



## **CITY OF STOCKTON NEWS RELEASE**

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### **DOWNTOWN PARKING METERS GOING DIGITAL** *Rate Increase Effective January 2012*

(Stockton, CA) - The City of Stockton is upgrading all parking meters in downtown Stockton. Beginning in January 2012, the Central Parking District will begin converting older mechanical models with new digital internal mechanisms and displays. With the new installment, parking meter rates will increase. Current parking meter rates range from .25 cents to .50 cents per hour. Rates will increase to \$1.00 per hour for all parking meters when the meters are upgraded. All parking meters will allow the use of nickels, dimes and quarters.

Only the internal components of the parking meters will be converted; the meter posts and housings will not be replaced. The older mechanical meters have become difficult to repair, as parts are not readily available. The mechanical mechanisms that are still in working order will be sold as surplus to other municipalities.

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Many downtown businesses and organizations offer some kind of ticket validation for parking lots and garages in the Central Parking District. The first half an hour in the parking lots and garages is free, with a validation stamp.

For additional information on the parking garages, please visit [www.stocktongov.com](http://www.stocktongov.com) or contact the Economic Development Department Central Parking Division at (209) 937-8539.

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