



Background:

1. Wikipedia:

A parking meter is a device used to collect money in exchange for the right to park a vehicle in a particular place for a limited amount of time. Parking meters can be used by municipalities as a tool for enforcing their integrated on-street parking policy, usually related to their traffic and mobility management policies.

2. New York Daily News (2005) :

He [Mayor Bloomberg] said the purpose of metered parking is twofold - generating revenue for the city and turning over parking spaces so that people won't leave their "cars there all day" and deprive others of parking spaces.

3. Vancouver, BC:

The first parking meters in Vancouver appeared on city streets in 1947. A thousand meter spaces were set aside to help deal with the city's increased parking pressures. Motorists were charged a nickel per hour with a few penny meters at a rate of a cent every 15 minutes. The meters were installed to control the use of street space to provide short-term parking and to encourage long-term parkers to utilize off-street parking.

There are now over 8,500 meter spaces in Vancouver and even though the rates have gone up, the goal is still the same - to encourage the turnover of vehicles in areas where there is a demand for short-term parking.

4. Norfolk, VA:

Metered parking has many benefits to residents and businesses. It provides convenient on-street parking for business patrons and encourages turnover of parking spaces for the short-term visitors.

5. Burnaby, BC:

Metered parking, in addition to generating revenue for the City, has benefits to residents and businesses. Installing on-street parking meters:

- *Promotes the availability of convenient on street parking for business patrons. On-street parking spaces in commercial areas are often the ones that could potentially generate the most business for merchants, if they were available. Metered parking encourages turnover of parking spaces and deters commuters from using on-street parking for extended periods of time.*
- *Improves bylaw enforcement. Meters tend to be self-enforcing; they reduce the need for enforcement personnel to chalk tires or note license numbers and then make a return trip to issue violation notices. Meters also define on-street parking spaces and deter unsafe crowding of driveways, intersections and fire zones. As a result enforcement staff will have more time to focus on more important issues affecting Burnaby residents.*
- *Recovers more of the City's costs and promotes public transit. Operating a private vehicle has many associated costs for roads, traffic management, policing and parking. These costs have historically been subsidized by government. Metered parking is one way of recovering the real cost of providing services and it helps promote public transit.*

Proposed metered parking purpose statement:

The City of Columbus installs, operates, and regulates metered parking on public streets and in public parking lots for the purpose of:

- *encouraging turnover of short-term spaces in support of business; and*
- *ensuring safe and optimized parking on public roads and parking lots; and*
- *recovering the cost of providing public services and promoting economic vitality.*