subject to the parking meter system except those parking spaces reserved for handicapped parking only. One or more Express Zone spaces shall be located on each side of each block of on-street parking within the congested area and shall be designated by posted signs.

SECTION 3. Article VII – Parking Ramp Regulations and Section 13-55 is hereby added to Chapter 13 of the Grand Island City Code to read as follows:

**§13-55. Parking Ramp Regulations**

The Downtown Improvement Board is authorized to promulgate, subject to the approval and adoption by the City Council, such regulations and rates as are necessary and convenient to lease to the public the parking spaces in the public parking ramp on the east side of Locust Street, north of First Street. Said regulations and rates shall be enacted by resolution. The rates shall be set forth in the City of Grand Island Fee Schedule.

SECTION 4. Sections 13-4 and 13-17 as now existing, and any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication, within fifteen days in one issue of the Grand Island Independent as provided by law.

Enacted: April 23, 2002.

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Ken Gnadt, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk