



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2017

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

FROM: JAMES SERRANO, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER

TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING: PARKING ENFORCEMENT FINES UPDATE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution updating parking fines for parking violations.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the proposed Resolution updating parking fines for parking violations.

BACKGROUND:

The report addresses parking fines associated with citywide parking violations. The Parking Bail Schedule is a listing of these parking fines. The City's parking fines for parking enforcement violations have not been updated since November 2004. A comparative analysis of parking fines from various jurisdictions guides staff recommendations for this update, as well as help meet California Vehicle Code requirements.

Section 40203.5(a) of the California Vehicle code (CVC) states, "The schedule of parking penalties for parking violations and late payment penalties shall be established by the governing body of the jurisdiction where the notice of violation is issued. To the extent possible, issuing agencies within the same county shall standardize parking penalties."

Staff compared parking bail schedules from 11 different jurisdictions including Santa Cruz and the City of Monterey, which are two nearby cities with managed parking programs. In addition to meeting CVC requirements, staff would also like to enable the City parking program to be sustainable and cover costs. Having a program with good fiscal health will enable the City to maintain the current level of parking services; and to consider expansion of services desired by the community. The attached table summarizes staff recommendations. If approved, staff estimates a \$98,000 increase in annual fines that will remain in the Parking Enforcement program to support parking enforcement services in the City.

The bulk of the proposed increase in fines are between \$5 and \$19. There are a few fines proposed to increase significantly:

CVC Violation 22500 (i)	Parking in a bus zone (Increase of \$271 to \$310)
CVC Violation 22522	Parking within 3 inches of access ramp (Increase \$271 to \$310)

Other cities have increased these fines to discourage parking behavior that affects important services for travelers with disabilities. A violation of CVC 22500 (i) prohibits transit service from safely boarding passengers. Most transit agencies will not service stops when vehicles are parked in the bus zone. In addition, people using wheelchairs will need to use a chair lift which requires certain curbside features that are included in a bus zone. Parked vehicles interfere with this service. For CVC Violation 22522, the fee increase is meant to discourage parking near a pedestrian access ramps which are used by disabled individuals to travel city streets. Vehicles that park at ramps prohibit disabled access at intersections. Staff recommends these fines in support of quality of life measures for Salinas residents.

Staff believes the proposed parking enforcement fines increases satisfies both the CVC Section 40203.5 requirements to the extent possible, while also meeting the objectives of better managing the City's parking programs.

Currently, the City charges two late penalty fees. The first late fee is \$6.00; and the second late penalty fee is \$11.00. Staff is proposing that these fees be increased by \$5.00 each (first late fee to \$11.00 and second late penalty fee to \$16.00). There is added work and added cost incurred for late payments. These charges will help cover city costs for processing late payments.

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). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Managing the City's parking enforcement program supports all City goals. In addition, the Downtown Vibrancy Plan makes recommendations to manage parking in downtown. A managed parking enforcement program is critical towards implementing the Vibrancy Plan's Parking recommendations.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The City's parking enforcement program provides an important and desired service for residents of the City. Increasing the parking enforcement program level of service has demonstrated how important the program is to the City residents' quality of life and to the economic objectives desired in the City commercial areas. Public Works is working to make the program sustainable so that service may meet the demands of the community. These recommended parking fine increases will help sustain the program and enable the City to consider service expansion. Parking fines were last updated more than 10 years ago. If approved, the increase will be effective on January 1, 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Exhibit A – Proposed Parking Fine Increases

Exhibit B – Parking Fines Comparison

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARKING FINES UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF
SALINAS**

WHEREAS, Section 40203.5 of California Vehicle Code gives the City authority to set parking penalties for parking violations; and

WHEREAS, the City last considered and updated parking penalties in 2004 by Resolution No. 18518; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the current parking fines schedule and recommend an increase in parking fines as shown on the attached table, herein incorporated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council hereby adopts the attached “Parking Enforcement Program Bail Schedule”, including first and second penalty late fee increases of \$5.00 to defray collection costs incurred for processing late payments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said fees are to be effective on January 1, 2018.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of December, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk

