

City of Ann Arbor

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Resolution to Restructure and Adjust Parking Fine Schedule

The City periodically reviews its schedule of parking fines and makes adjustments based on those findings. The last two such reviews were undertaken in 1998 and 2004. As it has been nearly six years since the last review, City staff conducted a review of parking fines during 2009.

Staff reviewed the City's parking fine structure in relation to several communities. A recommended structure was communicated to City Council at a Council Work Session on Monday, November 9, 2009.

The recommended structure has three key components:

- 1. Similar violations are grouped into four categories and fines are standardized by category (Expired Meter, Minor & Near Hazard, Hazard, and Nuisance),
- 2. An additional penalty is added to every fine at 30-days,
- 3. A discount of \$10.00 is offered for early payment for all fines (currently a \$5.00 early payment discount is offered only to Expired Meter violations)

Approval of this Resolution is recommended. An ordinance amendment (File #09-1254) related to this resolution is also recommended.

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Approved By: Roger W. Fraser, City Administrator

Whereas, The City periodically reviews its parking fine structure;

Whereas, The City reviewed and increased parking fines in 1998 and 2004;

Whereas, The City has conducted a review of current fines and compared them to other cities;

Whereas, City staff recommends restructuring fines by violation type, adding a 30-day late fee category and adding an early payment discount across all fines; and

Whereas, City staff recommends that the amended fine structure become effective July 1, 2010;

RESOLVED, That the parking fine schedule be adjusted as indicated on the attached fine schedule, effective July 1, 2010; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take the necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

As Amended by Ann Arbor City Council on May 17, 2010 with revised Fine Schedule.