

File No.: 04-1000-20-2021-044

March 1, 2021

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Dear s.22(1)

Re: **Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am responding to your request of January 22, 2021 for:

Records detailing how the penalty amount of parking violations are determined and set for By-law 2952.

All responsive records are attached. The Engineering department provided the following information in addition to the enclosed records:

For the increase proposed in the 2019 Council report [\[https://council.vancouver.ca/20191203/documents/spec1a.pdf\]](https://council.vancouver.ca/20191203/documents/spec1a.pdf), staff compared Vancouver's current and proposed parking violation fines to those of other Canadian and US cities, as seen in the responsive records.

Consideration is also given to the current meter rates, to ensure that the cost of the fine is sufficient to encourage people to pay for parking while not being overly onerous if a violation ticket is issued.

As noted in the December 2019 Council report, parking violation fines were:

- \$60 prior to 2009
- Increased to \$70 in 2009
- Increased to \$77 in 2020

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, info@oipc.bc.ca or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number assigned to your request (#04-1000-20-2021-044); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and 4) detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Office at foi@vancouver.ca if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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*If you have any questions, please email us at foi@vancouver.ca and we will respond to you as soon as possible. Or you can call the FOI Case Manager at 604.871.6584.

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Comparison between Canadian Cities

Sorted by Discount Rate

City - Canada	Discounted	Regular	Late
Montreal	78	78	138
Winnipeg	53	70	70
Quebec City	52	52	52
Edmonton	50	50	50
Vancouver Proposed	46	77	112
Vancouver	42	70	105
Ottawa–Gatineau	40	60	96
Calgary	40	50	75
Toronto	30	30	55
Kitchener	20	20	50
Hamilton	19	24	59

Sorted by Regular Rate

City - Canada	Discounted	Regular	Late
Montreal	78	78	138
Vancouver Proposed	46	77	112
Vancouver	53	70	70
Winnipeg	42	70	105
Ottawa–Gatineau	40	60	96
Quebec City	52	52	52
Calgary	50	50	50
Edmonton	40	50	75
Toronto	30	30	55
Hamilton	19	24	59
Kitchener	20	20	50

Sorted by Late Payment

City - Canada	Discounted	Regular	Late
Montreal	78	78	138
Vancouver Proposed	46	77	112
Vancouver	42	70	105
Ottawa–Gatineau	40	60	96
Calgary	40	50	75
Winnipeg	53	70	70
Hamilton	19	24	59
Toronto	30	30	55
Quebec City	52	52	52
Edmonton	50	50	50
Kitchener	20	20	50

Private Lots

	Discounted	Regular	Late
EasyPark	60	75	130
Impark	68.25	89.25	89.25
WestPark	55	85	85
Diamond Parking	73.5	115.5	115.5

Parking Fine Details by City

City - Canada	Population	Discounted	Regular	Late	Discounted (CAD)	Regular (CAD)	Surcharge (CAD)	Notes
Toronto	5,429,524		30	55		\$30.00	+ \$25.00	15 days deadline date to pay or dispute. If no action, notice of overdue payment will be sent. If still no payment/dispute, late fee of \$25 is added and notice of default is issued. This will eventually go to Ministry of Transportation and an enforcement fee of \$25 is added. Won't be able to renew vehicle sticker without paying outstanding amount. Outstanding amount is also sent to collection.
Montreal	3,519,595		78	138		\$78.00	+ \$60.00	After 2 months, outstanding fine goes to collections and a boot can be placed on the vehicle. There can also be a suspension of the driver's license.
Vancouver	2,264,823	42	70	105	\$42.00	\$70.00	+ \$35.00	Outstanding fine goes to collections and can be towed while on city street.
Vancouver Proposed		46	77	112				
Calgary	1,237,656	40	50	75	\$40.00	\$50.00	+ \$25.00	No Alberta license registration/renewal, until outstanding fines are paid.
Edmonton	1,062,643	50	50	50		\$50.00		2 weeks deadline to pay or dispute. If no action, a reminder notice is sent. After 3-4 weeks and no action, the violation notice is sent to court and a date is set.
Ottawa–Gatineau	989,567	40	60	96	\$40.00	\$60.00	+ \$36.00	Outstanding fine goes to collections.
Winnipeg	711,925	53	70	70	\$52.50	\$70.00		14 days of the ticket being issued to receive discount. If no action is taken on tickets issued, a Final Notice will be sent 30 days after the date of ticket issuance. If no action is taken or payment applied within 30 days afterwards, all legal means available will be used for collection of the outstanding fine, including seizure and impoundment of any registered vehicles.
Quebec City	705,103	52	52	52		\$52.00		There is no discount for paying early. However, there is some additional fees for paying late. The Code de procédure pénale (RLRQ, c. C-25.1) and the Tarif judiciaire en matière pénale (RLRQ, c. C-25.1, r.6) provides some additional fees that depend of which legal additional procedure is required in the file to recovering the fine. There are a lot of possibilities. The team of fine collectors work to collect the fines and they have a lot of powers given by the Code de procédure pénale (RLRQ, c. C-25.1) that allow them to practice seizure, ask for a suspension of the driver's license, ask for a imprisonment for the nonpayment of the fine.
Hamilton	693,645	19	24	59	\$19.00	\$24.00	+ \$35.00	A person will have 15 days to either pay or request a review of the penalty. Registered owner search fee \$10 - To be applied to motorists who fail to pay or dispute their parking penalty within the 15 day time limit and require a second notice. Late payment fee \$25 - To be applied to parking penalties that have not been paid or disputed within 45 days of issuance of the parking penalty. Plate denial fee \$22 - Applied to parking penalties that have been convicted and not paid within 75 days of issuance of the parking penalty. The current fee exists at the rate of \$20. Outstanding parking tickets will be sent to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). You will be unable to renew or receive a new license plate validation sticker until all outstanding fines have been paid. Additional notifications are sent regarding your outstanding parking fines before you are refused renewal of your licence plate.
Kitchener	470,015	20	20	50		\$20.00	+ \$30.00	An additional \$25.00 will be added when ticket is sent to collections after 80 days.

