

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 25, 2010
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER *J*
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE FINES FOR
PARKING METER VIOLATIONS IN FY 2011

ISSUE: Consideration of an increase in the fine for parking meter violations in FY 2011.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That City Council adopt the attached resolution to increase the fine for parking meter violations from \$35 to \$40.

DISCUSSION: The FY 2011 Approved Budget includes an increase in fines for parking meter violations. Fairfax County currently imposes a fine of \$50 per meter violation. In its FY 2011 budget, Arlington County increased its parking meter violation fee from \$25 to \$35. Alexandria's meter increase is described in more detail in Budget Memo #77: Possible Increase of Police Fines and Parking Fees.

FISCAL IMPACT: It is expected that approval of the increase in parking meter fine violations from \$35 to \$40 will result in \$92,470 in additional revenue. There were approximately 18,200 meter related violations in Alexandria during CY 2009.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Resolution

STAFF:

Earl L. Cook, Police Chief
Liz Wheel, Division Chief, Police, Fiscal Management
Eric Eisinger, OMB, Analyst

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS section 1-1-7 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, provides, in pertinent part, that whenever any provision of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, prohibits an act or declares an act to be unlawful, and provides no specific penalty for the violation of its terms, the violation shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, City Council has now determined that it is necessary and desirable to increase the fine for parking meter violations from \$35.00 to \$40.00;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:**

1. That, beginning in fiscal year 2011, the fine for the violation of any provision of Article G (Parking Meters) of Chapter 8 (Parking and Traffic Regulations), Title 10 (Transportation and Environmental Services) shall be \$40.00.

2. That this resolution supersedes and rescinds all prior resolutions of City Council that established a fine or penalty for the parking meter violations described in Section 1, above.

3. That the fine established in Section 1, above, shall remain in effect during subsequent fiscal years until it is revised by the City Council.

4. That this resolution shall be effective on the date and at the time of adoption.

ADOPTED: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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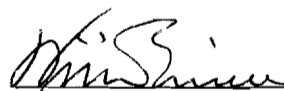
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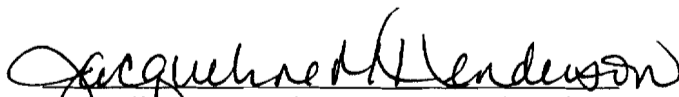
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ADOPTED: June 8, 2010


WILLIAM D. EULLE MAYOR

ATTEST:


Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk