

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

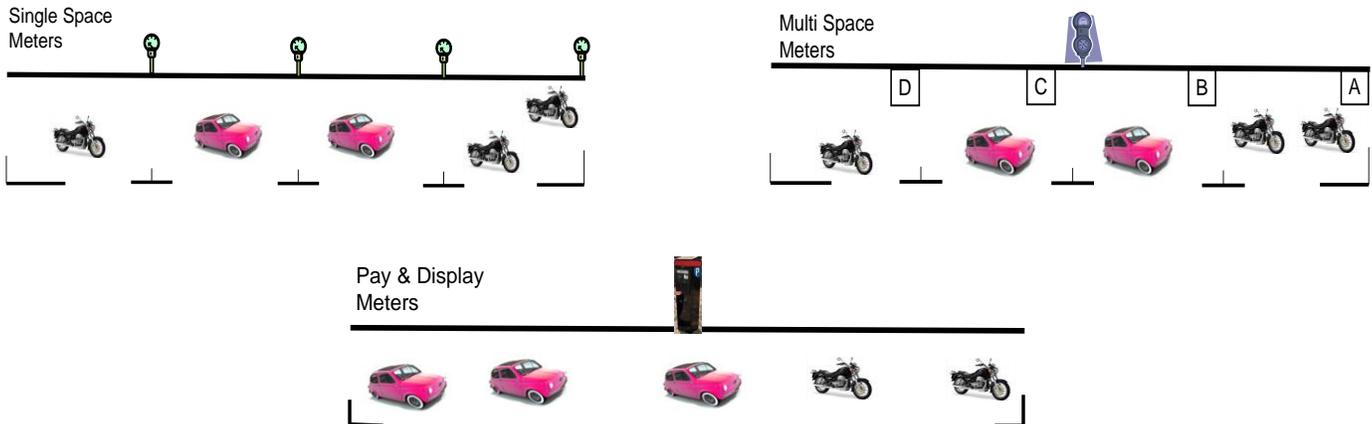
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SUBJECT: MOTORCYCLE ON-STREET PARKING PROCEDURES

The purpose of this informal report is to clarify how motorcycles pay to park at on-street metered spaces and whether multiple motorcycles are permitted to park in a single defined space. Currently, the City uses three types of on-street parking meters, as illustrated below:



Single and multiple space meters have defined spaces, which are marked for each motor vehicle to park. Pay and display meters allow open parking within the designated parking areas served by those meters. Parking restrictions are posted on signs along the block.

Fort Worth City Code, Section 22-194, establishes in part that no person shall park a motor vehicle upon a street on which a meter is installed without paying the meter. Section 22-198 of the City Code provides for the demarcation of spaces along the meter and the manner of parking within the space. Currently, the City Code does not directly address parking multiple motorcycles in one defined space. Of course, this issue does not apply to the open parking areas at pay and display meters, because each motor vehicle must pay to park.

Recommendation

Staff is recommending that multiple motorcycles be allowed to park in a single demarcated space, as long as the motorcycles fit within that defined marked area and the motorcycles do not cross the lines or marks that define the space. Any motorcycle not abiding by the pavement markings would be subject to a citation. In the event of an expired meter, all motorcycles in that expired space would be subject to citation. Motorcycle operators parked in such marked, metered spaces must park in such a way, as to not obstruct the free movement of another motorcycle using the same space. With the exception of allowing multiple motorcycles to park in the same marked space, parking compliance remains based on current practices.

An M&C regarding this recommended change to the City ordinance will be brought for consideration in July or August 2013.

If you should have further questions, please contact Peter Elliot at 817-397-7977.

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