

## **CHAPTER 2.14**

### **FACILITY-RELATED PARKING POLICY AND REGULATIONS**

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### **2.14.010 Purpose and Policy**

The purpose of this chapter is to give policy direction as to the use and regulation of parking lots and structures at Metro regional facilities.

It is the policy of Metro to obtain maximum use of its regional facilities by assisting the public and Metro employees to gain access to and use of those facilities, consistent with their planned use and with other region-wide Metro policies and objectives.

Parking is an integral part of the regional facility that enables the facility to fulfill its mission and objectives. The administration of parking lots and structures is carried out as part of the administration of the facility.

Parking lots and structures are for the use of the visitors to the facility and Metro employees and staff assigned to the facilities. Metro may assist employees in gaining access to its regional facilities in a manner that promotes alternatives to the use of single occupancy motor vehicles.

Parking lots and structures may be operated in an entrepreneurial manner that generates revenues for Metro and its facilities.

Metro will work with appropriate local jurisdictions to ensure that design and operation of its parking lots and structures is consistent with this parking policy. [Ord. 95-586; Ord. 99-807A, Sec. 2.]

### **2.14.020 Definitions**

For the purposes of this chapter unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

**Parking lot** means any Metro-owned or managed vehicle parking areas, including but not limited to the Oregon Convention Center parking lot, parking at the Metro Regional Center, Portland Metropolitan Exposition Center, facilities managed by the Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, or any other Metro-owned or operated parking facility, whether currently owned or managed or which Metro acquires or assumes responsibility hereafter.

**Premises** mean any property, buildings or grounds which are either owned by Metro or which are the responsibility of Metro to manage. [Ord. 95-586; Ord. 02-967, Sec. 1; Ord. 13-1320, Sec. 2.]

### **2.14.030 Parking Regulations**

The following rules shall govern all vehicles operated within the area of any Metro parking lot or Metro premises:

- (a) It shall be a violation of this Code for the driver of any motor vehicle or bus to violate any legend or direction contained in any sign, signal, or marking now installed or hereafter installed upon any portion of Metro premises or Metro parking lot areas. Drivers of all vehicles shall drive in a careful and safe manner at all times and shall comply with the signals and directions of the police or security officers and all posted traffic signs. Blocking of entrances, driveways, walks, loading platforms, fire lanes, or fire hydrants is prohibited. Parking without authority, or parking in unauthorized locations or in locations reserved for other persons or contrary to the directions of posted signs, is prohibited.
- (b) Metro or Metro ERC security personnel designated by the Chief Operating Officer as serving as a Metro parking patrol shall have the authority and duty to issue parking citations in accordance with subsection (c) of this section for a violation specified by subsection (a) of this section. The Metro parking patrol shall have no other police authority. Persons appointed as Metro parking patrol shall be special police officers of Metro. As special police officers, the Metro parking patrol personnel shall have authority to issue citations for violations of parking or non-moving traffic violations occurring on Metro premises or Metro parking lots, and particularly they shall have authority to issue citations. To the extent of the power and authority granted in this section, such personnel shall exercise full police power and authority.
- (c) Parking Citations
- (1) Form of citations. All parking citation forms used by the Metro parking patrol shall be in a form approved by the Metro Attorney and as issued by the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon for Multnomah County. Such parking citations shall, at a minimum, clearly state:
- (A) The date, place, and nature of the charge;
  - (B) Time and place for the defendant's appearance in court;
  - (C) Name of the issuing officer;
  - (D) License number of the vehicle.
- (2) Procedure for issuing citations. Any citation form issued pursuant to this Code section shall either be delivered to the defendant or placed in a conspicuous place upon the vehicle involved in the violation. A duplicate original of the notice shall serve as the complaint in the case when it is filed with the court. In all other aspects, the procedure now provided by law in such cases shall be followed, but ORS 810.365 does not apply. The officer need not have observed the act of parking, but need only observe that the car was parked in violation of Metro Code.
- (3) Use of parking citation as complaint. The original of the traffic citation form when completed to meet the minimum requirements of ORS 221.340 may serve as a complaint; other forms of parking complaints are prohibited.

- (4) Citation form books issued by Circuit Court. Citation form books for parking violations shall be provided by the Circuit Court and upon request distributed to the Metro parking patrol officers who issue them.
  - (5) List of parking citations. A list of the parking citations issued by Metro parking patrol officers shall be forwarded to the Circuit Court within 24 hours.
- (d) Person Responsible for Violation Charged by the Citation. The registered owner of the vehicle is prima facie responsible for the violation charged by the citation. [Ord. 95-586; Ord. 02-967, Sec. 1.]