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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to taxation; authorizing the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul to impose
1.3 a parking facility fee.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **CITY PARKING FACILITY FEE.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** "Parking facility" means a parking area or structure having
1.7 parking spaces at which motor vehicles are permitted to park for a fee, whether publicly or
1.8 privately owned, but does not include parking spaces on a public street, the use of which is
1.9 regulated by parking meters.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Authorization to impose the fee.** (a) The city of Minneapolis may impose by
1.11 ordinance a fee to be paid by the owner of each parking space located in a parking facility
1.12 within an area in the city of Minneapolis described as follows: west of the Mississippi River,
1.13 west of Interstate Highway 35W, north or east of Interstate Highway 94, and south of
1.14 Plymouth Avenue.

1.15 (b) The city of St. Paul may impose by ordinance a fee to be paid by the owner of each
1.16 parking space located in a parking facility within an area in the city of St. Paul described
1.17 as follows: north of the Mississippi River, west of the Lafayette bridge parking lots, south
1.18 of Interstate Highway 35E and Interstate Highway 94, and east of Chestnut Street.

1.19 Subd. 3. **Amount of fee.** The amount of the fee may be uniform throughout the district,
1.20 or it may vary depending upon the nature and structure of the parking facility, zoning,
1.21 location, or other reasonable factors determined by the city.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Administration of fee.** A city imposing a parking fee on a parking facility
2.2 under this section shall administer the fee locally. A city may provide by ordinance that the
2.3 payment of the parking facility fee be made on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis.

2.4 Subd. 5. **Eligible uses of proceeds.** Proceeds of the parking facility fee may be utilized
2.5 by the city imposing the fee for any eligible purpose under this section:

2.6 (1) pedestrian improvements, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, trees, planters,
2.7 landscaping, benches, lighting, trash receptacles, signage, wayfinding, and informational
2.8 kiosks;

2.9 (2) public plazas, including, but not limited to, improvements, operations, maintenance,
2.10 and programming, to include recreational and entertainment activities designed to promote
2.11 enjoyment of the city for Minnesotans and tourists of all ages. The city of Minneapolis may
2.12 designate proceeds for this purpose for downtown, or specifically for Nicollet Mall, Peavey
2.13 Plaza, or Downtown East Commons, or other similar locations. The city of St. Paul may
2.14 designate proceeds for this purpose for downtown, or specifically for Rice Park, Mears
2.15 Park, Wacouta Commons, Kellogg Park, Pedro Park, Central Station Plaza, Cleveland
2.16 Circle, or other similar locations; and

2.17 (3) transit and bicycle facilities, including, but not limited to:

2.18 (i) planning, design, engineering, property acquisition, and construction of the downtown
2.19 portion of a transit line or bicycle facility;

2.20 (ii) maintaining and acquiring equipment, transit vehicles, and related facilities, such as
2.21 maintenance facilities, that need not be located in the parking facilities fee area;

2.22 (iii) acquiring, improving, or constructing transit stations; and

2.23 (iv) acquiring or improving public space, including the construction and installation of
2.24 improvements to streets and sidewalks, decorative lighting and surfaces, and plantings
2.25 related to the downtown portion of a transit line or bicycle facility.

2.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Under Minnesota Statutes, section 645.023, subdivision 1, this
2.27 section is effective on without the requirement of local approval.