

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Municipal Courts

AGENDA DATE: February 4, 2020

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Lilia Worrell 212-5822

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

STRATEGIC GOAL: NO. 2: Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City of El Paso
2.6 – Enforce Municipal Court orders

SUBJECT: APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Approve a resolution that the City Council of the City of El Paso declares an amnesty period effective February 24, 2020 through March 7, 2020, ending at 12:00 midnight on March 7, 2020. During this amnesty period, all violators who pay outstanding parking citations will have the total delinquency fees and collection fees reduced to zero, leaving only the fine amount to be paid for each delinquent citation which is paid voluntarily.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

The benefit to the City is to increase collection of outstanding parking fine revenue. The benefit to the vehicle owners is that they receive a substantial reduction in the amount owed on each delinquent ticket, through the waiver of the delinquency fees.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Yes. The last amnesty period was held on February 22, 2016- March 5, 2016, and approved by city council on February 9, 2016.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

Expense will be reimbursed by Linebarger, Delgado, Acosta, Spencer & Perez pursuant to collection contract specifications.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

*******REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*******

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Lilia Worrell

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, thousands of individuals utilizing El Paso's public streets are eligible to have their vehicles booted for failure to pay delinquent parking citations; and

WHEREAS, these scofflaws account for over \$ 40 million in uncollected fines and fees owed to the City of El Paso from Jan 1, 2000 to the present; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso will incur increased expenses in sending additional police officers throughout the City to locate and boot the vehicles of these scofflaws; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.85.070A3 of the El Paso City Code permits City Council to reduce the delinquency fine for parking citations for those violators who pay citations, voluntarily, during a declared amnesty period; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such a reduction in the delinquency fines and collection fees should maximize revenue collection by serving as an incentive for violators to pay their fines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Council declares an amnesty period effective February 24, 2020, ending at 12:00 midnight on March 7, 2020. During this amnesty period, all violators who pay outstanding parking citations will have the total delinquency fees and collection fees reduced to zero, leaving only the fine amount to be paid for each delinquent citation that is paid voluntarily.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

Dee Margo
Mayor

ATTEST:

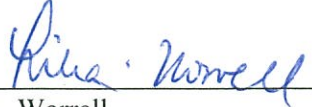
Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kristen Lynn Hamilton-Karam
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Lilia A. Worrell.
Director of Municipal Court