

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-674

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

October 2, 2008

APPROVING A PROPOSED INCREASE TO PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT PARKING CITATIONS

BACKGROUND

- A. The City of Sacramento issues approximately 235,000 parking citations annually. Historically, the City has been able to collect on about 60% of these violations before they become delinquent. The rest are delinquent and therefore subject to penalties.
- B. Although the City Council has updated the bail amounts on some parking citations, it has never updated its penalties on delinquent parking citations since it assumed this responsibility from the County Courts. The City's current penalty structure for delinquent parking citations (double original fine + \$5; later adding a \$3 DMV lien fee) was inherited from the County Court system when the Court transferred responsibility for parking violations to cities in the 1990's.
- C. The City Council desires to simplify the penalty scheme for delinquent parking citations and to increase the maximum penalty for delinquent parking citations by seven dollars (\$7.00).

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Council finds and determines that the background statements A through C are true.
- Section 2. The City Council hereby establishes the following penalties on delinquent parking citations: as a first penalty, the parking citation shall double no sooner than 21 days after the citation is issued or as may otherwise be allowed by state law; and if the citation continues to be delinquent thereafter, a second penalty of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be imposed thereon, on a date as designated by the Director of Finance, provided the debtor has been provided with written notice that such second penalty will be imposed if the citation and first penalty are not paid by said designated date.

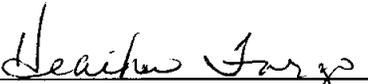
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on October 2, 2008 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, Waters,
and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: Councilmember Hammond.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.



Mayor Heather Fargo

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk