



**FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
MUNICIPAL COLLECTOR'S DIVISION  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Mayor Prussing, City Council  
**FROM:** Delora Siebrecht, Finance Office Manager  
**DATE:** October 22, 2009  
**RE:** Review of parking fines

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Brief Description of the Item

Review of current parking fines to determine whether fines are at levels that discourage people from parking illegally and to bring fine amounts in line with the City of Champaign and the University of Illinois parking fines.

Identification of the Issues

Urbana's parking fine amounts have not been adjusted for eight years. A review of current fines indicates that our amounts are too low to discourage citizens from parking illegally.

Also, our fine amounts are lower than the City of Champaign and the University of Illinois. Maintaining consistent rates across the University District helps to distribute parking evenly over the entire area and provide available parking in Urbana, Champaign and Campus for visitors and students.

Background / Facts

Urbana last increased the fine for meter violations in November 2001 and the fines for restricted and prohibited parking in June 2000.

One of the suggestions in the downtown parking study was issuing a courtesy ticket the first time a citizen receives a meter violation in the downtown. Another suggestion for meter violations was a graduated fine schedule. This type of fine structure provides for a lower fine the first time a ticket is issued and increased fine amounts for subsequent tickets.

The City of Champaign is reviewing their parking fine structure and is also considering graduated fines. In a survey of comparable cities they completed, most cities allow 7 days before applying a late fine. Champaign is also considering changing their late fine application from 72 hours to 7 days. This is a favorable change to our fine structure and I recommend that Urbana change our late fine period from 72 hours to 7 days.

Proposed changes to fine schedule:

For the graduated meter fines, each August 1st the ticket count will reset if there are no outstanding fines at that time.

**Meter violation – Downtown**

Current fine: \$5.00 – after 72 hours \$7.00  
Proposed fine: First offense a courtesy ticket with no fine  
Second offense \$10.00 – after 7 days \$15.00  
Third and subsequent offenses \$15.00 – after 7 days \$20.00.

**Meter violation – Campus and all other areas**

Current fine: \$10.00 – after 72 hours \$15.00  
Proposed fine: First offense \$10.00 – after 7 days \$15.00  
Second offense \$15 – after 7 days \$20.00  
Third and subsequent offenses \$20.00 – after 7 days \$25.00

**Lot/Street overtime**

Current fine: \$5.00 – after 72 hours \$7.00  
Proposed fine: First offense a courtesy ticket with no fine  
Second offense \$10.00 – after 7 days \$15.00  
Third and subsequent offenses \$15.00 – after 7 days \$20.00.

**Restricted violations**

Current fine: \$10.00 – after 72 hours \$15.00  
Proposed fine: \$20.00 – after 7 days \$25.00

**Prohibited violations**

Current fine: \$15.00 – after 72 hours \$20.00  
Proposed fine: \$30.00 – after 7 days \$35.00

**Disabled violations**

Current fine: \$250.00  
Proposed fine: \$250.00 – after 7 days \$300.00

Attached for your review are the following documents that compare fine amounts with Champaign and the University, show revenue figures for Urbana, and other parking related information:

- Valid Parking Tickets Issued FY 00/01 to FY 09/10
- Parking Ticket Revenue FY 01/02 to FY 09/10
- Fine – Rate Comparison – Urbana, Champaign, University of Illinois

**Advantages and disadvantages:**

Increase meter fines as stated and change the date for late fine application to 7 days.

**Advantages:**

- Increasing fines will encourage compliance with parking regulations in all areas of the city.
- The courtesy ticket is customer friendly for downtown patrons.
- The graduated fines allow for lower fines for first time offenders and increasing fine amounts for scofflaws.

- Increasing the period before the late fine applies is citizen friendly.
- Establishes more consistent parking rates across Urbana, Champaign and Campus.

**Disadvantages:**

- Some customers may view the fine increases negatively. Since the University and Champaign have both increased fines the impact will be diminished.

