
A G E N D A I T E M S U M M A R Y**Reference No:** CB-79-1990**Draft No.:** 2**P r i n c e G e o r g e ' s****Meeting Date:** 7/31/90**C o u n t y C o u n c i l****Requestor:** CO. EXEC.

Item Title: To increasse fines for certain meter and parking violations; to authorize Park. Auth. to enforce parking laws in such areas as designated by Executive Order

Sponsors C W I P C A B

Date Presented 6/26/90 **Executive Action** 8/13/90 S
Committee Referral (1) 6/26/90 C.O.W. **Effective Date** 9/28/90
Committee Action (1) 7/3/90 FAV(A)
Date Introduced 7/10/90
Pub. Hearing Date (1) 7/31/90 11:00 AM

Council Action (1) 7/31/90 Enacted
Council Votes B_: A_, CA: A_, C_: A_, CI: -_, MC: A_, M_: N_,
 P_: A_, W_: A_, WI: A_, __: __, __: __, __: __
Pass/Fail P

Remarks

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORYCOMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE REPORT

DATE: 7/3/90

Committee Vote Favorable with technical amendments, 7-0 (In favor: Council Member Bell, Castaldi, Casula, MacKinnon, Pemberton, Wilson and Wineland)

This legislation will improve the Parking Authority's ability to implement an effective and efficient parking enforcement program. In addition to increasing the fines for certain meter and parking violations this bill authorizes the Parking Authority to enforce the parking lanes at public parking facilities and on streets and highways. The Parking Authority could supplement the enforcement efforts of County and Metro police at County and Metro facilities which are not specifically owned or operated by the Parking Authority. Concurrent enforcement capabilities will provide more consistent coverage and relieve police personnel for more appropriate duties.

By increasing parking meter rates and the amount charged as fines for the violation of related parking regulations, the County will greatly improve the effectiveness of its public parking program. Increased fines will also assist with the funding of the Authority's parking enforcement program as well as defray the cost of collecting delinquent fines.

The following parking regulation violations will increase:

- A. Section 26-126. Standing in loading zones will increase from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per violation.
- B. Section 26-127. Standing or parking restricted at bus stops will increase from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per violation.
- C. Section 26-132. Expired time on parking meters will be increased from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per violation.
- D. Section 26-145. Parking regulations - public parking facilities will increase from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per violation.

Technical amendments - on page 4, line 3, and page 5, line 19, after "Order" add "and approved by the County Council."

There should be a positive fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CB-79-1990.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

CB-111-87 authorized the Parking Authority to enforce parking regulations on facilities owned or operated by the Authority. The approved FY90 operating budget includes appropriations for the expense of parking enforcement, offset by the revenue derived from parking fines. This bill improves the enforcement capabilities of the Authority by authorizing the Department of Finance to remit to the Authority a proportionate share of the fines and penalties collected from parking tickets used by the Authority and by amending Section 26- 134 and Section 26-149.1 to include the term "...public parking facilities or streets and highways as may be designated by Executive Order..." to allow the Authority to supplement the enforcement efforts of the County and Metro Police at County and Metro facilities.