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City staff recommends an increase in the citation amounts for violations of City code in regards to parking. The proposed amounts are as follows:

Violation type	Current citation amount	Proposed citation amount
Nuisance	\$15 (\$25 after 7 days/\$50 after 30 days)	\$25 (\$35 after 7 days/\$60 after 30 days)
Safety	\$25 (\$35 after 7 days/\$60 after 30 days)	\$50 (\$70 after 7 days/\$100 after 30 days)
Fire-related	\$50 (\$70 after 7 days/\$100 after 30 days)	\$100 (\$120 after 7 days/\$150 after 30 days)
ADA	\$100 (\$120 after 7 days/\$150 after 30 days)	\$250 (\$300 after 7 days/\$350 after 30 days)

Citation amounts were last raised in July of 2019. From April 2019 (when the fee was determined) to August 2025 (last CPI data recorded), the cost of living has gone up 24.1 percent. Parking Enforcement expenses have also consistently increased in this time period. In order to continue to have a healthy enterprise fund, the City should increase citation amounts as well.

In addition, some visitors consider the low amount of our citations “worth the risk” of not adhering to the parking regulations. At the current cost, citations are an annoyance but not a deterrent for most of the public. The system should be right-sized, so that the fine amount far exceeds the cost of paying for parking. An increase in citation amounts will encourage the public to adhere to parking regulations.

An increase in rates will be crucial to implementing graduated parking rates down the line.

The increase would bring in an additional estimated \$188,000/year, an increase of 55 percent. Please note that the intention is to drive compliance, not increase revenue. If the increases work as intended, the monetary gain would not be this significant, but it would drive meter payments up.

Before the citation amounts are raised, the public would be notified of the change via press releases. The public would have the opportunity to speak during public comment in front of City Council about the increases.

At a meeting of the Parking Focus Group, it was determined that it would not be helpful to ask for public or business input about the increases.