

Staff Report

R-32-16

Amending Parking Fines for Repeat or Continuous Violations

For purpose of amending parking fines imposed for repeat or continuous violations in a one-year period.

Beginning at the end of July 2016, the City of Annapolis implemented an agreed upon grace period for the escalating parking fine schedule, and in issuing parking violations for first time offenders. At the conclusion of this grace period as of October 1, 2016, it has been recommended by the parking contractor, that given the information collected and shared over that time that the city should permanently suspend the escalating fines associated with parking violations. Through discussions over this period it was determined that the provision of escalating fines was contemplated and enacted at a time prior to the implementation of the latest enforcement technology. Without the technology to maximize efficient enforcement, an escalating fine schedule was a logical tool to use in order to mitigate repeat offenders choosing to overstay their allotted time limits in residential parking zones. With the implementation of License Plate Recognition (LPR) equipped vehicles, the enforcement activity level has increased dramatically over the previous process in which enforcement was performed manually and via foot patrol, and as such negating the need for escalating fines.

Resolution 32-16 removes the escalating fines for repeat or continuous violations, and limits the fine to two times the daily maximum garage fee.

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