



Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority
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Notice of Public Hearing

Under Paragraph 8 of the City/DDA Parking Agreement, the public must be provided with an opportunity to speak at a public hearing before changes are made to hourly parking meter rates. A public hearing has been scheduled to elicit feedback on a proposed change to increase the hourly parking meter rate \$0.10/hour, from \$1.50/hour to \$1.60/hour in January 2015.

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 12 noon
Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority Office
150 S. Fifth Avenue, Third Floor
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Jada Hahlbrock, Ann Arbor DDA
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Posted: 09/08/2014

Re: DDA Public Hearing Notice | Request for Revision
From: Dave Askins <dave.askins@annarborchronicle.com> Mon, Sep 8, 2014 at 12:34 PM
To: Jada Hahlbrock <JHahlbrock@a2dda.org>, Susan Pollay <spollay@a2dda.org>, "Powers, Steve" <SPowers@a2gov.org>

Jada,

Based on the notice of the hearing, it would appear that the only rate change that is proposed by the DDA is to raise parking meter rates?

If the DDA is planning to increase monthly permit rates for more than three months, those monthly parking increases should also be included in the notice. Under the DDA's contract with the city, a public hearing is required for municipal parking system rate changes that are intended to last for longer than three months. From the contract [emphasis added]:

"Notwithstanding the foregoing, DDA shall not implement any increase in the Municipal Parking System's hours of meter operation OR PARKING RATES INTENDED TO PERSIST FOR MORE THAN THREE (3) MONTHS without first: (i) ... public hearing ..."

Based on the meeting notice, it looks like the DDA might be interpreting the clause as follows: "... hours of meter (operation or parking rates)..." instead of the interpretation that I believe was agreed to during the contract negotiations, which was "... (hours of meter operation) or (parking rates) ..."

That is, the requirement to hold a public hearing was not confined to changes in parking meter rates.

In any event, I hope that the DDA will revise the notice of the public hearing to include the full set of parking rate changes that are currently being contemplated – not just because it is legally required under the contract, but because it's a completely reasonable and obvious way to notice this hearing, if the DDA wants to build a reputation for being an open and transparent public entity.

Cheers,

Dave



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The public is invited to speak at a public hearing regarding proposed parking rate changes.

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
On-Street Meters	\$1.50/Hour	\$1.60/Hour
Attended Lots	\$1.40/Hour 1st 3 Hours	\$1.50/Hour 1st 3 Hours
	\$1.60/Hour Thereafter	\$1.70/Hour Thereafter
4th & William Standard Permits	\$140/Month	\$150/Month
Standard Structure Permits	\$145/Month	\$155/Month
Campus Area Standard Permits	\$155/Month	\$165/Month
Premium Permits	\$180/Month	\$205/Month
Campus Area Premium Permits	\$195/Month	\$220/Month
Library Lane Demand Management Permits	\$95/Month	\$115/Month
Art Fair	\$12/Entry	\$15/Entry

**The public hearing will take place at the beginning of the
DDA Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2014
at 12 noon
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