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In 2010, as part of a new 'Pay to Park Policy' for Card and Coin Meters, the City of Los Angeles made it an offense punishable by fine and citation for motorists to park at inoperable or broken card and coin meters. Drivers seeking valuable parking spots in congested areas were reasonably outraged, and small owners, eager to see parking made available to customers, were appropriately dismayed.

In short, motorists and small business owners felt they were being punished because a meter was broken. They felt like the City was working against them, instead of for them.

Since the policy was implemented, new meters, equipment and technology have made the policy unnecessary. The policy was approved in part to discourage vandalism -- but the new card and coin meters are far more resilient than their predecessors, and rendering them inoperable requires disabling both the coin and credit card functions. Moreover, new technology alters Department of Transportation staff immediately when a meter is not working.

The City should rescind the policy forbidding parking at disabled or broken card and coin meters.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council rescind its action of December 5, 2012 (CF 12-1764) relative to the adoption of a resolution requiring payment at metered parking spaces even if the meter or pay station is inoperable.

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