

ORDINANCE NO. 2261

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 10.36 (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING) OF TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH PARKING METER ZONES, OPERATIONS, FEES AND PROCEDURES.

WHEREAS, the City of Hawthorne is authorized pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 22508(a) to regulate parking on public streets and in City-owned parking facilities, including the establishment of paid parking zones; and

WHEREAS, areas of the City experience high parking demand, long-term vehicle storage, and reduced parking turnover, which negatively impact access, circulation, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to implement paid on-street and off-street parking as a regulatory measure to promote parking availability, improve traffic circulation, and recover the reasonable costs associated with parking management, maintenance, and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 10.36 of the Hawthorne Municipal Code governs stopping, standing, and parking regulations, and it is appropriate to codify paid parking provisions within that Chapter to ensure consistent enforcement and administration; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish designated paid parking zones, fee structures, permit programs, enforcement provisions, and a dedicated parking fund to support transportation-related improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Hawthorne hereby incorporates by reference all the recitals herein.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Hawthorne Municipal Code. Chapter 10.36 (Stopping, Standing and Parking) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Hawthorne Municipal Code is hereby amended to add Sections 10.36.200 through 10.36.270 to read as follows:

I. 10.36.200 Paid Parking Zones – Authority.

A. The City Manager, or designee, shall cause paid on-street parking zones to be implemented. They are responsible for the installation and maintenance of all related parking equipment, including but not limited to pay stations and meter zones.

B. As stated in Section 10.36.015, the same police, city officials, or authorized contractors may issue parking citations. Citations must be issued in compliance with the referenced section. Contractors issuing citations shall:

1. Act solely as agents of the City;
2. Be subject to City oversight, training requirements, and performance standards;
3. Comply with all citation issuance, notice, appeal, and adjudication procedures set forth in Chapter 10.36 and applicable state law.

II. 10.36.210 Definitions.

For purposes of this Article the following definitions shall apply:

“Paid On-Street Parking Zone” means any public street or corridor designated by the City Council where on-street parking requires payment.

“Paid Off-Street Parking Zone” means any public parking lot designated by the City Council where off-street parking requires payment.

“Pay Station” means a City-approved device used to collect parking fees.

“Enforcement Hours” means the hours during which paid parking is in effect.

“Mobile Payment Application” – A City-approved app or online portal for payment of parking fees and permits.

III. 10.36.220 Designated Paid On-Street and Off-Street Parking Zones.

A. The City Council, after recommendation by the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to determine and establish by ordinance streets, portions of streets, or city-owned parking lot along which paid parking will reduce parking congestion, improve circulation, maximize parking utilization, and encourage parking turnover.

B. The maintenance superintendent or designated contractor shall mark and sign such streets, portions thereof, or parking facilities, indicating the areas for paid parking.

C. When signs or markings are in place indicating paid parking, no person shall park without:

1. Paying the applicable fee via pay station or mobile application;
2. Displaying a valid City-issued permit or exemption; or
3. Obtaining a virtual valid City-issued permit.

D. Paid parking shall be implemented on the following corridors and street segments:

1. Hawthorne Boulevard, from El Segundo Boulevard to Rosecrans Avenue, including curbside and median parking;
2. Jack Northrop Avenue, from Prairie Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard;
3. 129th Street Lot: Parking lot west of Hawthorne Boulevard, between 129th Street and 130th Street. Directly east of 4443 W 130th Street.
4. 130th Street Lot: Northern part of the parking lot directly east of 4442 W 130th Street, south of W 130th Street, and west of Hawthorne Boulevard. The southern border of the paid parking in this lot are the median island placed approximately halfway through the lot; and

E. Jim Thorpe Park Parking Lot: Corner of Prairie Avenue and 139th Street

A detailed map of designated zones shall be maintained by the Department of Public Works and made available to the public.

