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## Historic Third Ward to Get Influx of LUKE Parking Meters

*Over 300 "Old Style" Meters to be Removed in Major Changeover Starting This Year*

The need to keep rolls of quarters handy for feeding parking meters in the Historic Third Ward will be cut drastically – perhaps in half – by the end of the year, according to Alderman Robert J. Bauman.

The convenient LUKE automated parking meters – found throughout downtown and near the Milwaukee Public Market in the Third Ward – will replace many of the Third Ward’s old coin-fed parking meters starting later this year. The city hopes to have as much as 50% of the Third Ward serviced by LUKE meters by year’s end, the alderman said.

“Not only will the LUKE meters alleviate the need to carry rolls of quarters, but citizens can use credit and debit cards, can use any meter if the one closest to their spot is being used, they’ll be warned by the meter about trying to pay on Saturday when no payment is required, and they’ll have the option of pre-paying meter time (i.e. pay at 7:30 a.m. for meter time starting at 8:00 a.m.),” he said.

The Department of Public Works’ Electrical Services crews will begin prepping the LUKE sites as early as this month and then continue until the installation of the units is complete. The 305 old meters will be removed on a block-by-block basis just before the new space markers for the multi-space meters will be installed.

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## **LUKE Parking Meters/ADD ONE**

The 32 new LUKE meters will be installed in the area extending from Water St. east to Milwaukee St., and from St. Paul Ave. south to Erie St. and Menomonee St. Approximately 305 metered spaces will be replaced by LUKE units, bringing the total LUKE-serviced spaces in the Historic Third Ward to 349 when the project is complete.

**NOTE:** Motorists people can pay at **ANY LUKE meter for any LUKE spot.** This fact can come in handy for a motorist who's in a hurry but can't use the closest LUKE meter because it's busy – being used by another LUKE parker.

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