ORDINANCE NO. 150212

An Ordinance amending Title 16, Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the City of Portland, Oregon by amending Section 16.20.740 to provide for carpool permits in non-metered areas and to provide for reserved curb parking in both non-metered and metered areas for carpool permitees, and declaring an emergency.

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

- 1. Ordinance No. 144108, effective July 28, 1977, authorizes the City Traffic Engineer to issue carpool permits for usage in the six-hour parking meters on an available basis.
- 2. Due to the continuing conversion of long term meters to short term meters, carpool permitees are currently experiencing difficulty locating unoccupied six-hour parking meters.
- The City Traffic Engineer is receiving requests to create reserved curb parking for carpools in nonmetered areas of the City.
- 4. Expansion of the carpool program is in conformance with and promotes City polices on energy conservation and mass transit.
- 5. Expansion of the carpool program will create no additional expense to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. Title 16, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of Portland, Oregon, Section 16.20.740, is amended and reworded as follows:
 - 1. "16.20.740 Carpool Permits
 - (a) The City Traffic Engineer may issue carpool permits for usage in the six-hour parking meters to individuals upon receipt of an application therefore. Such permits shall be for a period of one month, and will be so identified to be applicable only at six-hour parking meters. There shall be a fee charged of \$15.00 per month per permit which shall be credited to the Parking Meter Trust Fund. No more than 500 such permits shall be issued and in effect at any one time.

When attached to the rearview mirror of a vehicle for which the permit is valid, the permit shall be valid for parking up to 10 hours at any six-hour meter between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Display of the permit shall not authorize parking at any parking meter without fee other than a six-hour parking meter; nor authorize parking in any Tow Away Zone, No Parking Zone, nor other reserved parking zones.

The City Traffic Engineer may designate with official signs certain six-hour meters that are reserved only for carpool permitees.

(b) The City Traffic Engineer may issue carpool permits for usage in designated areas of the non-metered areas of the City to individuals upon receipt of an application therefore.

Such permits shall be for a period of three months, will be so identified as to be applicable only in specifically designated locations, and shall be issued without fee.

When attached to the rearview mirror of a vehicle for which the permit is valid, the permit shall be valid for carpool parking as designated by official signs and markings. Display of the permit shall not authorize parking in any Tow-Away Zone, No Parking Zone, nor other reserved parking zones. Display of the carpool permit for non-metered areas shall not authorize parking without fee in the six-hour parking meters.

(c) Single permits described in (a) and (b) above may be issued to groups of three or more individuals who establish that they commute by motor vehicle to the area contained within the central business district or areas in proximity to the designated non-metered carpool reserved zones. No permit shall be issued to such group of individuals if any vehicle involved in the application is not by manufacturer designed to carry three or more people.

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