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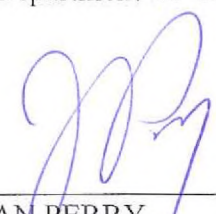
Senate Bill 1388 (DeSaulnier), which was approved on July 10, 2012 and takes effect January 1, 2013, allows parking at inoperable parking meters and pay stations up to the posted time limit unless an ordinance or resolution has been adopted by the local authority to restrict or prohibit. On December 5, 2012, the Council adopted the Department of Transportation's proposed resolution to require payment at metered parking spaces and exempt no one from payment if the meter or pay station is inoperable.

It is unfair to expect a motorist to pay to park when they are unable to pay because a meter is malfunctioning. Although the City's new parking meters and pay stations provide an opportunity to pay either by credit/debit card or cash, if one payment method is broken, individuals may not be prepared to pay another way. The Department's report notes that meter malfunctions are extremely rare as the result of new technology with an average of only five broken meters each month. Additionally, the Department staff are instantly alerted if a meter is broken and the average repair time is three hours. For these reasons, the impact of allowing motorists to park at broken meters is minimal.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council ^{rescind} ~~reconsider~~ its action of December 5, 2012 (CF 12-1764) relative to the adoption of a resolution requiring payment at metered parking spaces even if the meter or pay station is inoperable and to hereby approve an alternative policy that allows parking at inoperable meters and pay stations up to the posted time limit, consistent with SB 1388 (DeSaulnier).

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request the Controller to conduct an audit on the reliability of the City's new parking meter technology and the Department of Transportation's maintenance and repair program.

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