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Parking Fines Increase and Other Parking Issues Discussion

PULLMAN – The State of Washington authorizes local entities to establish fines for civil parking infractions. The purpose of parking infraction enforcement is to encourage and gain compliance with parking regulations. The City establishes parking infraction fine amounts by resolution. There have been no parking fine increases in the City of Pullman since 2000. Consequently, low fine amounts do little to gain compliance.

According to a survey conducted in October 2017 of thirteen similarly sized entities in Washington and two in Idaho, Pullman parking infraction fines fall well below the averages. Pullman PD staff are recommending increases to these fine amounts, aligning more closely with rates used by other cities. Staff recommendations for City Council consideration include the establishment of a progressive fine structure, increased fine and permit fee amounts, the establishment of discounts and/or late fees to encourage timely payment, the repeal of several existing parking violations, and more. Members of the public may visit <https://bit.ly/2EB7thc> for further information about these recommendations. Results of the recent parking fine survey are also available for public review.

Discussion will take place during the April 17 meeting of the Pullman City Council. Those wishing to express their opinions are invited to appear in person (Tuesday, April 17th at 7pm in City Council Chambers), or to provide input to Pullman PD via email (police@pullman-wa.gov). Feedback collected by email prior to this meeting will be passed along to City Council.

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