



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

**TO:** Mayor Prussing, City Council  
**FROM:** Elizabeth Beaty, Finance Office Manager  
**DATE:** April 11, 2011  
**RE:** Review of Paystation Courtesy

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Brief Description of the Item

In April of 2010, a graduated fine schedule was implemented in the downtown area. A courtesy ticket is issued the first time a citizen receives a meter violation. Graduated fines are reset August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, such that a person could receive a new courtesy ticket within a 12 month period.

The ordinance establishing the graduated fine system defined the area affected as the Downtown and Campus and Hospital Districts. This includes the County Courthouse lot directly east of the new courthouse. This lot is different than all the other parking lots downtown in that revenue from the paystation system is collected by the County. Revenue from parking tickets is collected by the City. Thus, the amount of money the County is collecting from the parking lot has decreased and the City has received a request from the County to not utilize the courtesy ticket system for this lot.

For information, over the last 11 months there have been 674 courtesy tickets issued in the Champaign County Paystation lot. During that time, 44 second offense violations and 27 third offense violations were issued.

Fiscal Impact

Not providing a courtesy ticket in the County lot will return parking revenues to the County as previous, plus an increase in ticket revenue will help offset the cost of enforcement in the paystation lot for the City. We believe many people that utilize the pay station lot only use it once, thus the impact of having a downtown customer have a better feeling for not having to pay a ticket and thus encouraging them to return to the downtown is not significant as in other downtown lots.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approving the attached ordinance and fine schedule that eliminates the courtesy ticket in the Champaign County PayStation lot as stated below. No further staff recommendations to increase fines are suggested at this time.

## 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

	<b><u>Fine Amount</u></b>	
	If Paid Within 7 Days	If Paid After 7 Days
<b>Meter Overtime</b>		
Article XVII, Sections 23-237 through 23-240		
• Downtown		
○ First offense	Courtesy - no fine	
○ Second offense	\$10.00	\$15.00
○ Third and subsequent offenses	\$15.00	\$20.00
• <u>Downtown – PayStation Lot (Champaign County Courthouse)</u>		
○ <u>First offense</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
○ <u>Second offense</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
○ <u>Third and subsequent offenses</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
• Campus & Hospital Districts		
○ First offense	\$10.00	\$15.00
○ Second offense	\$15.00	\$20.00
○ Third and subsequent offenses	\$20.00	\$25.00
<b>Street/Lot Overtime</b>		
Article XIV, Section 23-193 and Schedule N		
• Downtown		
○ First offense	Courtesy - no fine	
○ Second offense	\$10.00	\$15.00
○ Third and subsequent offenses	\$15.00	\$20.00
• All other areas of the city		
○ First offense	\$10.00	\$15.00
○ Second offense	\$15.00	\$20.00
○ Third and subsequent offenses	\$20.00	\$25.00
<b>Parking on Unapproved Surfaces</b>		
Article XII, Section 23-160		
• First offense	\$25.00	
• Second offense	\$50.00	
• Third and subsequent offenses	\$100.00	

## RESTRICTED, PROHIBITED & OTHER PARKING FINES

	<b>Fine Amount</b>	
	If Paid Within 7 Days	If Paid After 7 Days
<b>Restricted Parking</b>	\$20.00	\$25.00
<p>Article XIII, Section 23-177            Article XIV, Section 23-184 and Schedule K</p>		
<b>Restricted Parking Special Parking Zones 3:00 AM to 3:00 PM</b>	\$20.00	\$25.00
<p>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).</p>		
<b>Prohibited Parking</b>	\$30.00	\$35.00
<p>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</p>		
<b>Disabled Parking</b>	\$250.00	\$300.00
<p>Article XII, Section 23-159</p>		
<b>Unauthorized Use of Rental Spaces</b>	\$50.00	\$60.00
<p>Article XVII, Section 23-248</p>		
<b>Unauthorized Parking, Permit Only Lot</b>	\$20.00	\$25.00
<p>Article XVII, Section 23-249</p>		

<b>Expired/No Registration Plates</b>	\$25.00	\$50.00
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Article XVIII, Section 23-266

<b>Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicle on Highways or Other Municipal Property</b>	\$30.00	\$35.00
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Article XVIII, Sections 23-261 and 23-262

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**Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicle on Private Property**

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Article XVIII, Sections 23-263 and 23-264

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-03-009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE SCHEDULE OF FINES  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER ONE, SECTION 1-10(j), OF THE URBANA CITY CODE

(Revising the Fine Schedule for the Champaign County Paystation Lot)

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

Section 1. Chapter One of the Urbana City Code, "General Provisions," Section 1-10, "General penalty; continuing violations," subsection j, is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A ("Urbana Local Traffic Code Schedule of Fines"), attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Those sections, paragraphs, and provisions of the Urbana City Code that are not expressly amended or repealed by this Ordinance are hereby re-enacted, and it is expressly declared to be the intention of this Ordinance not to repeal or amend any portions of the Urbana City Code other than those expressly set forth as amended or repealed in this Ordinance. The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance hereby passed and approved shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or 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 4. 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 \_\_\_\_\_,  
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AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor