

January 21, 2010

David L. Corliss
City Manager
City Hall
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Re: Request for short-term meters on Massachusetts Street-Downtown District

Dear Mr. Corliss,

In an effort to increase visitor traffic and business activity in Lawrence Downtown we would like to propose the installation of four short term (15 minute limit) parking meters in each block of Massachusetts Street. Two meters would be placed on each side of the street in each block for a test period of 12 months. The results would be reviewed after the 12 month test period to determine if this would warrant a permanent change.

Many Downtown businesses would benefit from the higher turnover in cars parked at short-term meters. More visitors would likely visit and utilize Downtown businesses if parking was more readily available. Speaking from personal experience as the Branch Manager for Meritrust Credit Union; we have two locations in Lawrence, 4821 West 6th Street and 643 Massachusetts. While our 6th Street location is rapidly growing, our Downtown location is facing some challenges due in part to the inconvenience of limited parking. We have tried to come up with some solutions to make this branch more accessible and convenient to our members but have not found a reasonable solution. The majority of our members require less than 15 minutes to access the ATM, make a deposit or utilize another service we offer. We believe that more members would visit our Downtown location if short-term parking was available.

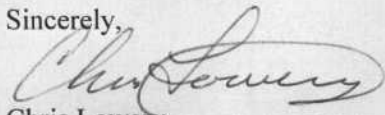
There are many other Downtown businesses that would benefit from the availability of short-term meters. A list of businesses, including signatures, supporting this proposal is attached.

Proposal:

- **Four parking meters in each block of Massachusetts to be designated as short-term parking. (Two meters on each side of street.)**
- **Meters are to have a 15 minute limit**
- **Between the hours of 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday**
- **12 month test period**

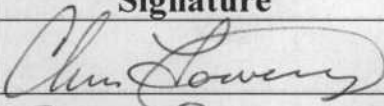
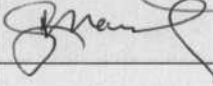
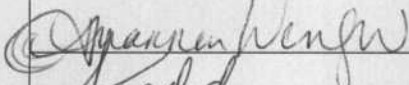
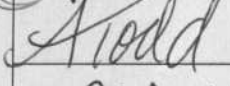

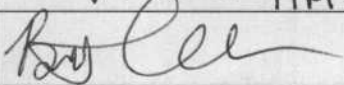
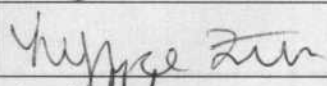
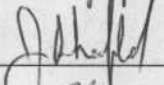
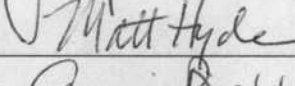
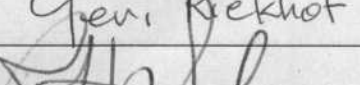
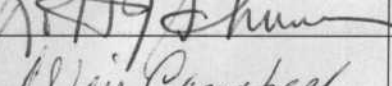
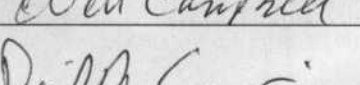
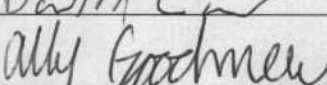
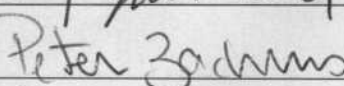
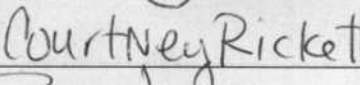
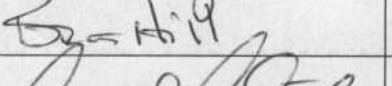
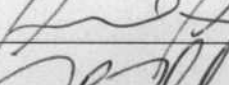
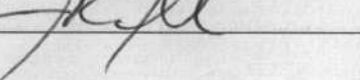

Thank you for your time and consideration to our request. Please contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,


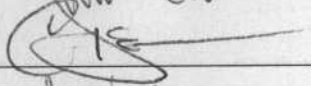
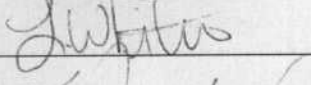
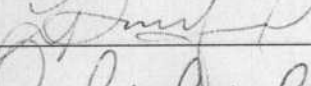
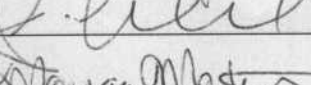

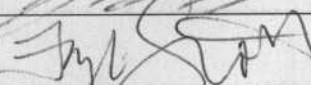
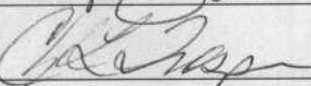
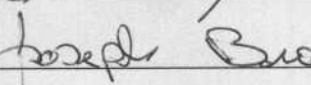
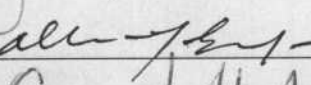
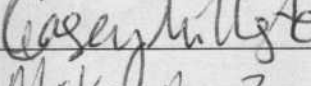
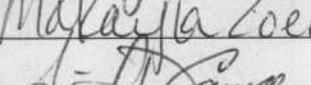


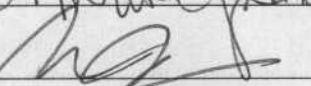
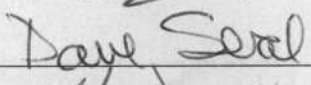
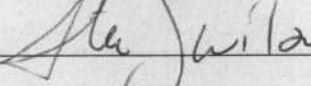
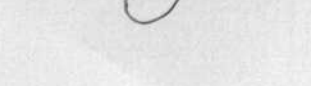



Chris Lowery
Branch Manager
Meritrust Credit Union

The following Lawrence Downtown Businesses support the attached proposal to test out short term parking meters on Massachusetts Street.

