

DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Director of the District Department of Transportation, pursuant to the authority of sections 3(b) and 5(3)(D)(iii) of the Department of Transportation Establishment Act of 2002, effective May 21, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-137; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-921.02(b) and 50-921.04(3)(D)(iii)), and Mayor's Order 2003-11 (January 16, 2003), hereby gives notice of the intent to amend chapters 24, 26, and 99 of the Vehicle and Traffic Regulations (18 DCMR). The proposed rules would amend the provisions of § 2404 to authorize the use of parking meters that serve more than one parking space. Some of these meters do not keep track of or display the time remaining for the parking privileges purchased, but instead issue receipts that indicate that information. Therefore, the proposed amendments provide that a vehicle will be considered illegally parked if the expiration time shown on a parking meter receipt has lapsed or if a vehicle does not display such a receipt when required to do so. In addition, provisions referencing the depositing of coins have been amended to reflect the additional payment methods accepted by the new meters. The proposed rules would also amend the descriptions of four existing civil infractions in § 2601.1, and modify and add definitions in § 9901.1 to conform to these changes. Finally, the definition of "Parking Meter" is revised to eliminate the requirement that all parking meters measure the time remaining for lawful parking.

This notice supersedes the previous notice of proposed rulemaking published at 52 DCR 6445 (July 8, 2005). Since the proposed notice is a revision to the previous notice of proposed rulemaking, final rulemaking action to adopt these amendments shall be taken in not less than ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

The following sections in 18 DCMR are amended as follows:

Section 2404, **PARKING METERS AND PARKING METER ZONES**, is amended as follows:

- 2404.1 A parking meter zone is designated as the space parallel to the curb extending from the center of the parking meter standard at the head of the space to the center of the parking meter standard or other marking at the rear of the space; except that if a parking meter zone is served by a multi-space parking meter, the parking meter zone may be designated by signs or pavement markings.

- 2404.5 No person shall stop, stand, or park in a parking meter zone any vehicle which exceeds the designated length of the parking meter zone.
- 2404.6 Immediately after parking a motor vehicle, the operator shall pay for the amount of parking time desired and, if a receipt is issued, place the receipt on the passenger side of the dashboard of the vehicle so that it is clearly visible through the windshield of the vehicle. The space may then be used by the vehicle during the parking limit indicated on the single-space or multi-space parking meter for that space or on the receipt issued, as is applicable.
- 2404.7 No person shall purchase more time than allowed for the parking meter zone.
- 2404.8 Except as provided in § 2404.9, a vehicle shall be considered illegally parked if:
- (a) A single-space or multi-space parking meter indicates overtime parking with respect to the parking meter zone in which the vehicle is parked;
 - (b) The expiration time indicated on the parking meter receipt displayed on the vehicle has lapsed; or
 - (c) The vehicle does not display a receipt in the manner required by § 2404.6.
- 2404.9 Parking meter zones may be used without charge at times when the time for parking in the parking meter zone is unrestricted.
- 2404.10 Except for parking meter zones served by parking meters that issue receipts, the unexpired time in a parking meter zone, which is unoccupied, may be used by another vehicle without depositing payment. A car displaying a receipt issued by a parking meter may park in any unoccupied parking meter zone that is served by a parking meter that issues receipts until the expiration time shown on the parking meter receipt has lapsed.
- 2404.11 Whenever a vehicle identified by license plates as being owned, rented, or leased by the federal or District government is being used on official business and is parked in a parking meter zone, the operator of the vehicle is not required to deposit payment to park in the parking meter zone.

Section 2601, **PARKING AND OTHER NON-MOVING INFRACTIONS**, is revised by amending the first four provisions under the section entitled "Meter" in § 2601.1 to read as follows:

Depositing additional payment to extend time beyond applicable limit [§ 2404.7]	\$15.00
Illegally parked at [§ 2404.8]	\$25.00
Failure to deposit payment [§ 2404.6]	\$15.00
Not parked in parking meter space [§ 2404.4]	\$15.00

Section 9901, **DEFINITIONS**, § 9901.1, is amended as follows:

1. By amending the definitions of "Parking Meter" and "Parking Meter Zone" to read as follows:

Parking Meter – a mechanical or electronic device located upon a sidewalk or public parking adjacent to one or more places regularly designated as a parking meter zone, which measures and displays the amount of time remaining for lawful parking or which issues a receipt indicating the time at which lawful parking will expire.

Parking Meter Zone – a certain designated and marked-off section of a public roadway within the marked boundaries of which a vehicle may be temporarily parked and allowed to remain for such period of time as indicated on a parking meter or on a receipt issued by a parking meter serving that zone.

2. By inserting the following new definitions in alphabetical order:

Multi-Space Parking Meter – a parking meter that serves more than one parking meter zone.

Single-Space Parking Meter – a parking meter that serves no more than one parking meter zone.

All persons interested in commenting on the subject matter in this proposed rulemaking action may file comments in writing, not later than ten (10) days after the publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*, with Robert Marsili, City Wide Program Manager, Traffic Services Administration, District Department of Transportation, 2000 14th Street, N.W., 5th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20009. Copies of this proposal are available, at cost, by writing to the above address.