



CITY OF SALINAS

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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TITLE: PARKING CITATION FEE - PENALTY FOR CALIFORNIA
DAYLIGHTING LAW ASSEMBLY BILL 413 (AB 413)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion to recommend City Council approve a Resolution amending the Schedule of Parking Citation Fines to add a fine of \$45.00 for daylighting parking violations pursuant to the California Daylighting Law, Assembly Bill 413 (AB 413).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 408 (AB 408), the City of Salinas may establish its own parking fines. In 2023, City Council approved a Resolution adopting an updated Schedule of Parking Citation Fines (Attachment 1) which establishes citation amounts for all of the Municipal Code and California Vehicle Code parking violations and eliminated obsolete or duplicate codes. In October 2023, California's Daylighting Law, Assembly Bill 413 (AB 413), was signed and became effective on January 1, 2024, allowing agencies to issue warnings for the violation. On January 1, 2025, AB 413 allowed agencies to issue a citation for a violation. Staff is recommending the Commission recommend to City Council to amend the Schedule of Parking Citation Fines to add a fine of \$45.00 for AB 413 parking violation fines.

BACKGROUND:

In 1992, the State of California passed Assembly Bill 408, which allowed agencies to establish their own parking citation fines. The City of Salinas is allowed to establish the amount of parking violation citation fees. However, the California Vehicle Code Section 40203.5 states, "to the extent possible, issuing agencies within the same county shall standardize parking penalties." The City of Salinas established a Bail Schedule for Parking Violations in 1994 (Attachment 2). The bail schedule was increased in 2004 (Attachment 3) and then updated again in 2017 (Attachment 4). In 2018 three (3) new municipal code parking violations were added for oversize vehicles (Attachment 5). Throughout all of the updates there remained several municipal code and California Vehicle Code violations that the city had not adopted a citation fee for.

On June 13, 2023 City Council approved Resolution No. 22683 adopting the most current Schedule of Parking Citation Fees (Attachment 1). This update included a complete and

comprehensive list of parking citations and established a comparable rate to nearby agencies, in accordance with California Vehicle Code (“CVC”) Section 40203.5. The update included a complete fee schedule for every municipal code and California Vehicle Code violation used for parking enforcement in the City of Salinas. In accordance with CVC requirements, staff completed a comparative analysis of parking fines adopted in nearby cities. Several nearby cities were non-responsive and City staff were not able to obtain rates from every agency within the County. The analysis included Monterey, Marina, Seaside, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Soledad, and Greenfield. King City and Gonzales were nonresponsive to the request. Each city may have different municipal code violations, and not every responsive City had a complete bail schedule for all of the parking-related municipal codes and California Vehicle Code violations. In order to have a more complete sampling of other agencies, City staff also included a comparison to Watsonville, Santa Cruz, and Gilroy to supplement the available data from within the County.

AB 413(Attachment 6) was signed into law on October 10, 2023, and became effective on January 1, 2024. The law provided a one-year warning for the violation of this law which would allow for agencies after January 1, 2025, to issue citations. AB 413 includes the enforcement of vehicles stopping, standing or parking any vehicle within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of any marked or unmarked crosswalk or within 15 feet of any crosswalk where a curb extension is present. AB 413 increases visibility for users crossing at crosswalks from drivers approaching. According to a California Research Bureau (CRB) memo as of June 2022, 43 states already prohibited parking within a certain distance of a crosswalk, with most states prohibiting parking within 20 feet of an intersection. The Schedule of Parking Citation Fines has similar parking violation fines at \$45.00. Therefore, Staff is recommending for the recommendation from the Commission to City Council for the amending of the AB 413 penalty violation of \$45.00 to the Schedule of Parking Citations Fines.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

No.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This action item supports the Council Goal of “Public Safety”.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Salinas Police Department and the Public Works Department both provide parking enforcement services. Public Works currently contracts out parking enforcement services to LAZ.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund. The Parking Enforcement Program is an enterprise account where the revenues offset the operating cost.

Fund	General Ledger Number (Operating/CIP)	General Ledger Account Name	Remaining Budget Appropriation	Amount Requested
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution No. 22683 Schedule of Parking Citation Fines

Attachment 2: 1994 Schedule for Parking Violations

Attachment 3: 2004 Parking Fines Update

Attachment 4: 2017 Parking Fines Update

Attachment 5: 2018 Parking Fines Update

Attachment 6: Bill Text - AB-413 Vehicles – stopping, standing, and parking