Signature	Title	Business	Date
	Branch Mgr.	Mountaint Credit Union	1/25/10
	MGR	McM Office Supply	1-25/10
	Store mgr.	American Eagle	1-25-10
	Store mgr	Chico's	1-25-10
 TIM B. FRITZEL	PRESIDENT	GENE FRITZEL Const Co	1-25-10
	Ass. Stant Manager	Grp	1-25-10
	manager	Claire's	1-25-10
	mgr	Starbucks Coffee	1/25/2010
	partner	715 Restaurant	1/25/10
	owner	The Bay Leaf	1/25/10
	owner	Buffalo Bob's	1-25/10
	Retired	Winfield House	1/26/10
	Mgr	The third Planet	1/26/10
	Mgr	Game Nut	1/26/10
	Pres.	GM Inc.	1-26-10
	OWNER.	Nomads	1/26/2010
	MANAGER	Francis Spertney Books	1/26/10
	owner	Salon A Marco	1/26/10
	OWNER	Jefferson's	1/26/10

The following Lawrence Downtown Businesses support the attached proposal to test out short term parking meters on Massachusetts Street.

Signature	Title	Business	Date
	Manager	Vieu's	1/26/10
	MANAGER	A.T.C.	1/26/10
	Buyer	A.T.C.	1/26/10
	Buyer	MFCS	1/26/10
	Manager	Jo Shmo's	1/26/10
	Owner	Eccentricity	1/26/10
	Manager	Rudy's	1/26/10
	Coordinator	Sun Pub	1/27/10
	Chief Pharm Tech	LMIT pharmacy	2/2/10
	Douglas County EOTT	Douglas County	2/2/10
	owner	Cold Stone Creamery	2/2/10
	owner	The Cashah Market	2/2/10
	mngvr	The Buckle	2-2-10
	Owner	Prairie Pond	2/2/10
	owner	Shark's Surf	2/2/10
	Manager	Sawi Formalwear	2/2/10
	owner	Yaku	2/2/10
	owner	Trammel Woodh	2.2.10
	manager	Kief's Downtown Music	"

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June 15, 2009

Mayor Chestnut
Commissioner Amyx
Commissioner Cromwell
Commissioner Dever
Commissioner Johnson

Dear Sirs,

We understand that the City Staff has forwarded some recommendations for changes to the fees, fines and hours of operation of the Public Parking System. As you may know, the City Manager requested input from the Downtown Lawrence, Inc. Board of Directors and our members. The recommendations you received were developed with that input. We want to officially go on record in support of the suggested changes. In addition, we would like to take this opportunity to provide some additional context for DLI's involvement in this process.

As an Enterprise Fund, we understand that the Public Parking Fund is structured to provide a revenue source that will finance the operation of all parking facilities owned by the City. We also understand that this fund provides the funding for staff including 3 police officers (foot patrol for downtown), parking control officers, a parking control technician, a maintenance worker, court clerks and part-time seasonal employees (for landscaping and beautification). It is also our understanding that the fund pays for office supplies, meters and parts, fuels, and trees, seeds and plants.

Some of our reasons for getting involved in crafting recommendations and promoting those recommendations to our members are: 1) to ensure the maximum availability of foot patrols for downtown; 2) enhance the beautification efforts, in particular, increased attention to litter control, specifically, cigarette waste; and, 3) clarify and improve parking signage to better assist visitors and residents in finding the appropriate place to park. The most common complaints we hear from visitors and from Lawrence residents revolve around the perception of safety issues, the cleanliness of Downtown and the difficulty finding parking. We believe that these are areas that must be addressed and could be addressed in part with some of the new revenue within the Public Parking System that will be generated through increased fees, fines and expanded hours.

For the record, DLI's objectives and recommendations are outlined in the attached document. While staff is not passing on all of our recommendations, we believe they have done a great assessment of the cost/benefit of the recommendations and have passed on the options that best address those objectives.

We thank you all for your willingness to serve on the City Commission and look forward to continuing to work together to make Downtown Lawrence the best it can possibly be. Please let Jane Pennington know if you have any questions. She can be reached at 842-3883 or director@downtownlawrence.com

Sincerely,

Dan Hughes, President, Downtown Lawrence, Inc. Board of Directors
Judy Billings
Chris Burger
Mary Cox
David Johanning
Peter Zacharias

Downtown Parking System
DLI Recommendations

Challenges – City's need to raise revenue
Long term parkers monopolizing Mass Street spaces

DLI Objectives –

1. Ensure that the designated foot patrols are spending the maximum amount of time on patrol
2. Maintain the current plantings schedule and staff
3. Increase attention to litter control in alleys and on sidewalks, specifically with regard to cigarette waste

Recommendations:

- A. Keep free 2 hour lots the same.
- B. Keep price of outbound lots the same to encourage long term parker's to leave Mass Street spaces for shoppers
- C. Create four 20 minute meters in each block of Massachusetts Street with a higher fine of \$5 to facilitate pick up and drop off convenience.
Suggested placement – one on each side of the street at mid-block and one on each side of the street at the north end of each block.
- D.
 - 1) Limit time to 1 ½ hours on Mass Street meters
 - 2) Raise fee to \$.25 per ½ hour
 - 3) Charge a \$3.00 fine throughout parking system
 - 4) Run parking system from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- E. Charge for Sunday parking from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.