IV. 10.36.230 Fee Structure

A. Parking fees in paid zones shall be established as follows:

Parking Area	Time Limit	Fee	Hours of Enforcement
Hawthorne Boulevard – Curbside Parking	2-Hour Maximum	\$1.00/hour	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Hawthorne Boulevard – Median Parking	No Overnight Parking (Except Permitted Vehicles)	0 – 1 hour: Free 1 – 5 hours: \$0.75/hour 5+ hours (Daily Maximum): \$3/day Monthly Permit: \$55/month	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Jack Northrop Avenue	No Time Limit	0 – 7 hours: \$1/hour 7+ hours (Daily Maximum): \$7/day Monthly Permit: \$100/month	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
129th Street Lot	No Overnight Parking (Except Existing Permitted Vehicles)	0 – 1 hour: Free 1 – 5 hours: \$0.75/hour 5+ hours (Daily Maximum): \$3/day Monthly Permit: \$55/month	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
130th Street Lot	No Overnight Parking (Except Existing Permitted Vehicles)	0 – 1 hour: Free 1 – 5 hours: \$0.75/hour 5+ hours (Daily Maximum): \$3/day Monthly Permit: \$55/month	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Jim Thorpe Lot	No Overnight Parking (Except Permitted Vehicles)	0 – 1 hour: Free 1 – 5 hours: \$0.75/hour 5+ hours (Daily Maximum): \$3/day Monthly Permit: \$55/month	24 hours a day, 7 days a week

B. Adjustments.

1. During a fiscal year, the City Manager, or designee, may adjust on-street or off-street hourly or daily parking rates up or down by a maximum \$1.00 per hour based on average occupancy rates to achieve a target occupancy rate of 85 percent. Any increase over \$1.00 per hour in a fiscal year shall require City Council approval.

2. During a fiscal year, the City Manager, or designee, may adjust monthly permit parking rates up or down by the associated year's Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate. Any increase over this amount in a fiscal year shall require City Council approval.

i. All monthly permits will be virtual using the vehicle's license plate as the credential.

C. Payment method.

1. Parking fees (hourly or daily) may be paid via the City's mobile parking payment application using credit/debit card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay or via the pay station located in the parking lot or on the street using coins, credit/debit card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

2. Monthly permits may be purchased via the City's mobile parking payment application using credit/debit card, Apple Pay, or Google Pay or via the city's parking permit portal: www.XXX.com using credit/debit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay or PayPal.

V. 10.36.240 Permits and Exemptions.

A. The Department of Public Works, Police Department and/or designated contractor is authorized to issue parking permits for residents, businesses, and other approved parties within paid zones. These parties will not be required to pay the on-street or off-street hourly or daily parking fees. Exemptions shall apply to the following:

1. Vehicles displaying valid Disabled Person Placards or Plates
2. City-authorized service and emergency vehicles
3. Vehicles registered for valid Parking Permits

B. Duration of Monthly Permits.

1. Monthly permits shall be valid for one (1) month from the date of issuance and may be renewed monthly. A permit is non-transferable and may only be used by the individual to whom it is issued.
2. The monthly parking permit does not exempt the holder from other applicable parking restrictions, including but not limited to posted time limits, street sweeping schedules, and safety regulations.

VI. 10.36.250 Revenue Use.

All parking fee revenues shall be directed toward maintenance of transportation systems, improvement of parking infrastructure, enforcement costs, and other related City initiatives.

VII. 10.36.260 Parking Penalties.

A. If a parking fine is not paid within 21 days of issuance, the full base fine shall be due.

B. If unpaid 22 to 42 days after issuance, an additional \$25 penalty applies.

C. If unpaid 43 to 63 days after issuance, an additional \$30 penalty applies.

D. If the City incurs costs of collection, such costs shall be added to the total amount due. Costs of collection may include administrative, mailing, and contractor fees reasonably incurred by the City.

E. Total penalties and costs for a single violation shall not exceed three times the base fine amount.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. City Clerk. The City Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance to be posted in the manner required by law.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after passage thereof.

SECTION 6. Publication. The City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of Ordinance No. 2259 to General Code, LLC, 781 Elmgrove Road, Rochester, NY 14824.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of March, 2026.

ALEX VARGAS, Mayor
City of Hawthorne, California

ATTEST:

DAYNA WILLIAMS-HUNTER, City Clerk
City of Hawthorne, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAVID CACERES, City Attorney
City of Hawthorne, California