Passed: 5-0

ORDINANCE 97-20

TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"
(Removing Metered Parking on Saturdays)

WHEREAS, in May, 1997 the City released the Parking Task Force Report, which made recommendations designed to: promote parking as an integral part of downtown revitalization; promote higher turnover of on-street parking; and, encourage greater use of off-street parking lots; and

WHEREAS, the report noted that parking violations are enforced for city lots on Saturdays, but not for spaces on the street or in the garages, and found that this policy encourages visiting motorists to leave their cars on the streets for longer periods of time than in the lots or garages, which discouraged potential downtown customers from shopping on Saturdays; and

WHEREAS, the report therefore recommended that visitors no longer be required to pay for metered parking on Saturdays; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-9-11-7 and local code, the Council has considered the fiscal impact of this policy, which primarily involves lost revenues from fines and parking meter collections and the cost of replacing signs, and determines that this policy is reasonable and will not impair the ability of the City to cover the cost of providing and operating necessary parking facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Convention Center Lot, which is operated under an agreement for parking lot management with the Commission for Bloomington Downtown, is incorrectly listed in the municipal code provision dealing with pay-by-the-hour parking on Saturdays;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Amend Part (a) of Section 15.40.020 concerning "Applicable Times and Charges" for the City's parking lots and garages by striking the words "and Convention Center Parking Lot" in the first sentence and adding the words "Saturdays and" after the words "every day except" wherever they appear in the provision so that Part (a) now reads:

> 15.40.020 Applicable times and charges. (a) The charge for the use of the Walnut Street Parking Garage shall be twenty-five cents per sixty minutes or part thereof, for the use of each space between the hours of seven a.m. and seven p.m. every day except Saturdays and Sundays. The charge shall be collected by parking meters or attendants. The charge for the use of Municipal Parking Lot 1 shall be twenty-five cents per thirty-minute period and fifty cents per sixty minutes for the use of each space between the hours of eight a.m. and five p.m., every day except Saturdays and Sundays. The charge shall be collected by parking meters.
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> The charge for the use of all other municipal parking lots and the Regester Center Parking Garage shall be five cents for twelve minutes, ten cents per twenty-four-minute period and twenty-five cents per sixty minutes for the use of each space between the hours of eight a.m. and five p.m., every day except Saturdays and Sundays. The charge shall be collected by parking meters.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 18th day of June, 1997.

ANTHONY PIZZO, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 19th day of June, 1997.

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 25th day of June, 1997.

JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance is sponsored by Matt Pierce and implements one of the recommendations of the Parking Task Force Report. The recommendation is to encourage more on-street parking on Saturdays by no longer requiring visitors to pay for hourly parking in city lots on that day. The ordinance also removes an outdated reference to the Convention Center Parking Lot found in the same provision of the municipal code. That lot is currently under an agreement for parking lot management with the Commission for Bloomington Downtown and is no longer subject to the pay-by-the-hour provisions of the code.

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