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To: Oakland City Councilmembers
From: Jane Brunner, City Councilmember District 1
Date: December 13, 2011
Re: Resolution establishing a five-minute grace period for parking at public pay-and-display parking meters in the City of Oakland.

This resolution is to give people who park their cars in one of the City of Oakland's metered spaces a five minute "grace period" for getting back to their cars before they are ticketed. It applies only to public parking spaces that are covered by the "Pay-and-Display" parking system, where a receipt has been purchased and properly displayed in the vehicle.

We have received complaints that sometimes a person's watch shows a different time, by one or two minutes, than the time on the pay-and-display meter. In those cases, a person may return to their car to find a ticket being issued, even though their own watch shows that they have not yet reached the time for which they paid.

The goal of our parking policy should be to provide convenient parking in front of Oakland businesses. This proposal eliminates one of the "Gotcha!" aspects of parking enforcement, making it easier to shop in Oakland.

Finance Committee
December 13, 2011

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Brunner

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FIVE-MINUTE GRACE PERIOD FOR PARKING AT PUBLIC PAY-AND-DISPLAY PARKING METERS IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND.

WHEREAS, The goal of the City of Oakland’s parking policy for metered zones should be to provide convenient parking in front of Oakland businesses; and

WHEREAS, Residents are complaining about parking enforcement, including tickets being issued while they are making payments at the meters, or tickets being issued for minor infractions; and

WHEREAS, The cost of a parking ticket has risen to the point where it is has become a significant expense; and

WHEREAS, Citizens have complained that their own watches and the clock on the meter differ by one or two minutes, and yet they still receive a citation; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the City and its businesses and residents that shoppers who drive to Oakland’s commercial districts be given a reasonable accommodation by the City with regards to the variation in time-telling instruments; therefore let it be;

RESOLVED: That parkers who properly display a receipt from one of the City’s pay-and-display parking meters be given a five-minute grace period from the time displayed on the receipt, before a ticket is issued.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, and PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California