



**Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY’S PARKING VIOLATION BAIL SCHEDULE INCREASING PENALTY AMOUNTS**

(Administrative Services Director Brandon Walker)

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution amending the City of Hermosa Beach Parking Violation Bail Schedule increasing penalty amounts; and
2. Add estimated revenue of \$450,000 in the General Fund for the anticipated increased parking violation penalty revenue for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

**Executive Summary:**

California Vehicle Code Section 40203.5 authorizes the City to establish penalties for parking violations. Staff is recommending increasing parking citation amounts in line with neighboring agencies. The City’s existing parking penalties have not been changed since 2010.

**Background:**

Parking citation penalties were last adjusted in 2009 and 2010, with each year reflecting a \$3 increase. However, these increases were not the result of any local policy changes or efforts to raise city revenue. Instead, they were mandated adjustments tied directly to a statewide pass-through requirement, in which the additional funds collected were remitted in full to the State of California to support court-funded projects. As a result, the increases did not generate additional local revenue, but simply reflected the state’s requirement to bolster funding for the judicial system. The last time parking citation rates were increased in a way that generated additional revenue for the City was in 2005—more than 20 years ago. Since then, no locally driven adjustments have been made to citation rates that directly benefit the City’s revenue.

***Past Council Actions***

Meeting Date	Description
<a href="#">November 23, 2010</a>	City Council adopted a Resolution amending the City’s Parking Violation Bail Schedule to reflect an additional \$3.00 State Trial Court Fund Penalty required by SB 857.

Meeting Date	Description
<a href="#">March 24, 2009</a>	City Council adopted a Resolution amending the City's Parking Violation Bail Schedule to reflect an additional \$3.00 State Courthouse Construction and Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Fund Penalty required by SB 1407.
February 22, 2005	City Council adopted a Resolution increasing parking violation penalties by \$5.

**Analysis:**

Parking citations are an important tool for the City to regulate the use of public space and parking. Enforcement encourages turnover, reduces congestion, ensures emergency access, and protects pedestrians. The City issues around 40,000 parking related citations annually.

The City's parking citation penalties were last updated in 2010 (nearly 15 years ago). The last two increases have been state fund pass through charges where the City has received no additional revenue. The last increase that benefitted the City was approved in 2005.

Under the proposed resolution, penalties for the two most commonly issued parking violations, street sweeping and expired meters, would increase from \$38 to \$55 and from \$48 to \$75, respectively. All other penalty amounts are being adjusted to better align amounts and ensure consistent enforcement (Attachment 1).

In determining the market rate of parking citation penalties, staff conducted an informal survey of local cities that issue parking citations and found that the City's existing fine of \$38 for street sweeping and an average of \$48 for all citations were low compared to other cities.

CITY	Expired Meter Fine	Street Sweeping Fine
Santa Monica	\$63	\$73
Los Angeles	\$63	\$73
Newport Beach	\$76	\$70
Beverly Hills	\$55	\$68
Culver City	\$55	\$60
Manhattan Beach	\$59	\$59
Redondo Beach	\$75	\$53
Huntington Beach	\$58	\$46
Hermosa Beach	\$53	\$38

**Fiscal Impact:**

The proposed parking citation penalty increase is estimated to generate an additional \$700,000 to 900,000 annually to the City's General Fund, which can help support ongoing parking infrastructure and other City wide capital needs.

Staff would add estimated revenue of \$450,000 to the current FY 2025-26 budget at 001-3302 for the anticipated parking citation revenue rate increase.

**Attachments:**

1. Proposed Parking Violation Bail Schedule
2. Draft Resolution

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Brandon Walker, Administrative Services Director

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**Noted for Fiscal Impact:** Henry Chao, Finance Manager

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