Fiscal Impact

When fines are increased the number of tickets issued normally decreases because people become more careful in paying the meter or they find alternate parking. In this case, projecting changes in revenue is difficult because we do not know how citizens will react to graduated fines. I am projecting an increase of approximately \$100,000 in ticket fine revenue. Also, higher fines should increase compliance in paying meters and an increase in meter revenue.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approving the attached ordinance and fine schedule that increases fines as stated.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-10-116

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE AND THE  
SCHEDULE OF FINES PURSUANT SECTION 1-10(j)  
OF THE URBANA CITY CODE  
(Increasing Meter, Restricted and Prohibited Fines)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA,  
ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the attached "Schedule of Fines" is hereby approved and shall remain in effect until a new schedule is approved pursuant to the procedures adopted in Ordinance No. 1999-01-003.

Section 2. The Schedule of Fines approved herein shall be effective upon City Council approval.

Section 3. All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 5. The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a regular meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM

I, Phyllis D. Clark, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Municipal Clerk of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois.

I certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the corporate authorities of the City of Urbana passed and approved Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-10 (J) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS REGARDING THE TRAFFIC CODE SCHEDULE OF FINES", which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the Urbana City Building commencing on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and continuing for at least ten (10) days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request at the Office of the City Clerk.

DATED at Urbana, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

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CITY CLERK

**URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE  
SCHEDULE OF FINES**

Section 1-10 (j). The fines and ranges of fines for the Urbana Local Traffic Code violations shall be as follows:

**Graduated Fines**

**Meter Overtime – Downtown**

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Article XVII, Sections 23-237 through 23-240

- Courtesy (no fine) first offense occurring on August 1st through July 31st of each twelve month period.
- \$10.00 second offense occurring on August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of each twelve month period. If not paid within 7 days \$15.00.
- \$15.00 subsequent offenses occurring on August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of each twelve month period. If not paid within 7 days \$20.00.

**Meter Overtime – Campus & Hospital Districts**

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Article XVII, Sections 23-237 through 23-240

- \$10.00 first offense occurring on August 1st through July 31st of each twelve month period. If not paid within 7 days \$15.00.
- \$15.00 second offense occurring on August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of each twelve month period. If not paid within 7 days \$20.00.
- \$20.00 subsequent offenses occurring on August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of each twelve month period. If not paid within 7 days \$25.00.

**Street/Lot Overtime**

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Article XIV, Section 23-193 and Schedule N

- Courtesy (no fine) first offense occurring on August 1st through July 31st of each twelve month period.
- \$10.00 second offense occurring on August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of each twelve month period. If not paid within 7 days \$15.00.
- \$15.00 subsequent offenses occurring on August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of each twelve month period. If not paid within 7 days \$20.00.

**Parking on Unapproved Surfaces**

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Article XII, Section 23-160

- \$25.00 first offense occurring on August 1st through July 31st of each twelve month period.
- \$50.00 second offense occurring on August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of each twelve month period.
- \$100.00 subsequent offenses occurring on August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> of each twelve month period.

	<b>Fine Amount</b>	
	If Paid Within 7 Days	If Paid After 7 Days
<b>Prohibited Parking</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<hr/> Article XII, Sections 23-151 through 23-158 Article XIII, Sections 23-172 through 23-176 Article XIV, Section 23-183 and Schedule J Sections 23-185 and 23-186 Section 23-187 and Schedule L Sections 23-188 and 23-189 Section 23-190 and Schedule M Sections 23-191 and 23-194 Article XV, Section 23-202 (b) and (d) Article XVII, Sections 23-234 through 23-236		
<b>Restricted Parking</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<hr/> Article XIII, Section 23-177 Article XIV, Section 23-184 and Schedule K		
<b>Restricted Parking Special Parking Zones 3:00 AM to 3:00 PM</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<hr/> Article XIV, Section 23-192 Article XIV, Section 23-192, (f) Any person found guilty of violating subsection (f) shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).		
<b>Disabled Parking</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$275.00</b>
<hr/> Article XII, Section 23-159		
<b>Unauthorized Use of Rental Spaces</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<hr/> Article XVII, Section 23-248		
<b>Unauthorized Parking, Permit Only Lot</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<hr/> Article XVII, Section 23-249		
<b>Expired/No Registration Plates</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<hr/> Article XVIII, Section 23-266		
<b>Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicle on Highways or Other Municipal Property</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<hr/> Article XVIII, Sections 23-261 and 23-262		
<b>Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicle on Private Property</b>		
<hr/> Article XVIII, Sections 23-263 and 23-264 Fine not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per day.		

**Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicle on Highways and Other Municipal Property**

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Article XIX, Section 23-271 (d)

Fine not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per day.

**Requirements for Commercial Relocators**

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Article XXI, All Sections

Fine not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per day or per removal, whichever is greater.

**Parking Violation Procedures and Penalties**

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Article XVI, Section 23-211 (2) (d)

Article XVI, Section 23-214 (b)

Violation of any provision of the Urbana Local Traffic Code will subject the parking violator to a maximum fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per violation, which may be imposed if the City of Urbana elects to initiate collection proceedings through the judicial process.

**Stopping, Standing or Parking Restricted or Prohibited On Certain Streets**

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Article XIV, Section 23-192 (f) (2)

The display of a fraudulent parking permit shall carry a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per day.



# FINE and RATE COMPARISON

Violation Type	Current Fines City of Urbana	City of Champaign	Campus Parking
<b>Meter - Campus District (U &amp; C)</b>	\$10.00 Initial after 72 hrs \$15.00	\$10.00 Initial after 72 hrs. \$15.00	\$20.00 Initial after 72 hrs. \$30.00
<b>Hospital District (U)</b>	\$10.00 - \$15.00		
<b>Meter - Downtown Area (U &amp; C)</b>	\$5.00 0 \$7.00	\$10.00 - \$15.00	
<b>Lot/Street Overtime (U)</b>	\$5.00 - \$7.00		
<b>Time Zone (C)</b>		\$20.00 - \$30.00	
<b>Restricted Hours (U &amp; C)</b>	\$10.00 - \$15.00	\$20.00 - \$30.00	
<b>Residential Permit Zone (U)</b>	\$10.00 - \$15.00		
<b>Prohibited Parking (U &amp; C)</b>	\$15.00 - \$20.00	\$30.00 - \$35.00	Various amounts (see below)
<b>Prohibited Categories:</b>	Yellow Zone		Driver Must Remain In Vehicle \$20 - \$30
	Posted - No Parking		Parked In Posted 24 Hr Space \$25 - \$35
	Parallel Parking Only		No Parking Anytime \$30 - \$40
	Headed Against Traffic		Permit Improperly Affixed \$20 - \$30
	Over 12" From Curb		No Parking Yellow Zone \$30 - \$40
	Blocking/Obstructing Sidewalk		No Parking Loading Zone \$30 - \$40
	Blocking/Obstructing Driveway		Parked Out of Designated Area \$25 - \$35
	Head In Only		No Parking This Side of Street \$20 - \$10
	Not Within Designated Markings		No Parking - Service Drive \$20 - \$10
	No Parking This Side of Street		Occupying Two Spaces \$25 - \$35
	Loading Zone		Other: \$24 - \$35
	Not A Parking Space		Using Lost/Stolen/Counterfeir Permit \$150 - \$160
	Rental Space		Parked Without Proper Permit \$50 - \$60
	Bagged Meter - Private Rental		Unauthorized Use of Lot Rental Permit \$50 - \$60
	No Parking Here to Corner		
	Abandoned/Inoperable \$20 - \$25	Abandoned/Inoperable \$25 - \$50 - \$100	
	Parked Over 72 Hours \$15 - \$20	Parked Over 72 Hours \$25 - \$50 - \$100	
	Expired/No Registration \$25 - \$50	Expired/No Registration \$25 - \$50 - \$100	
<b>Disabled Parking</b>	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00 - \$300.00
	Boot Fee \$50	Tow Fee \$25 - Boot Fee \$35	Tow Fee \$35 - Boot Fee \$45

