



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO
SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

FROM: Councilmember Raul Peralez
DATE: May 20, 2015

Approved

Date

5/20/15

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Increase parking citation fines for disabled and crosshatch parking spots

Amount of City Funding Required: \$0

Fund Type: Revenue generated from this proposal should be allocated to the General Fund.

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes:

The parking compliance program enforces posted parking regulations in an effort to improve compliance with local and state parking regulations. Parking may be restricted for safety reasons, such as near a crosswalk, intersection, and on narrow or high volume roadways. The last time the fines were increased was 2011 and I propose an increase in two citation categories. The proposed FY 15-16 budget includes a \$10 increase for these fines, but that is not sufficient.

In comparison to other large cities throughout California including San Francisco, Sacramento, and Los Angeles, San José's citation fines for parking in disabled and crosshatch spots are considerably lower. Exhibit A demonstrates citation fines for these violations in each of these cities in comparison both to our current fines as well as those proposed.

I believe these fines should be increased to disincentivize people from taking parking spots away from disabled drivers. The current fee does not seem to be providing enough of a penalty to prevent non-disabled motorists from parking in disabled or crosshatch spots. Exhibit B demonstrates far too many violations in FY2013-14 alone; as such, I project that this proposal would generate approximately \$276,700 annually, less 10% given anticipated issuance reductions over time.

Exhibit A. Citation Fines for Disabled and Crosshatch Parking Violations

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>San José Existing</i>	<i>San José Proposed</i>	<i>San Francisco</i>	<i>Sacramento</i>	<i>Los Angeles</i>
Disabled Spot	\$310	\$410	\$880	\$457	\$363
Crosshatch Spot	\$310	\$410	\$880	\$457	\$363

Exhibit B. Projected Future Revenue

<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Proposed Increase</i>	<i>FY 2013-14 Issuances</i>	<i>Projected Increase in Future Revenue</i>
Disabled Spot	\$100	2,496	\$249,600
Crosshatch Spot	\$100	271	\$27,100
Total			\$276,700

Funding Source

- Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)
- Other (Program/Project/Fund): Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties within the General Fund.

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