

City considers same charge for all parking

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Those who look for the best deal in downtown parking meters may soon find all the prices the same under an ordinance proposed to the Rapid City Common Council.

The ordinance would make the price of parking at any on-street meter in downtown Rapid City 25 cents for two hours.

Currently there are meters in some

parts of downtown where you can park for up to four and five hours and pay just a quarter.

The proposed ordinance would allow some meters to be plugged with up to 50 cents at a time for four-hour parking. The cost would still be 25 cents per two hours, but at least it would give you four hours instead of two before you had to run outside and put more money in the meter.

The proposed change would affect only the meters on the downtown streets, not meters in the downtown parking lots.

The changes have been recommended by the downtown parking committee in response to concerns of some aldermen and others that all downtown parking meter charges be the same.

Some 25-cent four-hour parking meters near the downtown Federal Building have already been replaced by 25-cent two-hour meters.

First reading of the proposed parking meter ordinance will be at Monday night's meeting of the Rapid City Common Council, which begins at 7 p.m. at the City/School Administration Center, 300 Sixth St.