



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Council Session

Item F2

**#9336 - Consideration of Amending Grand Island City Code
Chapter 22-103 Relative to Parking Fines**

Staff Contact: Steve Lamken

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven Lamken, Police Chief
Meeting: October 11, 2011
Subject: Parking Fees, City Ordinance 22-103
Item #'s: F-2
Presenter(s): Steven Lamken, Police Chief

Background

The City Council approved an increase in parking fines for violations in Chapter 22 from \$10.00 to \$20.00. The purpose of the increase is to make the fines a realistic deterrence for illegal parking. City Code Section 22-103 needs to be amended to implement the change in fines.

Discussion

Fines for violations of on street parking violations found in Chapter 22 of the City code have been \$10.00 for many years. The \$10.00 fine does not serve as an effective deterrence to illegal parking. The Police Department requested that parking violation fines be increased to \$20.00 to serve as a more effective deterrence. The City Council approved the change in the fee schedule for the 2011 budget. City Code Section 22-103 that sets forth the fines needs to be amended to implement the change.

The City does not derive revenue from these fines and this is not a revenue enhancement.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council adopt amended City Code #22-103 relative to Parking Fines.

Sample Motion

Move to adopt Ordinance No. Parking Fines.

ORDINANCE NO. 9336

WHEREAS, The City is responsible for the regulation of use of and parking on City streets; and

WHEREAS, Parking fines for violations of on street parking set forth in Chapter 22, Article VII have been set at \$10.00 for many years; and

WHEREAS, the \$10.00 fine does not serve as a effective deterrence towards parking violations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved increasing the fine for parking violations set forth in Chapter 22, Article VII in the City fee schedule to \$20.00 for each violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

22-103. Parking Fines

Parking violations of this article or Article XII of this chapter shall pay a fine of ~~ten dollars~~ ~~(\$10.00)~~ **twenty dollars (\$20.00)** for each violation. Fines must be paid at the Police Department.

Enacted: October 11, 2011.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
October 5, 2011	☐ City Attorney