

September 24, 2018

Adam Waldron, President  
City Council  
City of Bethlehem  
10 East Church Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018

**RE: *Parking Fine Increase - Bethlehem Parking Authority***

Dear Mr. Waldron:

On behalf of the Bethlehem Parking Authority, I would ask that the Bethlehem City Council consider increasing the parking fines in the City of Bethlehem by amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem in accordance with the attached Schedule and supporting information.

The request for the parking fine increases was unanimously approved by the Bethlehem Parking Authority Board and we hope that City Council will act favorably on our request. I will make myself available at the convenience of City Council to discuss the Parking Authority's request and answer any questions they may have.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Kevin Livingston,  
Executive Director  
Bethlehem Parking Authority

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 13, 2018

**TO:** Kevin Livingston, Executive Director  
Bethlehem Parking Authority

**FROM:** Timothy Tracy  
Eric Haggett

**RE:** **Benchmark Analysis & Parking Violation Fine Recommendations**

The purpose of this memo is to review and evaluate the City of Bethlehem's parking violation fines in comparison to peer cities. These cities have been selected by DESMAN and the Parking Authority because they share some similarity to Bethlehem either in geographic location, size and demographics of the population, parking system size, or several of these elements. This analysis is presented to give the Authority a better idea of how its parking system compares with other towns in the region and to provide a guide for developing future parking violation fines and policies.

Bethlehem provides residents and visitors with a variety of parking options, with approximately 1,300 on-street metered spaces, 13 surface lots, 5 garages, and a significant number of on-street areas designated for resident permit parking. The Authority enforces parking regulations at on-street meters, in metered off-street facilities and in the resident permit parking areas, issuing violations to those parkers who break the rules. In order to ensure that transient parkers using the meters pay for the time they are parked and only residents with valid permits park in the residential permit parking areas, the fines for violating the rules should be set high enough to discourage illegal parking behaviors.

Parking industry standards suggest that the fine for non-payment of a parking meter or other parking meter violations be priced at least 10-15 times the hourly parking rate. The fine for illegally parking in a residential permit parking zone should be priced at least as high as that for a parking meter violation, in order to ensure that non-residents who should be parking at meters do not, instead, park in residential areas. Finally, certain violations that create dangerous traffic situations or take spaces from drivers with disabilities, such as parking too close to a corner or illegally parking in an ADA space, respectively, should carry higher fines, commensurate with the severity of the offense.

The disparity in the rates verses fines appears to be confirmed given the number of tickets the Parking Authority issues on an annual basis. This would also suggest that current fine schedule is not penal enough to encourage motorists to simply pay for parking instead of breaking the law. The Authority issued approximately 22,940 tickets in 2014, 39,900 in 2015, 64,400 in 2016, 65,200 in 2017 and are projecting to issue 71,700 in 2018. The number of parking violation tickets issued over the past five years is expected to increase by more than 300% by the end of 2018.

**Table 1** presents a summary of the population and parking system characteristics of the 13 cities examined, as well as the fines and late payment penalties associated with several different types of parking violations in each city.



