

ORDINANCE NO. 9-2004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 63.17 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO REGARDING PARKING METERS AND PERMITS-FINES

WHEREAS, the Valparaiso City Chief of Police has studied the costs associated with the parking enforcement program of the City of Valparaiso; and

WHEREAS, a determination has been made that the current penalties and fines for parking violations are inadequate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso that Section 63.17 of the Municipal Code of the City of Valparaiso should be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 63.17 FINES.

The following is the fine schedule for the various violations of Chapter 63 of the Municipal Code of the City:

- (a) \$10.00 for a two-hour violation, meter violation or restricted parking violation or a "City Permit Only" violation, and
- (b) \$15.00 for no parking violation, alley parking violation, double parking violation and yellow zone parking violation, and
- (c) \$50.00 for handicapped parking violation, fire hydrant parking violation, fire zone parking violations and fire land parking violation, and
- (d) Any additional parking violation shall be subject to a fine of \$10.00.

If a violation described in 63.17(b) or (c) occurs, the police and fire department have the full right and authority to have the vehicle towed out of the restricted area. The owner of the vehicle shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of having the vehicle towed. These costs include but are not limited to towing services, storage, and any damages to the car arising as a result of the removal of the vehicle.

All moneys received under this Section shall be receipted into the Parking Meter Fund.

In the event that any fine as indicated under subsection (a), (b), (c) or (d) are not paid within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance, the fine for such violation shall be doubled every thirty (30) days of nonpayment up to a maximum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). In the event that a vehicle receives more than one parking ticket on any given calendar day for violation of Section (a) herein, the second such parking ticket shall carry a fine in the amount of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) and a third parking ticket issued on the same day

at the same location shall carry a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). In the event that tickets for second and third two-hour parking violations are not paid within Fifteen (15) days, the fine for these subsequent violations shall also double and shall continue to double every thirty (30) days up to a maximum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)

Nothing herein shall prevent issuance of citations under section 79.200(6) of the Municipal Code of the City of Valparaiso.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, by a _____ vote of all members present and voting this _____ day of March, 2004.

Jon Costas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, this _____ day of _____, 2004, at _____ o'clock __.m.

Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

This Ordinance approved and signed by me this _____ day of _____, 2004, at _____ o'clock __.m.

Jon Costas, Mayor