

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Town Commissioners
From: Savannah Miller, Intern
Date: Thursday June 30th, 2022
Re: Afterhours Downtown Parking Meter Rates Discussion

Commissioners,

All metered parking is overseen by the Town of Upper Marlboro. The Town manages 123 on street, single space parking meters along Main Street, Elm Street, Judges Drive, Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Water Street, and Pratt Street. These parking spaces are managed by M5tm Single-Space Smart Parking Meters installed in July 2019. Governor Oden Bowie Drive is \$2.50 per hour Monday-Friday 7am-5pm, and Main Street is free Sundays. The after hour parking revenue (after 5:00 PM on Weekdays & Saturdays) is only 2.16% of the Town's annual parking revenue overall.

Most people visiting the town during peak hours are on court business. They park their vehicles along Main Street and Governor Oden Bowie Dr., near School House Pond and near Dr. Bean's historical office on what used to be called Academy Hill back in his and Francis Scott Key's Day. Lots of visitors to the town on court business avoid the meters altogether and use street parking for free near the Showcase Arena and the Old Equestrian Center.

We should not lose sight of the fact that many people tend to live and work in smaller cities and towns to get away from the fast life and hustle and bustle of more developed areas. Short-term parkers such as shoppers, diners, or people visiting historical sites or other attractions, are often unwilling to park more than a few blocks from their destination. Longer-term parkers, such as workers in the area or people who plan to spend the entire day here, are often willing to walk a few more blocks to and from their destination, especially if the cost to park all day is less or free at those other parking options.

To provide Commissioners with some historical background, the board set parking meter rates via resolution on August 1, 2016, the hourly parking meter fees for the town installed and maintained meters for \$0.75 cents per hour, 8am-6pm Monday-Friday. In a town meeting on February 12, 2019, it was established that as of July 1, 2019, the hourly parking meter fees for the town installed and maintained meters be \$2.50 U.S. dollars per hour, 24 hours per day, with the exception of all-day Sunday, and observed Federal holidays, whereby the hourly fee was waived.

City/Town	Parking Meter Rates	Notes
College Park	\$0.75 per hour	Monday-Saturday 8am-10pm except holidays
Hyattsville	\$0.50 per hour	8am-8pm Monday-Saturday
Mt. Rainier	\$1.00 per hour	10am-11pm except Sundays and holidays
Annapolis	\$2.00 per hour	Six days a week 10am-7:30pm, on Sundays 12pm-7:30pm
Alexandria, VA	\$1.75 per hour	Monday-Saturday 8am-9pm
National Harbor	\$2.30 per hour	Monday-Saturday 7am-10pm.