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Parking Violation Fines Increase July 1

The City of Wheeling Police Department, along with its civilian parking enforcement officers, will begin to issue increased ticket fines, effective July 1, 2017, for both metered and non-metered parking areas throughout the city in an effort to control the numerous parking infractions.

Additionally, law enforcement officers and civilian parking enforcement officers will begin to chalk tires at metered and non-metered parking areas. Non-metered parking areas will be clearly marked with a sign (i.e. "15-minute parking"). This enforcement will not be restricted to the downtown business district. These short-term parking zones are designed to create turnover in parking and are not meant to be long-term parking throughout the day. This turnover is critical to downtown businesses, as non-metered parking zones are designed for business clients and customers.

City ordinance requires that vehicles be moved after the allotted amount of time. For example, a vehicle is only permitted to park at a one-hour meter for one hour at most. Once that time expires, the vehicle must be moved, or be fined. The only way to tell if a vehicle is parked beyond its allotted time is to chalk tires. The chalk used does not leave long-term marks on the tires and aids the officers in carrying out their responsibilities.

Wheeling City Council passed ordinance No. 14937 at its April 18 meeting. All fines, if not paid in 30 days, will double. The following are the ticket violation prices:

METER OVERTIME PARKING	\$10
METER OVERTIME 2 ND VIOLATION	\$20
METER IMPROPER PARKING	\$10
FIRE HYDRANT	\$100
BUS ZONE	NO CHANGE - \$25
LOADING ZONE	\$25
WRONG SIDE FOR STREET SWEEPER	NO CHANGE - \$10
NO PARKING SIGN	\$25
OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC – ALLEY	\$25
OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC – STREET	NO CHANGE - \$25

SCHOOL ZONE	\$25
TIME LIMITED	\$10
WRONG WAY	NO CHANGE - \$20
OVERWEIGHT TRUCKS	\$50
SIDEWALK	\$25
DRIVEWAYS	\$25
YELLOW LINE	\$25
HANDICAP ZONE	NO CHANGE - \$100
UNATTACHED TRAILORS	\$50

Fines can be paid in the City's Finance Office on the first floor of the City-County Building or online with the addition of a small fee (<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/wheelingwv>).

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