



Staff Report – Ordinance

June 6th 2022 - Council Workshop / Regular Meeting

Ordinance No. 22 - 009 Amending CMC 10.08.060A – Parking Infraction Base Fine

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Time Estimate: 5 minutes

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INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE/SUMMARY: The City of Camas Parking Commission made a recommendation to the Camas City Council that the infraction fee for a parking ticket be increased from \$15.00 to \$30.00. The Parking Commission reported that the existing fine might not be providing the deterrent that it was designed to be due to the fact that it has been set at this level for decades. The Parking Commission believed that a higher fine might increase compliance with the downtime parking time restrictions. The City Council heard this request in an open meeting on May 2nd, 2022. The Council agreed with this recommendation and directed staff to prepare an ordinance that would institute this change. At the direction of the Council, this change will take effect on July 1st, 2022.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:

What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item? A new ordinance is adopted that will increase the base fine for a parking infraction to \$30.00

What's the data? What does the data tell us? N/A

How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement? The DCA, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, were aware of this proposal and were represented in discussions.

Who will benefit from, or be burdened by this agenda item? It is believed that the downtown merchants will benefit from this action if it achieves the desired goal – more parking spaces opened for use by customers/shoppers.

What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences? Once adopted, media announcements will be used to advise of the upcoming change.

Does this agenda item have a differential impact on underserved populations, people living with disabilities, and/or communities of color? Please provide available data to illustrate this impact. N/A

Will this agenda item improve ADA accessibilities for people with disabilities? No. Disabled parking is enforced differently and those who have valid disabled documents from D.O.L. are not subject to overtime parking infractions.

What potential hurdles exists in implementing this proposal (include both operational and political)? None.

How will you ensure accountabilities, communicate, and evaluate results? On-going monitoring with assistance and observations from merchants, staff and groups such as the DCA and Chamber of Commerce.

How does this item support a comprehensive plan goal, policy or other adopted resolution? This item supports economic development in the downtown commercial core.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance that increases the base infraction for a parking violation to \$30.00 effective July 1st, 2022.