City of Salinas
Parking Enforcement Program
Bail Schedule

Municipal Code	Violation Description	Current Bail Amount	Proposed
20-36	Riding on sidewalk	\$39	\$44.00
20-48	Parking prohibited in certain places	\$39	\$44.00
20-49a	Parking in excess of 72 hours	\$39	\$50.00
20-50(a)	Display of vehicle for sale on roadway	\$131	\$150.00
20-50(b)	Repair or greasing vehicle on roadway	\$39	\$44.00
20-50.1(a)	Veh. for sale on public streets and prop	\$131	\$150.00
20-54	Parking in parkways prohibited	\$49	\$54.00
20-55(b)	Parking adjacent to schools prohibited	\$39	\$44.00
20-56(b)	Parking where prohibited by signs	\$39	\$44.00
20-56(c)	Parked veh over 6 feet in proh area	\$39	\$44.00
20-57(b)	Parking where prohibited by sign	\$39	\$44.00
20-59.1(a)	Failure to park in designated space	\$39	\$44.00
20-73	Parked in bus zone	\$39	\$50.00
20-73(b)	Parking prohibited in bus zone	\$39	\$50.00
20-74(3)	White loading/unloading zone	\$39	\$44.00
20-74(a)(1)	Red Zone	\$39	\$48.00
20-74(a)(2)	Yellow Zone	\$39	\$44.00
20-74(b)	Parked proh. in red/green zone sec c	\$39	\$44.00
20-74(c)	Parking proh. in red or green zone	\$39	\$44.00
20-75(a)	Parked proh. in loading zone cite 20-76	\$39	\$44.00
20-75(c)	Parked proh. in loading zone cite 20-77	\$39	\$44.00
20-76	Parking proh. in yellow loading zone	\$39	\$44.00
20-77	Parking prohibited in passenger loading	\$39	\$44.00
20-77.1	Parking prohibited in taxicab zones	\$39	\$44.00
20-78(a)	Parking prohibited in alleys	\$39	\$44.00
20-78(b)	Parking prohibited in alleys	\$39	\$44.00
20-78(d)	Parking prohibited in alley	\$39	\$44.00
20-79(b)	Overtime parking - streets	\$39	\$44.00

20-79(b)-3	Overtime parking - streets Distr 3	\$33	\$44.00
20-81(b)	Parking prohibited in no parking zone	\$39	\$44.00
20-85(b)	Failure to park in designated space/lot	\$39	\$44.00
20-86	Overtime parking - lot	\$33	\$38.00
20-90	Parked on private prop w/o permission	\$39	\$50.00
20-99(b)	Parked on st by trucks over 6000 lb proh	\$80	\$90.00
20-100	Prkd on st by com veh proh over 6000 lb	\$80	\$90.00
20-100(b)	Parked on streets by commercial veh proh	\$90	\$100.00
20-100.1	Vehicle over 10,000 lbs	\$90	\$100.00
20-229(e)-3	Unauthorized Permit Displayed	\$38	\$44.00
20-229(g)-3A	Failure to Display Permit	\$38	\$44.00
20-229(g)-3B	Improper Display of Permit	\$38	\$44.00
28-14(m)	Failure to park in designated area	\$39	\$44.00
28-14(x)	Driving or parking on grass	\$39	\$44.00
DMV Code	Violation Description	Current Bail Amount	Proposed
4462(b)	False evidence of registration	\$39	\$50.00
4464	Altered license plate	\$39	\$44.00
5200	No license plate	\$39	\$50.00
5201(a)	Improper display of plates	\$33	\$38.00
5202(a)	Unregistered	\$80	\$85.00
5204(a)	Tab not displayed	\$80	\$90.00
21211	Blocking bicycle path	\$39	\$50.00
22500(i)	Parked in red zone-bus zone	\$39	\$310.00
22500(l)	Parked in wheelchair access to sidewalk	\$39	\$50.00
22500.1	Parking in fire lane	\$80	\$90.00
22502(a)	Pkg over 18" from the curb	\$39	\$44.00
22502(e)	Parked over 18" from lft side on one way	\$39	\$44.00
22505(b)	Parking in restricted area posted	\$39	\$44.00
22507.8	Parked in handicapped parking	\$296	\$310.00
22507.8(a)	Parked in handicapped zone	\$296	\$310.00
22507.8(c)	Parked on handicapped/loading zone	\$296	\$310.00
22514	Fire hydrant	\$49	\$55.00

22522	Parked within 3 inches of access ramp	\$39	\$310.00
22523(a)	Abandoned vehicle on public roadway	\$265	\$275.00
22523(b)	Abandoned vehicle on private prop	\$265	\$275.00
22651(b)	Parked in roadway	\$39	\$44.00
22651(m)	Posted no parking	\$39	\$44.00