

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Aviation

**AGENDA DATE:** October 24, 2023

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** November 7, 2023

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-7301

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**STRATEGIC GOAL 1:** Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development

**SUBGOAL:** N/A

**SUBJECT:**

An ordinance amending Title 14 (Aircraft and Airports), Chapter 14.20 (Airport Vehicular Traffic Regulations), Section 14.20.240 C (REGULATIONS) of the El Paso City Code to expand parking privileges to Veterans with specialty plates issued by the state of New Mexico and to establish maximum of five (5) days of complimentary parking for veterans in the short term parking lot and complimentary parking with no time limit in the long term parking lot at the El Paso International Airport; Penalty as provided in 14.04.040 C.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The Airport is currently experiencing capacity issues in the short-term parking lot. The solutions proposed include:

- Implementation of a reservation system
- Increase the rate at the short-term lot from \$15 to \$17 per day (approved on 10-10-23)
- Additional West lot at a flat \$10/day

The item proposed modifies the improvements including modifications of Disabled Veterans benefits by expanding complimentary parking to NM DV plates. The benefits include setting limits on complimentary parking for the short-term lot to a maximum of 5 days in order to align with the use of the short-term facility. This will allow more capacity in the short-term lot for visitors and address security issues associated with congestion on Terminal Drive.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

10/10/2023 City Council approved rate changes to short-term lot.

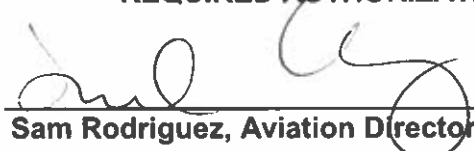
**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A: This is a revenue-generating item.

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

  
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Sam Rodriguez, Aviation Director

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 14 (AIRCRAFT AND AIRPORTS), CHAPTER 14.20 (AIRPORT VEHICULAR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), SECTION 14.20.240 C (REGULATIONS) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE TO EXPAND VETERANS PARKING PRIVILEGES TO VETERANS WITH SPECIALTY PLATES ISSUED BY THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM OF FIVE DAYS OF COMPLIMENTARY PARKING FOR VETERANS IN THE SHORT-TERM PARKING LOT AND COMPLIMENTARY PARKING WITH NO TIME LIMIT IN THE LONG-TERM PARKING LOT AT THE EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN 14.04.040 C.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council seeks to amend Title 14 to include complimentary parking at the El Paso International Airport (“Airport”) for veterans with specialty plates issued by the State of New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council seeks to amend Title 14 to include a maximum five (5) day time limit veterans are to receive complimentary parking in the Airport’s short-term parking lot and to provide complimentary parking in the long-term parking lot with no time limit; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has deemed the proposed local amendments appropriate for the City of El Paso.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

**Section 1.** That Title 14 (Aircraft and Airports), Chapter 14.20 (Airport Vehicular Traffic Regulations), Section 14.20.240 C (Regulations) is amended to the following:

**Title 14 – Aircraft and Airports**

**Chapter 14.20 – AIRPORT VEHICULAR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

**14.20.240 Regulations**

C. Each vehicle parking within either the short-term or long-term parking lots shall pay a fee for such use. The fee shall be calculated according to the length of time that the vehicle has occupied the lot. No fee shall be assessed to veterans with disabilities, Purple Heart recipients, Pearl Harbor survivors, former prisoners-of-war, Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, or surviving spouses of disabled veterans for up to five (5) consecutive days in the short-term parking lot. No fee shall be assessed to veterans with disabilities, Purple Heart recipients, Pearl Harbor survivors, former prisoners-of-war, Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, or surviving spouses of disabled veterans in the long-term parking lot. The exemption from payment is granted at the time of the charge only by or for the transportation of such person

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who registered the vehicle and while displaying the applicable license plate as issued by the State of Texas or New Mexico.

**Section 2.** Except as amended herein, Title 14 (Aircraft and Airports), Chapter 14.20 (Airport Vehicular Traffic Regulations) of the El Paso City Code remains in full force and effect.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.


**CITY OF EL PASO:**

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Oscar Leeser  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Leslie B. Jean-Pierre  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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Samuel Rodriguez, P.E.  
Direction of Aviation

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