



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 5, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

From: John Wilkins
Parking Director

Subject: Amendment to Chapter 70-121 of the Key West Code of Ordinances regulating penalty for violations for prohibited parking.

Background

In 2024, the City Commission increased parking hourly parking rates to an average \$6.00 per hour. Most parking citations fines have not been adjusted since 2018.

The maximum purchase per day at on-street parking paystations is \$60.00. This is higher than the overtime parking citations of \$45.00 (including the Crossing Guard surcharge). Some customers have opted to receive a parking citation for overtime parking in lieu of paying at the paystation or mobile payment app as it is potentially less expensive.

Other citations for prohibited parking are on average \$55.00 (including the Crossing Guard Surcharge).

Handicap parking rate is currently at State of Florida maximum of \$250.00 and will not be affected by this increase.

Recommendations

The Parking Division requests the City Commission amend the current parking fines for parking violations in Section 70-121 by \$10.00 per citation as shown below:

Sec. 70-121. - Penalty for violation.

(a) Any person cited for violation of the parking, stopping and standing regulations set forth in this chapter who submits payment within ten days of the issuance of the citation shall be fined as follows:

(1) For violation of section 70-116, but not subsection 70-116(c)(3), 70-116(a)(3) or 70-116(a)(8) and violations of sections 70-119, 70-156, 70-159, 70-247, and 70-265, ~~\$35.00.~~ \$45.00.

(2)

For violation of section 70-118, other than unauthorized parking in handicapped parking spaces, punishable as provided in section 70-122, and division 5 of this article, ~~\$45.00.~~ \$55.00.

(3)

For violation of section 70-158, 70-116(a) (3) or 70-116(a) (8), ~~\$115.00.~~ \$125.00.

(4)

For violation of section 70-116(c) (3) and division 2 of article IX of this chapter, ~~\$65.00.~~ \$75.00.

(5)

(a)

For a first violation of section 70-497 of article X Division 2 of this chapter (Buses), \$250.00.

(b)

For a second or subsequent violation of Section 2-497 of article X Division 2 of this Chapter, occurring within six (6) months of a prior violation of this Chapter, \$500.00.

(c)

Failure to pay the penalty for violation(s) and failure to pay the penalties as provided in subsections (a) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section within ten days may be referred to the Code Compliance Special Magistrate for a hearing and possible additional penalties in accordance with F.S. ch. 162.

(c)

In order to fund the school crossing guard program in Key West, the following surcharges are imposed on parking fines:

(1)

For violations of section 70-116(c)(3) — blocking a fire hydrant — a surcharge of \$125.00

(2)

For violations of section 70-317 — parking in a fire lane — a surcharge of \$75.00

(3)

For violations of section 70-462 — prohibited parking of recreational and oversized vehicles — a surcharge of \$25.00

(4)

For violations of section 70-156 — overtime parking — a surcharge of \$5.00

(5)

For all other violations of parking prohibitions for which a surcharge is authorized by ordinance — a surcharge of \$15.00.

These proposed amendments would increase the city revenue by an estimated \$225,000.00.

Implementation

Upon approval of these amendments by the City Commission, the Parking Division will instruct our vendors to program the paystations and mobile payment app to increase the penalty violations.