

MEETING DATE: 4/3/2023

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Subject: Ordinance 1164 changing parking ticket fines

Background Summary:

Several years ago (possibly 2015 redo to ordinances), we raised our fines for illegal parking. There has been discussion that we should once again raise the fines to meet current trends. The list compiled from cities around our size and/or in close proximity showed our current \$15 was on low side. Consensus was to make parking ticket fines \$25 with the exception of violations of snow ordinance which would be \$50. The fine for improper use of a person with disabilities parking permit is raised to \$200 to reflect the state code amount.

CITY OF CHARLES CITY

ORDINANCE NO. 1164

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARLES CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 70 – TRAFFIC CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, SECTION 03 – PARKING VIOLATIONS, TO INCREASE THE FINE AMOUNTS FOR UNCONTESTED VIOLATIONS OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Charles City, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Amended Section. SECTION 70.03 PARKING VIOLATIONS: ALTERNATE is hereby amended to read as follows:

70.03 PARKING VIOLATIONS: ALTERNATE. Uncontested violations of parking restrictions imposed by this Code of Ordinances shall be charged upon a simple notice of a fine payable at the office of the City Clerk. The simple notice of a fine shall be in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for all violations except snow route/snow removal violations and improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit. If such fine is not paid within thirty (30) days, it shall be increased by five dollars (\$5.00). The simple notice of a fine for unlawful parking during snow removal shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). The simple notice of a fine for improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit is two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1b] & 321L.4[2])

SECTION 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. When Effective. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the City Council on this ___ day of _____, 2023.

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2023.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk

As certified, the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 1163 on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

City Clerk