



TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD

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Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson and Members of Alexandria City Council
City of Alexandria
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Consideration of Old Town Parking changes

Dear Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson and Members of Alexandria City Council,

On May 23, 2022, the Traffic and Parking Board considered the following docket item:
Consideration of Old Town Parking changes, including removal of the boundary for the Residential Pay-by-Phone Program and changes to parking rates fees in garages, meters, and Residential Pay-by-Phone areas.

The Board unanimously approved the Code changes and resolution drafted by staff. Additionally, the Board would like to make the following recommendations to ensure the greatest potential for success of the program and policy changes. These recommendations are beyond the scope of the initial directive given to staff by Council and therefore represent the views of the Traffic and Parking Board membership:

1. The Code amendments and resolution should be expanded to include "on-street parking meters" in addition to parking garages, metered lots and Residential-Pay-By-Phone blocks. We believe it is critical to give the TE&S director control of all variables to achieve a successful trial.
2. The Board encourages Council to make enforcement a priority to ensure effectiveness of these pricing changes and address public demand for increased enforcement in their neighborhoods.
3. The Board recently recommended to Council that parking fines for commercial vehicles be increased for frequent offenders. We recommend that Council consider a similar incrementally increasing fine policy for all parking fines.
4. The Board encourages Council and staff to accelerate the timeline for community conversations and public input on a potential resident-only parking policy.

We appreciate your consideration of these additional points. I'm available and happy to discuss any questions about these recommendations in more detail.



Sincerely,
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