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Durango Parking Code Revisions

Durango, CO: The Durango City Council approved a number of changes to the Parking Section of the Municipal Code on December 6, 2016. Some of the Amendments were to clarify duplications or eliminate obsolete sections of the code. Other changes to the code were to address specific needs of the city, requests by citizens and to manage parking for street maintenance and to increase funding for the Durango Transit System. The city expects to have the new code fully implemented by the end of January 2017 and will be placing notices in Citations about the increased fees described below.

In order to better serve Durango citizens and visitors, following are some of the key effects of the new Code and new parking policies. Almost all violation fine amounts have gone up, with the minimum fine now at \$25. One change is that there will only be one escalation at 30 days, where the amount will double. The Code still requires two unpaid citations at least 30 days past due to be immobilized (booted). Vehicles left over night in the central business district at times when the city streets crews need to do snow and ice work, can now be towed to the Transit Center lot and will receive a \$50 citation at a minimum.

To improve the turn over at the Commercial loading Zones, the Code was clarified to indicate that "Active" loading means that the driver must be seen loading or unloading at the vehicle within 10 minutes.

Partially in order respond to citizen requests, the length of time for an operational vehicle to be considered abandoned and towed from public right of way is now 10 days. This should allow for a typical weekend to weekend vacation. If a vehicle is clearly inoperable, it may be towed faster for public safety.

The City will be implementing a 5 minute grace period in all of its meters, this may take a month or two to roll out. Please do not depend on this grace period, always pay for the full amount of time you anticipate being at the meter, plus a little in case you run into a friend before you get back. Remember that extra \$.25 in the meter may save you a \$25 ticket.

Please remember that vehicles parked at meters that are bagged for maintenance or construction work can be towed immediately, as can any vehicle that is a safety issue.

Parking ticket payments can be made on line using your license plate and state at www.durangogov.org. For additional information please visit us at the Transit Center, 250 West 8th Street or call 970-375-4960.