
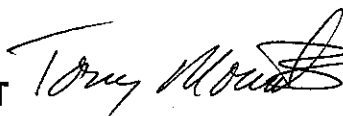


FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:  
AGENDA ITEM:

June 25, 2007  
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TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
THROUGH:  ROBERT G. WELLS, CITY MANAGER  
FROM: TONY MOUNTS, DIRECTOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT   
SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF DOWNTOWN PARKING TAX RATE FOR FY 2007-08

**ISSUE:**

Shall the City Council set the per space and minimum tax rates for the Downtown Parking District for FY 2007-08?

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council adopt resolution # 2007-60 establishing the Parking District tax rates for FY 2007-08.

**BACKGROUND:**

Adoption of the Parking Fund budget requires annual setting of the tax rates as required under Salem Revised Code (SRC) 7.110. The Downtown Parking District was established in 1976 to provide funding for economic promotion and public parking within the downtown core. Operation of the District is the responsibility of the City Council. The Downtown Advisory Board (Board) provides comments and recommendations to the Council on District policies, as well as recommendations on a budget for the operation and administration of the District. The Board's recommended budget was forwarded to the City Council for consideration and approval along with the City Manager's recommended budget.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

The City Manager recommended a FY 2007-08 operating budget (including carryovers) of \$1,539,630. The budget includes a 5% increase in the tax rates within the District for FY 2007-08; from \$112.90 TO \$118.55 per parking space, and from \$154.50 to \$162.23 for the minimum tax rate. Per SRC 7.135 all non-exempt businesses shall pay a minimum tax, even if a lower tax or no tax is due based on the tax calculation method.

Adoption of the final budget and tax rates requires a resolution be adopted by the City Council.