**Table 1 Benchmark Analysis**

| City                               | State | Population <sup>1</sup> | On-Street Metered Spaces | Number of Garages | Number of Lots | On-Street Parking Meter Hours of Enforcement     | Overtime Meter Violation Fine | Late Payment Fee | Overtime Non-Meter Violation Fine | Late Payment Fee | Handicapped Violation Fine | Late Payment Fee | Duration prior to Late Payment Fee |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Allentown                          | PA    | 120,443                 | 1,400                    | 5                 | 25             | Monday - Saturday, 8AM - 6PM or 8AM - 9PM        | \$10.00                       | \$15.00          | \$15.00                           | \$10.00          | \$50.00                    | \$50.00          | 10 days                            |
| Easton                             | PA    | 26,978                  | 700                      | 2                 | 4              | Monday - Saturday, 9AM - 8PM; Sunday, 12PM - 6PM | \$25.00                       | \$10.00          | \$15.00                           | \$15.00          | \$100.00                   | \$50.00          | 8 days                             |
| Harrisburg                         | PA    | 48,904                  | 1,300                    | 8                 | 3              | Monday - Saturday, 8AM - 7PM                     | \$30.00                       | \$20.00          | \$30.00                           | \$20.00          | \$30.00                    | \$20.00          | 4 days                             |
| Lancaster                          | PA    | 59,218                  | 946                      | 7                 | 3              | Monday - Saturday, 8AM - 6PM                     | \$20.00                       | \$10.00          | \$20.00                           | \$10.00          | \$200.00                   | \$10.00          | 15 days                            |
| Montclair                          | NJ    | 38,021                  | 1,257                    | 4                 | 17             | Monday - Saturday, 8AM - 7PM                     | \$30.00                       | \$10.00          | \$30.00                           | \$10.00          | \$250.00                   | Unknown          | 7 days                             |
| Newark                             | DE    | 33,398                  | 457                      | 0                 | 5              | Monday - Saturday, 8AM - 1AM; Sunday, 1PM - 1AM  | \$20.00                       | \$27.50          | \$20.00                           | \$27.50          | \$100.00                   | \$207.50         | 30 days                            |
| New Brunswick                      | NJ    | 56,910                  | 1,000                    | 2                 | 10             | Monday - Saturday, 8AM - 9PM                     | \$35.00                       | \$10.00          | \$35.00                           | \$10.00          | \$250.00                   | N/A              | 14 days                            |
| Reading                            | PA    | 87,575                  | 900                      | 9                 | 7              | Monday - Friday, 8AM - 6PM                       | \$20.00                       | \$15.00          | \$35.00                           | \$15.00          | \$135.00                   | \$65.00          | 10 days                            |
| Scranton                           | PA    | 77,291                  | 1,479                    | 5                 | 1              | Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM                       | \$25.00                       | \$10.00          | \$25.00                           | \$10.00          | \$100.00                   | N/A              | 1 day                              |
| State College                      | PA    | 41,992                  | 420                      | 3                 | 4              | Monday - Saturday, 10AM - 10PM                   | \$10.00                       | \$9.00           | \$10.00                           | \$9.00           | \$150.00                   | Unknown          | 3 days                             |
| Summit                             | NJ    | 22,019                  | 600                      | 2                 | 11             | Monday - Saturday, 8AM - 6PM                     | \$25.00                       | \$10.00          | \$25.00                           | \$10.00          | \$250.00                   | N/A              | 14 days                            |
| Wilmington                         | DE    | 71,442                  | 1,000                    | 6                 | 2              | Monday - Friday, 8AM - 6PM                       | \$40.00                       | \$20.00          | \$40.00                           | \$20.00          | \$115.00                   | \$20.00          | 21 days                            |
| Wilkes-Barre                       | PA    | 40,964                  | 800                      | 3                 | 1              | Monday - Saturday, 8AM - 6PM                     | \$10.00                       | \$10.00          | \$25.00                           | \$15.00          | \$25 - \$300 <sup>2</sup>  | N/A              | 3 days                             |
| Bethlehem                          | PA    | 75,293                  | 1,293                    | 5                 | 13             | Monday - Saturday, 8AM - 9PM                     | \$10.00                       | \$20.00          | \$10.00                           | \$20.00          | \$50.00                    | \$20.00          | 14 Days                            |
| Average Fine (not incl. Bethlehem) |       |                         |                          |                   |                |  | \$23.00                       | \$14.00          | \$25.00                           | \$14.00          | \$146.00                   | \$60.00          |                                    |

(1) Population information taken from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 Population Estimate

(2) Violators must appear before a district justice and can be assessed a fine anywhere within this range, plus court costs, and/or be imprisoned up to 90 days.

Source: Municipal codes of the various municipalities.

As shown in the table, in Bethlehem, the fine for parking at an expired meter and the fine for parking in excess of the posted time limit in non-metered spaces (such as in residential permit parking areas) is less than half of the average of the cities examined. In addition, the \$50 fine for unauthorized parking in a handicapped space in Bethlehem is almost one third of the \$146 average fine in the examined municipalities.

In order to encourage additional compliance with existing parking regulations and to ensure that, as metered parking rates increase in the future, the proper ratio of hourly parking rate-to-fine is maintained, DESMAN is recommending a series of increases to the current fine amounts associated with the various parking violations in Bethlehem. **Table 2** presents a summary of the various parking violations for which DESMAN is proposing a fine increase, along with the current fine associated with each type of violation.

