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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill No.10-0472 Parking Fines		

TO

DATE: April 19, 2010

Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
C/O Karen Randle
Room 409, City Hall

This bill proposes that parking and stopping fines be increased by 20%

Analysis

Parking and stopping fines are imposed within the limits of Baltimore City by Ordinance 003-0886. These fines currently range from a low of \$21 to a high of \$300. The new fines will range from \$25 to \$360. For citizens, the impact of these fines can be avoided simply by following the law.

A list of the current and proposed fines is attached.

Fiscal Impact

The Fiscal 2010 budget for parking fines \$12.5 million. By increasing the rate by 20%, the City projects \$1.68 million in additional revenues.

Recommendation

The Finance Department urges the passage of this fine increase as the additional revenue is needed to fill critical budget gaps for Fiscal 2011. This proposal is part of a \$50 million revenue package that shares the burden of new taxes and fees among residents, non-residents, businesses and nonprofit organizations. The new revenue will contribute to a comprehensive plan for closing the City's \$121 million budget gap. The plan closes 60% of the gap with spending reductions and 40% with revenue enhancements.

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Citizen Impact from Parking Fine Increase		
Violation Type	Current Fine	20% Increase
Commercial vehicle parked in residential area over 20,000 lbs.	\$300	\$360
No Stop/Park Handicap	\$200	\$240
No Stop/Park in space reserved for the handicapped	\$200	\$240
Abandoned Vehicle	\$150	\$180
Commercial vehicle parked in residential area under 20,000 lbs.	\$100	\$120
No Stop/Park – Pimlico Event	\$75	\$90
Obstructing or impeding the flow of traffic.	\$75	\$90
No Stopping or Parking – Stadium Event	\$75	\$90
Snow Emergency Route	\$50	\$60
No Stop/Stand/Park Cruising	\$50	\$60
Obstructing or Impeding movement or pedestrians	\$50	\$60
Fire Lane	\$50	\$60
Tow Away Zone in Transit Stop	\$50	\$60
Less than 15 feet from Fire Hydrant	\$50	\$60
No Stop in front of or opposite fire engine houses where signs prohibiting are posted	\$40	\$48
No Stop/Stand/Park – Tow-Away Zone	\$40	\$48
No Stop/Park Street Cleaning – Tow-Away Zone	\$40	\$48
Residential Parking Permit Only	\$40	\$48
No Stop/Park – Not Tow-Away Zone	\$25	\$30
Blocking Garage or Driveway	\$25	\$30
Exceeding 48 hours	\$25	\$30
Passenger/Truck Loading Zone	\$25	\$30
Expired Tags	\$25	\$30
In Taxicab Stand	\$25	\$30
Less than 30 feet from intersection	\$25	\$30
All other parking violations	\$25	\$30
All Parking Meter Violations	\$21	\$25

Note: There is a \$2.00 cost levied in uncontested parking or impounding cases which is not reflected in the charges listed above

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