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New Parking Fines & Regulations

PULLMAN –City of Pullman parking infractions have remained stagnant for nearly two decades, severely limiting the effectiveness of parking enforcement efforts by the Pullman Police Department. Effective July 1, 2018, Pullman City Council has approved changes to parking fines and regulations, aimed at discouraging repeat offenses and improving parking availability for downtown retail businesses.

Parking fines for downtown overtime violations, parking without a residential permit, fire lane and fire hydrant parking violations will follow a progressive fine structure, with amounts increasing for subsequent violations. For example, downtown overtime parking fines are currently \$10, but will increase to \$30 for the first violation, \$50 for a second violation, and \$100 for a third and subsequent violation.

While base fine amounts are increasing, parking fines will be eligible for early payment discounts, allowing first-time offenders to save 50% of the infraction amount. Conversely, late payments (more than 14 days from infraction) will be subject to an additional 50% penalty. Some first violation fines will actually decrease if paid in full within seven days. For example, the base fine amount for parking in a posted area will increase from \$20 to \$35. If paid within seven days, a first-time offender will pay only \$18. After fourteen days, the fine will increase to \$55.

A vehicle with three or more parking tickets that have gone unpaid for 46 days can be immobilized with a “boot”. Release from immobilization requires paying all delinquent parking tickets, plus a \$150 immobilization fee. Additional changes include doing away with the current chain parking violation, which will no longer be necessary with the adoption of a progressive overtime parking fine, and the reduction of the 168-hour parking restriction on public streets to a 96-hour restriction.

These changes to City of Pullman parking fines and regulations are intended to encourage drivers to comply with posted parking restrictions, and to reduce parking offenses that interfere with the ability of patrons to visit and conduct business where parking spaces are limited.

For a full explanation of the changes to parking fines and regulations, including a full schedule of fine amounts, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2Lfhy7q>.

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