

FAQs

2016 Parking Meter Rate Increase

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is scheduled to implement adjusted parking meter rates to \$2.30 as part of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Support Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015.

1. *Why is the District increasing the meter rate?*

- The new rate structure was ordered by the Council of the District of Columbia as part of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Support Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015 and establishes parking meter rates at \$2.30 an hour for passenger vehicles citywide.

2. *When will the new meter rate take affect?*

- The new meter rates takes effect June 1, 2016. DDOT has prepared and coordinated with its parking meter vendors to update the software and programming for 14,000+ multispace and single-space meters, as well as the city's pay-by-phone system in order to activate the new rate on June 1.

3. *What meters are affected by this rate change?*

- **Premium Demand Zones** will go from \$2.00 to \$2.30 an hour.
- **Normal Demand Zones** will go from \$0.75 to \$2.30 an hour
- **Commercial Loading Zones** will go from \$2.00 to \$2.30 an hour
- **Motorcycle Parking** will be \$0.25 an hour citywide.

4. *Are commercial loading zones included?*

- Yes, commercial loading zones are included. However, commercial vehicle operators have the option of purchasing annual passes for \$323, day passes at \$25, or pay-by-phone for loading zone use. Information on the loading zone program can be found at www.godcgo.com/freight

5. *Where are the different demand zones?*

- For more information on the location of meters in each zone, please visit the DDOT Compendium at <http://comp.ddot.dc.gov/SitePages/Parking%20Meters.aspx>

6. ***How do you justify raising the meter prices from \$.75 to \$2.30 in Normal Demand Zones?***
 - The new rate structure was ordered by the Council of the District of Columbia as part of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Support Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015.
7. ***How much revenue will the higher meter rates generate, and how will that money be used?***
 - The new meter rate is expected to generate revenue upwards of \$2 million in FY16. The additional revenue will contribute to the District's share of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) operating budget.
8. ***Who decided that it was necessary to standardize rates across the city, what's the justification?***
 - The new rate structure was ordered by the Council of the District of Columbia as part of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Support Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015.
9. ***Do any other local jurisdictions have meter rates as high as this, and if not how did the District settle on such an outrageous number?***
 - Other major cities such as New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Chicago have meter rates ranging from \$3-\$6 an hour.

* For more information please visit DDOT website at www.ddot.dc.gov and the DDOT Compendium for current regulations and policies on Parking at <http://comp.ddot.dc.gov/SitePages/Home.aspx>