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A weekly Q&A  
with local  
law enforcement

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## Q. How does the graduated fine parking system work?

A. Parking Enforcement Initiatives/Changes: First, the graduated parking system involves only the downtown parking areas that are comprised of 2-hour and 4-hour parking stalls. Any other parking tickets issued — i.e. parking in a 30-minute zone, parking in yellow zone, handicapped zone, parking from 2–5 a.m., etc. — will not affect the graduated parking system.

With the graduated parking system, your first violation of a 2-hour or 4-hour parking stall is free. On this first violation, you will receive a warning ticket. The second through your fifth violation of a 2-hour or 4-hour parking stall will be a \$5 fine each. Your 6th violation will be a \$10 fine. The seventh violation will be \$25. The eighth violation will be \$50. Your ninth violation will be a \$75 fine. Any subsequent violations of 10 and above will be \$100 each. Please see chart below:

### Ticket Violation

<b>First:</b>	Warning
<b>Second through fifth:</b>	\$5
<b>Sixth:</b>	\$10
<b>Seventh:</b>	\$25
<b>Eighth:</b>	\$50
<b>Ninth:</b>	\$75
<b>10th and subsequent:</b>	\$100

The graduated parking system will run the calendar year from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31.

A slight modification has been made to the penalties for late payments. If paid after 48 hours and within 10 days, there is a \$5 penalty. If paid after 10 days and within 30 days, a \$10 penalty will be imposed. If paid after 30 days, the penalty assessed will be \$30.

Recognizing that the reason some downtown employees park in short-term parking is due to not enough long-term parking, the following changes will occur to accommodate for longer term parking. The north side of Mill Street between Oak and Cedar will be 24-hour parking. The East Vine Parking Lot behind Jerry's Restaurant, where there is currently 2-hour parking, will change to 4-hour parking. The West Vine Parking lot behind Family Dollar, which has a row of 4-hour parking at the very west end, will have the row directly across from it changed from the current 2-hour parking to 4-hour parking. Lastly, an area on East Broadway in front of the Armory which currently has 2-hour parking will change to 20-hour parking.

The city will institute the state statute for towing a vehicle. This statute states that any vehicle that has more than five unpaid parking tickets can be towed. This towing of vehicles will be implemented and does not start over at the beginning of the calendar year.

The city has implemented an ordinance that will initiate a \$100 fine for someone who is caught wiping the chalk off of their tire.

In conclusion, the graduated parking system will be more user-friendly by offering a warning for the first offense and providing more long-term parking.

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