**Table 2 Proposed Schedule of Fines for Parking Violations versus Current Fine Amounts**

| Code | Description of Violation                              | Current Fine | Proposed Fine | Proposed Increase |
|------|---|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1A   | EXCEEDING PARKING METER LIMITS                        | \$10.00      | \$15.00       | (\$5.00)          |
| 1B   | NOT PARKED WITHIN A METERED SPACE                     | \$10.00      | \$15.00       | (\$5.00)          |
| 1C   | OCCUPIED SPACE IN EXCESS OF LAWFUL LIMIT (METER FEED) | \$10.00      | \$15.00       | (\$5.00)          |
| 2A   | DOUBLE PARKED   | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2B   | ON A SIDEWALK   | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2C   | ON A BRIDGE OR IN A TUNNEL                            | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2D   | ON A RAILROAD TRACK                                   | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2E   | ANGLE PARKED 2-WAY STREET                             | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2F   | ANGLE PARKED 1-WAY STREET                             | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2G   | AGAINST TRAFFIC 2- WAY ST                             | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2H   | AGAINST TRAFFIC 1-WAY ST                              | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2HF  | OVERTIME PARKING 1HR ZONE-SPECIAL EVENT               | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2HG  | OVERTIME PARKING 2 HR ZONE-SPECIAL EVENT              | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2JA  | UNATTENDED TRAILER                                    | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2K   | BLOCKING TRAFFIC OPPOSITE EXCAVATION                  | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2L   | IN FRONT OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE DRIVEWAY                | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2N   | OFFICIAL SIGN NO PARKING                              | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2NA  | NO PARKING PRIVATE PROPERTY                           | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2P   | VEHICLE ON DISPLAY FOR SALE                           | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2Q   | GREASING AND REPAIRING                                | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2R   | OVERTIME PARKING                                      | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2RA  | OVERTIME PARKING IN 5 MINUTE ZONE                     | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2RB  | OVERTIME PARKING IN 10 MINUTE ZONE                    | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2RC  | OVERTIME PARKING IN 15 MINUTE ZONE                    | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2RD  | OVERTIME PARKING IN 20 MINUTE ZONE                    | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2RE  | OVERTIME PARKING IN 30 MINUTE ZONE                    | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2RF  | OVERTIME PARKING IN 1 HOUR ZONE                       | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2RG  | OVERTIME PARKING IN 2 HOUR ZONE                       | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2RH  | OVERTIME PARKING IN 4 HOUR ZONE                       | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2RI  | OVERTIME PARKING IN 3 HOUR ZONE                       | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2RJ  | OVERTIME PARKING IN 12 MINUTE ZONE                    | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2S   | WITHIN AN INTERSECTION                                | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2T   | WITHIN 20' OF A CROSSWALK AT AN INTERSECTION          | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2U   | WITHIN 30' OF STOP SIGN OR SIGNAL                     | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2V   | WITHIN 20' OF FIREHOUSE DRIVEWAY                      | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2W   | 50' OF RR CROSSING                                    | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2X   | WITHIN A SAFETY ZONE                                  | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2Y   | 12" FROM CURB 2-WAY STREET                            | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 2Z   | 12" FROM CURB 1-WAY STREET                            | \$10.00      | \$20.00       | (\$10.00)         |
| 3A   | PARKED IN CROSSWALK                                   | \$15.00      | \$20.00       | (\$5.00)          |
| 3B   | WITHIN 15' OF FIRE HYDRANT                            | \$15.00      | \$20.00       | (\$5.00)          |
| 3M   | OFFICIAL SIGN: NO STANDING / STOPPING                 | \$15.00      | \$20.00       | (\$5.00)          |
| 3N   | OFFICIAL SIGN: NO PARKING                             | \$15.00      | \$20.00       | (\$5.00)          |
| 3NA  | NO PARKING PRIVATE PROPERTY                           | \$15.00      | \$20.00       | (\$5.00)          |
| 3NS  | OFFICIAL SIGN: NO PARKING / STREET CLEANING           | \$15.00      | \$20.00       | (\$5.00)          |
| 4A   | RESERVED FOR HANDICAPPED                              | \$50.00      | \$100.00      | (\$50.00)         |
| 4AA  | RESERVED FOR HANDICAP-RESIDENTIAL                     | \$50.00      | \$100.00      | (\$50.00)         |

As shown in the table, DESMAN is proposing that the fines associated with parking meter violations (Code 1A, 1B and 1C) be increased from \$10 to \$15. These increases will bring the fine amounts for parking meter violations in Bethlehem closer to those of the peer cities examined. In addition, should the hourly rate at the parking meters in Bethlehem be increased in the future, the proposed fine amounts will allow the City and Parking Authority to maintain the ideal ratio of fines that are 10-15 times the hourly parking rate.

