

Lompoc City Council Agenda Item



City Council Meeting Date:

TO: Laurel M. Barcelona, City Administrator

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SUBJECT: PARKING VIOLATION BAIL SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT

Recommendation: That the City Council:

Approve Resolution No. 5688 (11) rescinding Resolution No. 5571 (09), which previously established a schedule of parking violation penalties for parking in accordance with procedures established by Vehicle Code Sections 40200, et seq., and provided for annual recalculation of the bail amounts based on increases in the Consumer Price Index (C.P.I.) of Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA.

Background:

Since November 2, 1993, the City of Lompoc has collected parking bail penalties based upon fees then in effect and amended annually, based upon the Consumer Price Index for the previous year.

Several additional charges have been established by State and County government which have affected the collection equation including: changes in State mandated courthouse construction assessments, a Trial Court Trust Fund and a parking management and processing system.

Discussion:

In 2009, the City reviewed the Parking Offense bail schedules for the Central Coast Cities of Santa Maria, Solvang, Santa Barbara and Ventura, and arrived at new recommended bail amounts. The amended Lompoc City Code Bail Schedule was adopted on July 7, 2009.

Effective December 7, 2010, an additional charge was approved by the California State Legislature (SB870). This charge is titled The Trial Court Trust Fund. The parking violation amounts remitted to the Court beginning December 7, 2010, will be increased from \$9.50 to \$12.50 (an increase of \$3.00) per citation.

All bail amounts are in whole dollars, since the new collection system uses the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for collection assistance, and DMV only

recognizes whole dollar amounts. Accordingly, the 2011 “City of Lompoc Parking Penalties and Fees” schedule will be amended to add the \$3.00 fee (Exhibit A).

The new bail schedule provides for the addition of administrative fees to bail amounts that:

- a. Add the charge for The Trial Court Trust Fund.
- b. Maintain Fees collected for other agencies, such as the State Courthouse Construction Fund assessment.
- c. Maintain Fees associated with our Parking Citation Management and Processing System, approved by the City Council.
- d. Maintain any other miscellaneous fees associated with Parking Citations.

Conclusion:

It is important to maintain updated fines collected for various funds as they are charged to the local agency (Lompoc Police Department), and that those additional charges be rolled into the cost of citations. This minor \$3.00 adjustment will provide the increase as mandated by Senate Bill 870 to be remitted to the Santa Barbara County Superior Court, and maintain the State of California charges and other miscellaneous charges.

Passage of Resolution No. 5688 (11) will result in a small increase in parking fine revenue, but will be offset by the increased charges paid to the Court.

The Lompoc Police Department maintains its focus on deterring violations of the parking ordinance, not the revenue generated from fines. The Finance Department has recommended this increase to conform with all fines levied by governmental bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO CITY COUNCIL:

LAUREL M. BARCELONA
City Administrator

Attachments: [Resolution No. 5688 \(11\)](#)
 [Exhibit A – Schedule of parking penalties and fees](#)