



# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Reginald Goodson, Interim City Manager  
James Avens, Interim Chief of Police  
April Onley, City Clerk

**Date:** November 8, 2024

**Subj:** Consideration – Call for a Public Hearing – Amendment to ECPD Parking Violation Fines

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***BACKGROUND:***

In March, the Council authorized modifications to the Code of Ordinances as related to Chapter 72: Parking. Within that Chapter, Section 72.01 was amended to include K in reference to prohibition of parking a vehicle in more than one space, and Section 72.15 further defined the prohibition of storing detaching trailers or such on a public street. For Item K in particular, “Double-Parking”, ECPD had the item listed in their “ticket books” but there was not an accompanying ordinance and it is imperative that our ordinances match our practices. Those aforementioned changes were the first of several recommended by the Police Department that will require changes in the City’s Code.

***ANALYSIS:***

The Police Department researched other municipalities across eastern North Carolina including the Town of Edenton, the City of Rocky Mount, and the City of Wilmington on their fines for parking violations. Elizabeth City’s parking fines are extremely low, which may contribute to some of our parking woes. The ECPD would like to order new ticket books with revised fines, but the penalties associated with various parking missteps are listed in the Elizabeth City Code of Ordinances and will require amendment by public hearing.

A list of violations and the suggested revised fines are included on the following page:

<b>Violation</b>	<b>EC</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>Rocky Mount</b>	<b>Wilmington</b>	<b>Edenton</b>
Parking in Designated Handicap Space	50.00	100.00	100.00	250.00	100.00
Loading Zone	15.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	
Excess 2 Hr. Parking	10.00	25.00		20.00	10.00
Too Close To Fire Hydrant	10.00	50.00		100.00	
Parking Wrong Direction	10.00	50.00		20.00	
Fire Lane	10.00	50.00	25.00	50.00	10.00
Too Close To Intersection	10.00	25.00			
Obstructing Traffic Lane	10.00	75.00			
Cross Walk	10.00	50.00			
Parking In Alley	10.00	50.00			
Double Parking	10.00	25.00			
Prohibited Area	10.00	50.00	15.00	20.00	10.00
Blocking Private Driveway	10.00	50.00			
Other	10.00	25.00	15.00	20.00	50.00

***STAFF RECOMMENDATION:***

Staff recommends the Council call for a public hearing to revise the parking fines and penalties as defined in Section 72: Parking, as detailed above.