

# City of Los Alamitos

## Agenda Report Consent Calendar

July 20, 2009  
Item No: 7C

**To:** Mayor Troy Edgar & Members of the City Council

**Via:** Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager

**From:** Todd Mattern, Chief of Police

**Subject:** Resolution No. 2009-10 – Modification of the Schedule of Penalties for Parking Violations

**Summary:** Penalties for municipal parking violations are established by the governing body of the local jurisdiction where the violation occurs. Due to an increase in penalty assessments, this report seeks to modify the schedule of penalties for parking violations in the City of Los Alamitos.

**Recommendation:** City Council adopt Resolution No. 2009-10 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF PENALTIES FOR MUNICIPAL PARKING VIOLATIONS."

## Background

In 1994 parking violations were decriminalized and deemed to be administrative, with fines being set by individual agencies. California Vehicle Code Section 40200 authorizes cities to impose and collect these civil fines and penalties for violations of any regulation pertaining to the standing or parking of a vehicle, as specified in the California Vehicle Code provided such violations are not misdemeanors. California Vehicle Code Section 40203.5 specifically provides the authority for the governing body of a local jurisdiction to establish a schedule of penalties for parking violations. It specifies that issuing agencies within the same county standardize parking penalties to the extent that it is possible.

The current bail schedule (fines), pertaining to municipal parking violations, was adopted in part by City Council in 2002, Resolution No. 1895, and in 2007, Resolution No. 2007-30. At this time, revisions to the entire municipal parking penalty schedule are recommended as a result of SB 1407, State Legislation authorizing the issuance of up to \$5 billion in lease-revenue bonds to finance the construction, rehabilitation, renovation, and replacement of court facilities. The

legislation increases civil filing fees and increases or establishes new criminal and traffic fees, penalties, assessments and parking penalties. The surcharges that apply to parking penalties as a result of SB 1407 amount to \$4.50, increasing the total surcharges on each parking citation to \$9.50.

## ***Discussion***

A survey of parking fines in the County reflected that the proposed penalties are consistent with those from adjacent jurisdictions. In compliance with Vehicle Code Section 40203.5, staff recommends adjusting the Los Alamitos Municipal Parking Violation Bail Schedule as indicated below.

<b>Section</b>	<b>Description of Violation</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
22500(a) CVC	Parked in Intersection	\$40.00
22500(b) CVC	Parked on Crosswalk	\$40.00
22500(c) CVC	Parked in Safety Zone / Red Curb	\$40.00
22500(e) CVC	Parked Blocking Driveway	\$40.00
22500(f) CVC	Park on Sidewalk	\$40.00
22500(h) CVC	Double Parked	\$40.00
22500(i) CVC	Parked in Loading Zone	\$40.00
22500.1 CVC	Parked in Fire Lane	\$105.00
22502(a) CVC	Parked 18" from curb or wrong way	\$40.00
22514 CVC	Parked within 15' of fire hydrant	\$40.00
22526(a) CVC	Blocking an intersection / crosswalk	\$50.00
21113(a) CVC	High School Parking Regulations	\$30.00
<b>Parking Designated for Disabled Persons</b>		
22507.8 CVC	Parked in Designated for Disabled	\$350.00
22500(l) CVC	Blocking wheelchair access ramp	\$250.00
22522 CVC	Within 3 ' of sidewalk access ramp	\$250.00
10.24.010 LAMC	Parking over 72 hours	\$40.00
10.24.020 LAMC	Inoperative Vehicle over 12 hours	\$40.00
10.24.030(all subsec.) LAMC	Departmental Traffic Orders	\$40.00
10.24.040(all subsec.) LAMC	City Council Resolutions	\$40.00
10.24.050 LAMC	Commercial Vehicle for Over 12 hrs	\$40.00
10.24.060 LAMC	Parking prohibited in alleys	\$40.00
10.24.070 LAMC	Permit Parking	\$40.00
10.24.080 LAMC	Enforcement on Private Facilities	\$40.00
10.24.090 LAMC	Parking recreational items	\$40.00
10.24.100 LAMC	Parking to advertise or display	\$40.00

## **Fiscal Impact**

By adopting the proposed penalty schedule, the City will save more than \$10,000 each year in revenue that would otherwise be diverted to the State in penalty assessments and fees.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

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Chief of Police

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City Manager

*Attachment:*        1) *Resolution No. 2009-10*  
                             2) *Summary of Existing vs. Recommended Parking Fines*