Aside from the parking meter violations, nearly every other proposed increase is meant to bring the fine for a violation to \$20. These fine amounts should help discourage illegal parking behaviors, more so than the current fines of \$10 or \$15 for these violations.

Finally, DESMAN is proposing that the fines associated with unauthorized parking in handicapped parking spaces be doubled, from \$50 to \$100. The higher fines for these violations are intended to punish parkers who are fully physically capable from parking in the limited number of spaces that are available for handicapped parkers. Despite the proposed increases, these fine amounts are still well below the average of \$146 charged for similar parking violations in the peer cities we examined.

Additionally, the Bethlehem Parking Authority was established to acquire, construct, equip, and operate parking facilities under the provisions of the Parking Authority Law. The Authority is charge of the administration, supervision and enforcement of off-street and on-street parking in Bethlehem. The Authority is responsible to provide reliable services to the general public on a continuous basis and shall be financed by costs recovered primarily through user charges.

As such, the Authority has the fiduciary responsibility to ensure its properties are properly maintained to generate necessary user fees to cover operational costs and debt service. Based on Condition Assessments performed at the Authority's five (5) parking garages a 10-year capital repair and maintenance program has been forecasted. The costs have been budgeted at more than \$6 million over the next 10 years, which will need to be funded through Authority-wide parking revenues and resources. For these reasons the fine increases noted above are substantiated.

A final consideration for properly adjusting fine amounts is the Authority's commitment to providing the necessary parking infrastructure to support the existing and future needs of the residents, businesses and visitors of the City. As presented and documented in the recently completed Northside and Southside Downtown Parking Study there are two capital improvement projects that the Authority may be initiating in the next several years. These include the demolition and reconstruction of the Walnut Street Garage and the construction of a new Polk Street Garage facility. These projects, in addition to operating expense, existing debt service and capital repairs must also be funded through Authority-wide parking revenues and resources. Again, for these reasons the fine increases noted above are warranted.

There is an expectation that with an increase in the fine amounts there will be a reduction in the number of tickets issued as motorists will be more motivated to comply with the parking regulations. As such we have developed initial forecasts for the potential reduction in the number of tickets issued by the Parking Authority. We are forecasting a 13% reduction in the total number of tickets issued and a 40% reduction in meter violations and 30% in overtime parking.

The net revenue effect to the Parking Authority will be a stabilized income/revenue from parking violations. We are forecasting parking violations to be flat from 2018 to 2019 should the fines be

increased. There will also be an expected increase in the meter revenues from patrons that currently elect to not pay will now pay to avoid the higher parking fines. This could result in \$75,000-\$100,000 annually, roughly a 2-3% increase, in additional parking meter revenue.

DESMAN also recommends that the City/Parking Authority reassess the fines for parking violations every 3-5 years, to ensure that the fines are having the desired effect of discouraging illegal parking behavior and that they are keeping up with inflation.

BILL NO.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ARTICLE 531 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED PARKING GENERALLY.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Section 531.99, Subsection (b) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem, which reads as follows:

(b) Waiver; Other Parking Violations. For violation of any provision of Article 531, the owner shall pay the applicable fine designated herein.

- (1) For parking within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant or on a crosswalk, the owner of a vehicle shall pay a fine of ~~fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ within fourteen (14) days of the violation; thereafter, until a citation is issued, ~~thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)~~; and, after the issuance of a citation, ~~fifty-five dollars (\$55.00)~~.
- (2) For handicapped parking violations, the owner of a vehicle shall pay a fine of ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ within fourteen (14) days of the violation; thereafter, until a citation is issued, ~~seventy dollars (\$70.00)~~; and, after the issuance of a citation, not less than ~~ninety dollars (\$90.00)~~ nor more than ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00)~~.
- (3) For violations which involve official signs prohibiting stopping, standing or parking, the owner of the vehicle shall pay a fine of ~~fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~, within fourteen (14) days of the violation; thereafter, until a citation is issued, ~~thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)~~; and, after the issuance of a citation, ~~fifty-five dollars (\$55.00)~~.
- (4) For violations involving unattended vehicles on private property, the owner of the vehicle shall pay a fine of ~~fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ within fourteen (14) days of the violation; thereafter, until a citation is issued, ~~thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)~~; and, after the issuance of citation, ~~fifty-five dollars (\$55.00)~~.
- (5) For violations which involve inoperable vehicles or vehicles without current registration or inspection stickers, the owner of the vehicle shall pay a fine of ~~fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~, within fourteen (14) days of the violation; thereafter, until a citation is issued ~~thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)~~; and after the issuance of a citation, ~~fifty-five dollars (\$55.00)~~.



