

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File #011734 is a substitute ordinance relating to sale of all night parking permits.

Background

1. Night parking permits are currently sold at the seven Police District stations. These stations have a staff, cashiering, cash handling and security systems in place.

Discussion

1. This ordinance expands the locations where night parking permits are sold to include fire department stations, public libraries, Department of Public Works (DPW) sanitation district facilities, and private facilities under city contract.
2. The impact the ordinance would have on various City departments includes the following:
 - A. Fire Department, Sanitation District Facilities
 - a) Cashiering, cash handling and security systems would have to be developed and installed.
 - b) Staff would have to be trained in night parking regulations.
 - B. Libraries
 - a) Current cash handling and security systems would have to be evaluated to determine if they are adequate to handle the sale of night parking permits.
 - b) Staff would have to be trained in night parking permit procedures.
3. The ordinance provides for the selling of night parking permits at private facilities under city contract. DPW indicates that it has explored this option, but the transaction fees charged by a private facility would have an impact on Parking Fund revenue.

As an alternative to selling night permits at private facilities, DPW is exploring low cost, and efficient, technology advanced options. The goal of implementing this technology (similar to ATM machines) would be to make the purchase of night parking permits a convenient, labor-free transaction that would be available 24/7.

Fiscal Impact

1. DPW indicates the fiscal impact of this ordinance is not known at this time. An analysis of cashiering systems, cash handling procedures, security systems and staffing requirements would need to be conducted. DPW also indicates the costs of training personnel and the costs of the disbursement and collection of permit forms should be included in the analysis.

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