

ORDINANCE NO. 25-01

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE FALCON HEIGHTS CITY  
CODE TO ADD LANGUAGE TO SECTION 46-29 REGARDING THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING ZONES USING ELECTRONIC PAYMENT  
SYSTEMS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF FALCON HEIGHTS ORDAINS:

**SECTION I.** The following section of the City Code of Falcon Heights, Minnesota, is hereby added to read as follows (Deletions are shown with a strikethrough. Additions are *underlined*):

**Sec. 46-29 – Establishment of Parking Zones using electronic payment systems (e-meters)**

(a) *Purpose and Scope.* The purpose of this section is to establish regulations for managing parking through electronic payment systems, referred to as e-meters, which will operate via mobile applications provided by third-party vendors. This system is intended to enhance parking management and convenience while maintaining order and safety in public parking areas.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*E-meter* means a virtual parking meter system managed through a mobile application or similar electronic platform for collecting parking payments.

*Authorized Vendor* means a third-party provider approved by the city to operate e-meter services.

*Parking Zone* means any street, lot, or area designated by the city for public parking that requires e-meter payments. The City Council will designate by resolution which streets, lots or areas are established as parking zones, and for which dates and times the parking zones will be in effect.

(c) *Payment Requirements.* The following requirements must be met by motorists parking in a Parking Zone:

(1) Motorists parking in a Parking Zone must register their vehicle's license plate and pay for parking via the authorized vendor's application.

(2) Payment must be completed immediately upon parking and remain active for the duration of the parking period.

(d) *Parking Enforcement*

- (1) A vehicle is unlawfully parked if parked in a Parking Zone, except in accordance with the provisions of this Section 46.
  - (2) Vehicles found parked in an Parking Zone without an active payment record shall be subject to fines as determined by the City Fee Schedule.
  - (3) Enforcement officers may verify compliance through electronic records provided by authorized vendors.
- (e) Signage and Notification
  - (1) The city shall install signage at designated Parking Zones to inform motorists of payment requirements and instructions for using the electronic system.
  - (2) Signage must clearly state the Parking Zone information and details for accessing the payment application.
- (f) Data Privacy
  - (1) The city and authorized vendors must adhere to applicable data protection laws to ensure the privacy and security of motorists' information collected through e-meter systems.
  - (2) Any data collected shall be used solely for parking management and enforcement purposes.
- (g) Exception. This Section shall not apply to vehicles that are owned by a governmental entity and are being operated when the vehicle's driver is on duty or performing a governmental service.
- (h) Violations and Penalties
  - (1) Failure to comply with e-meter payment requirements shall result in penalties as outlined in Sec. 46-27(c).
  - (2) Repeat violations may result in additional enforcement actions, including towing or immobilization.
  - (3) Any person who tampers with or attempts to circumvent the e-meter payment system shall be subject to a fine and/or other penalties as determined by the City Fee Schedule.
  - (4) Nothing in this section shall limit the city's authority to regulate parking under other provisions of Chapter 46.

**SECTION II. Effective date.** This ordinance is effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

ADOPTED this 26 day of March 2025, by the City Council of Falcon Heights,  
Minnesota.

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

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Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jack Linehan, City Administrator