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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Joel P. Landeen, Assistant City Attorney

DATE: 10-24-05

RE: Saturday Parking Downtown

Per the Committee's request the staff has gathered information on the amount of tickets and the fine revenue that is generated on Saturdays in downtown due to enforcement of the City's parking ordinances. The information is based on data for several recent Saturdays. Obviously in the summer when there are more tourists these numbers could be somewhat higher.

9-17-05 – 99 tickets at \$5 = \$495

9-24-05 – 109 tickets at \$5 = \$545

10-1-05 – 88 tickets at \$5 = \$440

10-8-05 – 109 tickets at \$5 = \$545

While individually this may not seem like much, if these figures are averaged out and added up for an entire year it would amount to an approximately \$24,000 decrease in revenue.

In addition, eliminating parking enforcement would not decrease any expenses. The main expense is labor. The City is not currently paying overtime for Saturday parking enforcement. The schedule is set up so that one of the ticket writers works a Tue-Sat week instead of the traditional Mon-Sat week. If Saturday enforcement were eliminated that person would be shifted to a regular Mon-Fri schedule.

The Finance Dept. also has asked that you be reminded that in addition to funding the parking system the revenues generated from the enforcement of the parking ordinances are committed to servicing the debt on the parking ramp. I have attached an e-mail from Assistant Finance Officer Coleen Schmidt on this issue.

**From:** Schmidt Coleen  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2005 10:51 AM  
**To:** Landeen Joel  
**Subject:** RE: SaturdayParking.xls

You have given me a summary that would indicate a loss of what appears to be a minimum of \$2,025 per month, or \$24,300 per year, due to eliminating the issuance of parking tickets on Saturday. The revenue from parking tickets, along with revenue from all other sources in the Parking Lot & Area Fund, are utilized to pay for personnel, overlay, snow removal and all regular operating expenses. It would not appear that any of these costs would be saved by not issuing tickets on Saturday.

The net revenue of the parking system is also committed to servicing the debt on the ramp, with debt service payable through 2018. The rate covenant assures that the City will maintain, revise, charge and collect rates and other charges for the parking system services sufficient to pay all operating expenses of the parking system and to pay all principal and interest on the bonds and to maintain adequate reserves and to provide an allowance for renewal and replacement of the parking system.

At this time the Parking Lot & Area Fund maintains an adequate reserve which increases at approximately \$100,000 annually unless a major lot overlay is necessary. The loss of \$25,000 in revenue per year should not compromise our ability to meet the terms of the rate covenant.