

ABSTRACT**ELECTRONIC PARKING METER**

An electronic parking meter (1) is adapted for use with a prepaid parking card (2) that stores alterable prepaid parking information therein. The information
5 includes a remaining number of prepaid parking units. The parking meter (1) includes a card receiving device (10) adapted to be disposed inside a car passenger room at an appropriate location and to receive the parking
10 card (2). A processor device (11) is disposed inside the receiving device (10), and is operable so as to be adapted to read the information stored in the parking card (2) received by the receiving device (10), and to alter the information by reducing the remaining number
15 of prepaid parking units by one at each start of a predetermined parking time duration that corresponds to one prepaid parking unit. A display device (16) is mounted on the receiving device (10), and is connected to and controlled by the processor device (11) so as
20 to show parking payment status information thereon.

Fig. 1 is suggested for publication.