



## ***Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives***

Steven Kolenberg, Chair

Bradley Michelson, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, December 20, 2018

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard

The Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair Kolenberg, Vice Chair Michelson and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Giordano, Moore, Patterson, Pendell, Spadaccini and Wallace. Also present were Reps. McMullen and Sherwood; Michael Toma, Law Department; Jay Fountain, OPM and Jim Travers and Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau.

Chair Kolenberg called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">T30.020</a>	ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u> ; Amending Chapter 231, Article 1, to Provide for New Fines For Parking Violations. 10/04/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 10/29/18 – Held by Committee <b>11/20/18 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0</b>	<b>Approved 8-0-1</b>

Chair Kolenberg opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public present wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

A motion to approve this ordinance for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Moore, Spadaccini and Wallace in favor).

A motion to reconsider T30.020 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Moore, Patterson, Spadaccini and Wallace in favor). Committee members discussed whether the time periods in 231-7.C are too short. Mr. Travers explained that this change is consistent with neighboring communities and is an industry standard (as detailed in [the handout](#)). There will be options to pay online as well as come into the Government Center. The payment does not need to be mailed in. Committee members discussed making it business days.

A motion to change 15 calendar days to 21 calendar days was made and seconded.

Mr. Travers discussed this item with the committee as follows:

- Approximately 50% of tickets are currently paid on time
- Without a late fee escalation, there is no incentive for people to pay sooner

- There has been an increase in online payments to almost 35%, less than 30% are walked in, and the rest are mailed in
- There will always be people whose fines will escalate, but if the ticket clearly defines the escalation, people will be motivated to pay on time
- The Cashiering and Permitting Department will address unusual situations, such as broken machines in the lots; appeals can also be filed online

The motion and the second were withdrawn.

A motion to approve this ordinance for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-1 (Reps. Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Moore, Patterson, Pendell, Spadaccini and Wallace in favor; Rep. Kolenberg abstaining).

2. [T30.027](#)      ORDINANCE for public hearing and final adoption;      **Approved 9-0-0**  
 Amending Section 231, Article VII, Towing Fees, Of The  
 Code Of Ordinances To Provide For Towing And Booting  
 Fees.  
 11/07/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
**11/20/18 – Approved by Committee 5-0-0**

Chair Kolenberg opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public present wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Travers explained that this gives the City the authority to collect fines for booting. Until this is put into effect, the City is not able to boot cars. The cost to residents of booting (\$170) is lower than the cost of towing. If necessary, the City will come to remove the boot. There will be paper under the windshield and an orange sticker on the driver side window.

A motion to approve this ordinance for final adoption was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Moore, Patterson, Pendell, Spadaccini and Wallace in favor).

3. [T30.028](#)      RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing; Confirming      **Approved, as**  
 and Establishing Hours of Enforcement and Fees for On-      **amended, 7-0-1**  
 Street Parking Meters.  
 12/05/18 – Submitted by Bureau Chief Travers

Mr. Travers explained that the proposal is to increase the price from \$1 per hour, to extend the enforcement hours to 9 pm and to increase the price for meter rental and create two categories. The current meters are antiquated and often in disrepair. The meters are being replaced, but new meters are expensive and there is an additional cost with permitting credit card use. Street meters are more valuable than lots or garages because of convenience; there should be a premium for using. There are currently 600 on street spaces and 2500 garage spots plus surface lot parking.

Mr. Toma stated that the Charter gives the Board the authority to use a resolution or an ordinance.

Committee members discussed whether the hours of enforcement should be extended beyond 7 p.m. since people may be at dinner or a movie. People do sit in their car until 7 pm, occupying spaces. Norwalk ends its enforcement at 9 p.m. Parking meters are in effect approximately 300 days per year. Committee members discussed keeping garage parking until 9 p.m.

A motion to amend Item T30.028 to keep on street enforcement ending at 7 pm was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-1-0 (Reps. Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Moore, Patterson, Spadaccini and Wallace in favor; Rep. Pendell opposed).

A motion to approve Item T30.028, as amended, for public hearing, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Moore, Patterson, Pendell, Spadaccini and Wallace in favor; Rep. Kolenberg abstaining).

4. [T30.029](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing; Confirming and Establishing Hours of Enforcement and Fees for City-Owned Garages and Parking Lots (Excluding Commuter Lots). **Approved 7-0-0**  
12/05/18 – Submitted by Bureau Chief Travers

Chair Kolenberg left the room for the discussion of this item. Mr. Travers explained that this increases the garage rate to \$1.25/hour, include Saturdays, similarly to the parking meters, and to eliminate the 3 day limit. People can't leave their cars on the street, so this gives residents someplace to put their cars and pay in advance. There is also an increase to Summer Street garage because that garage is currently running at occupancy and this provides an incentive to go to other garages.

A motion to approve Item T30.029 for public hearing, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson, Pendell, Spadaccini and Wallace in favor).

5. [T30.030](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing; Confirming and Establishing Hours of Enforcement and Fees for City-Owned Commuter Parking Lots. **Approved, as amended, 7-1-0**  
12/05/18 – Submitted by Bureau Chief Travers

Mr. Travers explained that this applies to the Glenbrook and Springdale Lots. The last increase was in 1988. He continually hears complaints about the empty monthly spaces when the transient spaces are at capacity.

This introduces an hourly rate of \$1 per hour with a maximum of \$6 per day, so someone could take the train for a short trip. All spaces will be available for transient parkers after 10 am. The monthly rates are increasing. He introduced a letter from a resident requesting that the monthly spaces be available at 9 am. A monthly pass would guarantee a space until 10 am. The pass would still be valid after 10 am in any space, if there are spaces available. It was noted that there is one more peak train at 9:04 a.m. There will be signage indicating the rules. There is a need for additional space, but there is no incentive for anyone to open a lot, because spaces in the City lots are so inexpensive

A motion to amend the commuter permit enforcement hours to after 9 am was made and seconded. After discussion, this motion and the second were withdrawn.

Mr. Travers said that he is committed to making an investment in these lots, but does not think that these lots will ever generate enough funds on their own to support substantial improvements

A motion to change the daily maximum from \$6 to \$5 was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 3-5-0 (Reps. Kolenberg, Giordano and Wallace in favor; Reps. Michelson, Di Costanzo, Patterson, Pendell and Spadaccini opposed).

Mr. Toma stated that if the resolution does not include enforcement hours, it is more likely to be interpreted as enforceable 24 hours, but it would be better to include an enforcement period. Current signage is that enforcement hours in the lot are 8 am to 1 am.

A motion to add enforcement hours to this resolution of 8 am to 1 am, Monday through Friday, excluding weekends and holidays, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson, Pendell, Spadaccini and Wallace in favor).

Committee members reviewed the discussion last month that the monthly parking for non-residents should not be punitive. A motion to change the non-resident monthly rate to \$150 was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 2-5-0 (Reps. Patterson and Pendell in favor; Reps. Kolenberg, Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Spadaccini and Wallace opposed).

A motion to approve the resolution, as amended, for public hearing, was made seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Michelson, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Patterson, Pendell, Spadaccini and Wallace in favor; Rep. Kolenberg opposed).

Chair Kolenberg adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Kolenberg, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).