Thursday, August 6, 2009

Municipal Court RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 14

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 12-5 of the City Code relating to civil fines, costs and fees for parking violations and declaring an emergency.

For More Information: Rebecca Stark, Clerk of the Municipal Court, 974-4690

Prior Council Action: Ordinance No. 20090611-032 was approved by the City Council prescribing regulations for the new parking pay station system being installed by the Transporation Department.

The Austin Transportation Department has installed modernized parking pay station equipment to replace the failing single space parking meters. At the June 11, 2009 City Council meeting, the City Council approved an ordinance replacing Chapter 12-3 of the City Code to include requirements and procedures for parking at pay stations and meters. The ordinance also created offenses and set a maximum penalty but did not include specific fines for specific offenses.

This ordinance amends Section 12-5-89 of the City Code to include the standard and early fines for five new parking violations:

Parking Violation Standard Fine/EarlyFine

- 1. Expired Parking Space \$30/\$15
- 2. Expired Pay Station Receipt \$30 /\$15
- 3. Pay Station Receipt Incorrectly Displayed \$30/\$15
- 4. Pay Station Receipt Not Displayed \$30/\$15
- 5. Illegal/Copy of Pay Station Receipt \$40/\$20

These fines are the same as other similar violations, such as expired parking meter.