

**ORDINANCE NO. 44-2004**

**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.

**All fines are to be paid within seven (7) days of issuance.** In the event that any fine as indicated under subsection (a), (b), (c) or (d) ~~are is~~ not paid within ~~twenty (20) days~~ **thirty (30) days** of the date of issuance, the fine for such violation shall be doubled, **and be forwarded to a professional collection service. A separate administration fee will be applied and is the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle for payment. Any cost incurred by the city to collect past due parking violations shall be the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle for payment.** ~~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 \$20.00 and a third parking ticket issued on the same day at the same location shall carry a fine of \$30.00. In the event that tickets for second and third two-hour parking violations are not paid within twenty (20) days, the fine for these subsequent violations shall also double.~~

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.

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Jon Costas, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

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

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Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

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

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Jon Costas, Mayor