- (6) For violation of any other provision of this Article, the owner shall pay a fine of ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ within fourteen (14) days of the violation; and, until a citation is issued, ~~thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~; and after the issuance of a citation, ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~.
- (7) Every owner who fails to pay the applicable fine shall, upon summary conviction, be fined the applicable amount specified above and, in default of the payment of fine and costs, imprisoned for not more than ten (10) days.
- (8) For each violation of Section 531.04, Parking Trucks and Trailers, the owner shall pay a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) within fourteen (14) days of the violation; and thereafter until a citation is issued, seventy dollars (\$70.00); and after the issuance of a citation, not less than ninety dollars (\$90.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Shall be amended to read as follows:

#### 531.99 PENALTY

(b) Waiver; Other Parking Violations. For violation of any provision of Article 531, the owner shall pay the applicable fine designated herein.

- (1) For parking within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant or on a crosswalk, the owner of a vehicle shall pay a fine of **twenty dollars (\$20.00)** within fourteen (14) days of the violation; thereafter, until a citation is issued, **forty dollars (\$40.00)**; and, after the issuance of a citation, **sixty dollars (\$60.00)**.
- (2) For handicapped parking violations, the owner of a vehicle shall pay a fine of **one hundred dollars (\$100.00)** within fourteen (14) days of the violation; thereafter, until a citation is issued, **one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00)**; and, after the issuance of a citation, not less than **one hundred forty dollars (\$140.00)** nor more than **two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)**.
- (3) For violations which involve official signs prohibiting stopping, standing or parking, the owner of the vehicle shall pay a fine of **twenty dollars (\$20)**, within fourteen (14) days of the violation; thereafter, until a citation is issued, **forty dollars (\$40.00)**; and, after the issuance of a citation, **sixty dollars (\$60.00)**.
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- (5) For violations which involve inoperable vehicles or vehicles without current registration or inspection stickers, the owner of the vehicle shall pay a fine of **twenty dollars (\$20.00)**, within fourteen (14) days of the violation; thereafter, until a citation is issued **forty dollars (\$40.00)**; and after the issuance of a citation, **sixty dollars (\$60.00)**.
- (6) For violation of any other provision of this Article, the owner shall pay a fine of **twenty dollars (\$20.00)** within fourteen (14) days of the violation; and, until a citation is issued, **forty dollars (\$40.00)**; and after the issuance of a citation, **sixty dollars (\$60.00)**.
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SECTION 2. That all Ordinances and all parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PASSED finally in Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

This Ordinance APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

BILL NO.

**ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ARTICLE 533 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED PARKING METERS.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Section 533.99, Subsection (b)(1) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem, which reads as follows:

(b) Waiver; Overtime Parking Violations.

(1) For violation of any provision of Article 533, the owner shall pay the applicable fine designated. Within fourteen days of the violation, the owner shall pay a fine of ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~; thereafter, until a citation is issued, thirty dollars (\$30.00); and after the issuance of a citation, fifty dollars (\$50.00). Every owner who fails to pay the applicable fine shall, upon summary conviction, be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) and, in default of the payment of fine and costs, imprisoned for not more than ten days.

Shall be amended to read as follows:

(b) Waiver; Overtime Parking Violations.

(1) For violation of any provision of Article 533, the owner shall pay the applicable fine designated. Within fourteen days of the violation, the owner shall pay a fine of **fifteen dollars (\$15)** thereafter, until a citation is issued, thirty dollars (\$30.00); and after the issuance of a citation, fifty dollars (\$50.00). Every owner who fails to pay the applicable fine shall, upon summary conviction, be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) and, in default of the payment of fine and costs, imprisoned for not more than ten days.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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This Ordinance APPROVED this            day of            , 2018

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Mayor