



Staff Report

TO: City Council

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Introduction of Ordinance and Resolution to add Parking Citation Penalties/Fines to the Citywide Fee Schedule

Description A public hearing to consider an ordinance and resolution amending the City's Municipal Code Chapter 10.08 - PARKING to align with those of neighboring cities, promote compliance, and enhance public safety through improved deterrence.

Background and Analysis:

On June 17, 2025, the City Council discussed the City's current parking citation penalty schedule. Staff presented a comparative analysis of Beaumont's existing fines alongside those of ten neighboring jurisdictions, including Banning, Calimesa, Yucaipa, and Murrieta.

The findings demonstrated that Beaumont's citation penalties/fines are generally lower across several common violations, which may undermine their effectiveness as a deterrent and contribute to ongoing non-compliance. Examples include:

- **Registration violations:** Beaumont – \$60 | Neighboring average – \$71.13
- **Fire lane violations:** Beaumont – \$80 | Neighboring average – \$98.30
- **Handicap parking violations:** Beaumont – \$325 | Neighboring average – \$381

Low citation fines/penalties, particularly for public safety-related violations, can reduce the incentive for voluntary compliance and result in increased strain on the Police Department's enforcement efforts. To address these challenges, staff developed a schedule of proposed penalty/fine increases (see Attachment A) aimed at achieving the following goals:

1. **Align with regional standards:** Bringing Beaumont's fines/penalties in line with neighboring cities promotes fairness and consistency.
2. **Strengthen deterrence:** Higher fines/penalties serve as a more effective deterrent to illegal parking behaviors.

3. **Support public safety and aesthetics:** Reducing violations involving red curbs, hydrants, and handicap spaces enhances safety and the overall appearance of public areas.
4. **Encourage registration compliance:** Increased penalties for expired registration help ensure vehicles are legally maintained and operational.

Commercial vehicle-related citations are not included in the proposed adjustments at this time and will be addressed under a separate policy initiative.

Updated Parking Penalties/Fines

Below are the updated fines based on the median fines from the surrounding cities:

REF #	PARKING VIOLATION	CITATION AMOUNT
PD-01	High School Parking (Parked in undesignated areas)	\$45.00
PD-02	On or Across a Sidewalk (CVC §22500(f))	\$50.00
PD-03	Fire Lane (CVC §22500.1)	\$100.00
PD-04	Over 18" from Right Curb (CVC §22502(a))	\$48.75
PD-05	Unauthorized Disabled Space (CVC §22507.8(a) & (b))	\$330.00
PD-06	Within 15' of a Fire Hydrant (CVC §22514)	\$80.00
PD-07	Blocking Driveway (CVC §22500(e))	\$50.00
PD-08	License Plate not Displayed (CVC §5200(a))	\$94.00
PD-09	Expired Registration Tabs (CVC §5204(a))	\$88.25
PD-10	Parking Violation Late Fee (Set by Local Jurisdiction)	Up to \$100.00

Fiscal Impact:

The proposed fine/penalty increases are expected to result in a modest increase in citation revenue. However, the primary objective is improved compliance and reduced violations, which will enhance safety and reduce the burden on enforcement resources.

The estimated cost of preparing this staff report is \$300.

Recommended Action:

Hold a public hearing;

Waive the first full reading and approve by title only:

“An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Beaumont, California, Amending Chapter 10.08 - Parking By Adding Section 10.08.101 – Parking And Late Payment Penalties Schedule To The Beaumont Municipal Code” And;

Adopt the Resolution and approve by title only, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City Of Beaumont, California, Adopting A New Parking Violation And Late Payment Penalty Schedule.”

Attachments:

- A. Parking Citation Survey
- B. Parking Citation Ordinance – Draft
- C. Parking Citation Resolution