City - US	Population				Discounted (USD)	Regular (USD)	Surcharge (USD)	Notes
New York	8,398,748					\$35.00 (non city centre) \$65.00 (city centre)	See notes	\$10 + ticket after 31 days \$10 + 20 + Ticket after 61 days \$30 + 30 + Ticket after 81 days After about 100 days, the violation is entered into judgment and 9% simple interest per year is then added to the total amount due. Each month, one-twelfth of the 9% of the unpaid judgment is added to the amount due, until the outstanding amount is paid.
Los Angeles	3,990,456					\$63.00	\$27.00	82 days after the ticket issuance date, outstanding amount is sent to collections. In addition, there will be a Department of Motor Vehicles hold fee. Driver will not be able to re-register their car until all unpaid citations and fees are paid. If there are 5 or more unpaid tickets, the vehicle may be booted or towed and impounded and recovery of vehicle is not possible until all unpaid citations and fees are paid.
Chicago	2,705,994					\$50.00 (non city centre) \$65.00 (city centre)	Double fine amount	7 days to contest the ticket. After 25 days, the outstanding fine doubles. Motorists with 10 or more outstanding parking tickets or 5 or more red light tickets that have reached final determination status are sent a notice of impending driver's license suspension (DLS).Your vehicle may be immobilized(booted)when it has accumulated three or more final determinations of liability for parking or compliance violations.
Houston	2,325,502					\$30.00	+ \$25.00	30 calendar days from citation issue date to pay the fine. If a citation is not paid within 30 days, a delinquent fee is added. If a citation is not paid in full within 90 calendar days, an additional 30 percent collection fee is added.

Phoenix	1,660,272				\$37.00	\$57.00		If payment for the offense is received within 21 calendar days from the date of the violation, a \$20 discount is allowed. If payment for the violation has not been received within the early payment discount period, a letter will be forwarded to the vehicle owner. If payment for the offense is not received within 50 days of the date of violation, a summons will be issued. This Summons provides a court date, fine amount due, vehicle description, violation date, and the violation for which the vehicle was cited. Persons who have three or more unpaid parking complaints with the City of Phoenix are notified by the court that they may be eligible to have their vehicles "booted."
Philadelphia	1,584,138				\$ 26.00 (non city centre) \$36.00 (city centre)		+ \$30.00	15 days of issuance to dispute or pay. If no action, a notice of violation will be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle and this notice will explain that the violation must either be paid or contested within 10 calendar days of the date on the notice or a \$30.00 penalty will be added. If the violation is not paid or contested before it enters delinquency status (approximately 30 days after issuance), a second penalty of \$35.00 will be added.
San Antonio	1,532,233					\$30.00	+\$10.00	For no action on the ticket, the subject vehicle can be impounded or immobilized (boot) if found on any public street, public right-of-way, public easement, or city-owned parking facility, or other public property. If the vehicle owner has committed 3 or more offenses in any calendar year. Refusing registration of the subject vehicle can also be done.
San Diego	1,425,976					\$42.50	\$30.00	21 days to pay or dispute. A second late fee of \$10 will be added if the fine remains outstanding after the 57th day. After the 73rd day after the ticket is written, the outstanding amount will be sent to collections and there will be a hold placed on vehicle registration by the Department of Motor Vehicles.
Dallas	1,345,047					\$30.00	Double fine amount	An additional \$30.00 will be added after 31 days. Impoundment of the vehicle, having it booted, denying parking permit, and refusing the registration of the vehicle are steps that can be taken to collect the outstanding amounts.
San Jose	1,030,119					\$40.00	\$35.00	Fine must be paid or contested within 21 days. A reminder notice will be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle after 15 days.