



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager
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DATE: September 2, 2025
SUBJECT: Second Reading – Updated Parking Citations

Description: A second reading of an ordinance amending the City’s Municipal Code Chapter 10.08 – PARKING, to align with neighboring cities, promote compliance, and enhance public safety through improved deterrence and approval of a resolution adopting a new parking violation and late payment penalty schedule.

Background and Analysis:

On June 17, 2025, the City Council reviewed the City’s current parking citation penalty schedule, with staff presenting a comparative analysis of Beaumont’s existing fines alongside ten neighboring jurisdictions. The analysis found that Beaumont’s fines were generally lower, potentially reducing their effectiveness as a deterrent and contributing to ongoing non-compliance.

On July 15, 2025, the City Council held a public hearing on this matter. At that time, the Council recommended rounding fines to even amounts and increasing the penalty for unauthorized disabled space violations to \$400.00. Updated fines were developed accordingly.

On August 19, 2025, the City Council conducted the first reading of the ordinance and resolution. The item proceeded without additional feedback or changes requested by the Council.

The proposed fine adjustments are intended to:

- Align with regional standards for fairness and consistency.
- Strengthen deterrence for illegal parking behaviors.
- Enhance public safety and aesthetics by reducing violations involving fire lanes, hydrants, and handicap spaces.
- Encourage registration compliance through increased penalties.

Fiscal Impact:

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

Recommended Action:

Waive the second full reading and adopt 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".

Attachments:

- A. Ordinance
- B. Resolution
- C. Proof of Publication