Violation Type	Current Fines City of Urbana	City of Champaign	Campus Parking
<b>Meter Bag Rental:</b>	\$10.00 per meter per day	\$10.00 per meter per day	\$17.00 per meter per day
	Mon. - Sat. (no charge Sun)	Mon. - Sat. (no charge Sun)	Mon. - Fri. (No Charge Sat. Sun.)
	\$15.00 less than 24 hr notice		\$22.00 per meter for same day request
<b>Enforcement:</b>	Mon.-Sat. 7AM - 6PM- campus	University Dist Mon-Sat 8am-9pm	Mon. - Fri. 6AM - 5PM (Some 24 Hr.)
	Mon.-Fri. 8AM - 5PM - downtown	Downtown Mon-Fri 8am- 9pm	No enforcement Sat. & Sun.
<b>Meter Rates:</b>	Downtown \$.25 hr	Downtown \$.75 - \$.50 - \$.25 hr	
	Campus/Hospital Dist \$.75 hr	Campus \$.75 hr	
		Lot J \$.75 2 hrs & \$1.50 hr after	
<b>Number of Tickets Issued:</b>			
<b>FY 06/07</b>	45,288	39,539	67,689
<b>FY 07/08</b>	42,070	40,221	58,434
<b>FY 08/09</b>	36,868	55,711	46,552
10/21/2009			

VALID PARKING TICKETS ISSUED  
Comparison by Fiscal Year  
and Month

CITY OF URBANA

FY Tickets Issued2.xls

Time Period	FY 00/01	FY 01/02	FY 02/03	FY 03/04	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08	FY 08/09	FY 09/10
JUL	6,558	6,756	4,734	3,923	3,858	3,673	3,139	3,595	2,358	2,658
AUG	7,437	7,515	4,879	4,523	4,386	4,705	4,623	5,436	2,590	3,224
SEP	7,985	5,476	4,419	5,007	4,059	4,678	4,167	3,688	2,355	2,816
<b>QTRLY TOTAL</b>	<b>21,980</b>	<b>19,747</b>	<b>14,032</b>	<b>13,453</b>	<b>12,303</b>	<b>13,056</b>	<b>11,929</b>	<b>12,719</b>	<b>7,303</b>	<b>8,698</b>
OCT	8,733	7,681	5,835	5,672	4,439	4,923	4,571	4,402	3,670	
NOV	7,502	5,744	4,220	4,114	4,200	3,885	3,424	3,485	3,092	
DEC	4,724	4,147	4,129	4,017	4,316	3,449	2,597	2,830	2,772	
<b>QTRLY TOTAL</b>	<b>20,959</b>	<b>17,572</b>	<b>14,184</b>	<b>13,803</b>	<b>12,955</b>	<b>12,257</b>	<b>10,592</b>	<b>10,717</b>	<b>9,534</b>	<b>0</b>
JAN	7,072	6,035	4,192	3,317	4,156	4,013	4,028	3,177	2,917	
FEB	7,851	6,214	4,681	4,123	4,750	4,473	3,369	3,551	3,576	
MAR	8,341	6,036	5,078	5,105	5,306	4,852	4,266	3,250	3,532	
<b>QTRLY TOTAL</b>	<b>23,264</b>	<b>18,285</b>	<b>13,951</b>	<b>12,545</b>	<b>14,212</b>	<b>13,338</b>	<b>11,663</b>	<b>9,978</b>	<b>10,025</b>	<b>0</b>
APR	9,511	6,782	5,044	4,871	5,029	4,392	4,147	3,672	3,557	
MAY	7,556	5,577	4,921	3,992	4,594	4,329	3,496	2,831	3,637	
JUN	6,686	4,799	4,095	3,975	3,762	3,964	3,461	2,153	2,812	
<b>QTRLY TOTAL</b>	<b>23,753</b>	<b>17,158</b>	<b>14,060</b>	<b>12,838</b>	<b>13,385</b>	<b>12,685</b>	<b>11,104</b>	<b>8,656</b>	<b>10,006</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89,956</b>	<b>72,762</b>	<b>56,227</b>	<b>52,639</b>	<b>52,855</b>	<b>51,336</b>	<b>45,288</b>	<b>42,070</b>	<b>36,868</b>	<b>8,698</b>

