

PARKING CODE UPDATES

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Introduction



Downtown Parking Overview

Downtown Parking Enforcement

Parking Code Updates – Seeking Council Approval



Parking District Overview

- ParkFlag manages Downtown & Southside areas
- Parking tickets are issued for code violations
- Many repeat offenders, not all pay
- City Code includes parking enforcement procedures
- ParkFlag has not historically used all available parking enforcement procedures



Parking District Enforcement

- Starting in April 2024, ParkFlag intends to start using its code authority that allows for immobilization and impoundment of vehicles for new, unpaid parking tickets
- Vehicles will be placed on the list only if the Flagstaff Municipal Court has entered 3 judgments, and the tickets remain unpaid
- ParkFlag is notifying the Downtown Business Alliance
- ParkFlag is notifying registered owners of vehicles with unpaid parking tickets



Parking Enforcement Process

- Parking ticket issued
- 15 days to pay ticket or request a hearing
- City will file complaint with the Court if ticket is not paid or if hearing is requested
- 30 days after ticket is issued, if not paid or contested, Court enters default judgment
- After 3 unpaid judgments, City will send notice of impending placement on impoundment/immobilization list
- 15 days to pay tickets or request a hearing



Parking Enforcement Process

- After a vehicle is placed on the immobilization and impoundment list, the registered owner still has opportunity to pay tickets
- After vehicle is immobilized or impounded, the registered owner will have to pay the tickets plus either the \$40 immobilization fee or towing and storage charges in order to obtain release of the vehicle

ANY QUESTIONS?



Parking Code Updates

- Clarifies that Police Department issues parking citations, ParkFlag issues notices of violations
- Provides that if owner fails to pay or contest a notice of violation within 15 days, ParkFlag must file a complaint on the 16th day (for Court jurisdiction)
- Clarifies Court will enter a default judgment 30 days after the parking citation/notice of violation was issued if ticket was not paid or contested
- Clarifies post-impoundment hearing only is available if vehicle was towed without having been placed on immobilization & impoundment list
- Adds that the Court will send unpaid judgments to a collections agency
- Miscellaneous minor changes

Council Discussion/ Next Steps

1. Notify public and repeat offenders about ParkFlag's intention to use immobilization and impoundment measures
2. If ordinance adopted, Parking Code Updates will be effective 30 days thereafter

