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City to Accept Canned Food in Exchange for Parking Tickets

WHEELING, W.Va. – Wheeling City Council unanimously voted at its December 19 meeting to accept five canned goods in exchange for a \$10.00 overtime parking fee starting today, December 20, through January 1, 2018.

Councilman Brian Wilson presented the idea and worked with City Manager Robert Herron and Finance Director Seth McIntyre to facilitate the process. After the first day of the program, more than 150 cans have been donated, many of which were given in excess of the five-can “payment.”

Only tickets issued on or between December 20, 2017, and January 1, 2018, are eligible to be paid with canned goods. The canned goods also must be donated during the same timeframe. On January 2, 2018, all outstanding and future violations will be subject to regular fines for overtime parking.

Donations must be brought to the city’s finance department – located on the first floor of the City-County Building, 1500 Chapline Street, Room 115. Once the program ends, the city will donate all canned goods to local food pantries in need.

Canned goods do not have to be donated in order to pay an overtime parking fee. A payment of \$10.00 will also be accepted in cash, credit, or check.

As a reminder, parking at meters on weekends or weekdays after 5:00 p.m. is free citywide.

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