Includes warning tickets - not a collectable ticket.

PARKING TICKET REVENUE

Month	FY 01/02	FY 02/03	FY 03/04	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08	FY 08/09	FY 09/10
Jul	\$47,069.33	\$56,270.72	\$47,565.50	\$37,036.10	\$38,275.00	\$38,385.00	\$39,277.00	\$26,936.50	\$30,983.75
Aug	\$44,044.30	\$48,819.02	\$44,042.25	\$45,139.00	\$45,241.00	\$40,226.00	\$46,429.00	\$27,763.00	\$32,888.25
Sep	\$40,002.31	\$47,467.01	\$45,504.00	\$35,369.69	\$43,369.15	\$39,193.93	\$39,883.50	\$26,743.50	\$32,655.00
Oct	\$50,634.66	\$60,419.53	\$56,038.10	\$41,543.25	\$49,275.75	\$49,310.31	\$53,716.00	\$35,535.39	
Nov	\$50,312.00	\$54,761.41	\$50,787.01	\$47,480.10	\$48,465.51	\$43,265.15	\$45,946.08	\$35,145.00	
Dec	\$57,011.00	\$54,197.61	\$54,798.00	\$46,262.19	\$38,974.90	\$34,753.00	\$40,187.50	\$33,702.25	
Jan	\$64,503.02	\$55,327.00	\$43,789.00	\$47,968.18	\$45,703.00	\$44,514.03	\$45,674.50	\$32,711.61	
Feb	\$60,455.00	\$54,849.25	\$46,671.00	\$53,573.48	\$47,752.20	\$38,386.00	\$43,197.80	\$45,223.60	
Mar	\$64,877.50	\$60,423.00	\$58,186.83	\$53,486.00	\$52,316.98	\$44,124.85	\$44,524.50	\$49,964.50	
Apr	\$74,344.69	\$56,880.52	\$45,555.75	\$44,989.75	\$45,061.00	\$45,756.94	\$42,051.20	\$42,390.00	
May	\$73,583.35	\$59,311.00	\$49,601.90	\$58,611.01	\$52,007.20	\$48,271.00	\$40,086.40	\$43,621.00	
Jun	\$56,760.00	\$49,725.50	\$44,729.75	\$42,727.00	\$37,742.00	\$39,328.02	\$30,881.59	\$39,902.05	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$683,597.16</b>	<b>\$658,451.57</b>	<b>\$587,269.09</b>	<b>\$554,185.75</b>	<b>\$544,183.69</b>	<b>\$505,514.23</b>	<b>\$511,855.07</b>	<b>\$439,638.40</b>	<b>\$96,527.00</b>

FY Tickets # Issued (less voids & warning tickets)	72,762	56,227	50,301	49,874	47,247	42,660	40,000	35,143
FY Tickets # Paid	67,941	50,219	44,824	43,554	41,664	38,195	37,835	32,040
% Collected to Issued	93.3%	89.3%	89.1%	87.3%	88.2%	89.5%	94.6%	91.2

11/1/01 Fine and Ticket Amounts Increased