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ORDINANCE NO. 3653

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 8.48.215 PARKING INFRACTION PENALTIES IN ORDER TO INCREASE PARKING FINES, AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

WHEREAS, in order for fines to be meaningful and to cover the costs of enforcement, they must be reviewed and approved; and

WHEREAS, it has been some time since the City's parking infractions have been reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the public interest and necessary for cost recovery to increase the cost of parking fines; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Edmonds City Code, Section 8.48.215 Parking infraction penalties is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.48.215 Parking infraction penalties.

A. Any person who commits a parking infraction shall be assessed the following civil penalty, unless otherwise provided herein:

1. All parking infractions whether on public streets or within lots, except as detailed in subsections (A)(2) of this section: \$40.00;
2. Unauthorized handicapped zone parking: \$250.00;

B. All persons who have committed a parking infraction and are issued a notice of infraction for a violation of subsection A (1) of parking infraction ordinances shall be assessed a reduced fine of \$20.00 for that violation if:

1. It is their first violation; and
2. The individual pays the penalty within 24 hours of the issuance of the notice of infraction.

C. Repeat Violations Within One Calendar Year.

1. For persons who commit repeated parking violations within one calendar year, there shall be no opportunity for reduction and the penalty shall stand as stated in subsection (A) of this section regardless of when the penalty is paid; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be interpreted to prohibit the court from imposing additional penalties and costs for late payment.

2. After the second violation, the penalty listed in subsection (A), with the exception of A (2) of this section, shall be to \$40.00 with no reduction. After the third violation, the penalty listed in subsection (A) of this section shall be increased to \$80 and all subsequent violations within one calendar year shall pay a civil penalty equal to \$160.00 per violation.

3. Each subsequent violation of the posted period of parking time constitutes another violation. Calculation of the new period of parking time begins immediately after a notice of infraction has been issued.

4. Any person who remains free of parking infractions for one calendar year shall revert to the base fine set forth in subsection (A) of this section to the end that, after a one-year period free of violation, the offense shall be considered a first offense and subject to reduction as provided above if paid within 24 hours.

D. Any person who commits a parking infraction, and who fails to respond to the notice of that infraction within 15 days of its issuance, shall be assessed twice the civil penalty for such infraction as is set forth in subsections (A) and (B) of this section. Such penalty shall be in addition to any other penalties or fines imposed for failure to respond to a notice of parking infraction.

E. "Person" as used in this section shall refer to the registered owner of the vehicle found to be in violation of the parking provisions of this chapter.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

APPROVED:

MAYOR GARY HAAKENSEN

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY _____
W. SCOTT SNYDER

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:	06/15/2007
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:	06/19/2007
PUBLISHED:	06/24/2007
EFFECTIVE DATE:	06/29/2007
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 3653

of the City of Edmonds, Washington

On the 19th day of June, 2007, the City Council of the City of Edmonds, passed Ordinance No. 3653. A summary of the content of said ordinance, consisting of the title, provides as follows:

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The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed upon request.

DATED this 20th day of June, 2007.

CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE