



## Legislation Text

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Report regarding a Resolution adopting a revised Fee Schedule regarding increasing the fine and penalties for double parking pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 42001. (*Master Sergeant Danny Gil*)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a Resolution to amend the Master Fee Schedule to increase the specified double parking fine from \$43 to \$100 for the first infraction, \$200 for the second infraction and \$250 for the third and subsequent infraction.

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The City of South San Francisco currently assesses a fine of \$43 for double parking violations. The South San Francisco Police Department's parking enforcement officers have observed repeated double parking violations, and the current penalty amounts have proven ineffective to deter double parking violations.

Double parking violations in the City endanger the safety, health and welfare of residents, students, bicyclists and pedestrians. Double parking violations also disrupt the normal flow of traffic and unnecessarily delay motorists.

The Police Department receives repeated complaints regarding double parking throughout the City. Double parking issues are particularly most problematic and dangerous in the business districts, such as the downtown area; semi-trucks double parked in the industrial area, and parents double parked to drop off their kids in front of elementary schools.

State law authorizes local authorities to adopt traffic rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution, unless the Vehicle Code already establishes a violation or fine, penalty, assessment, or fee for violation of the same or similar conduct (Veh. Code § 21100(o)(1)).

A double parking violation adopted pursuant to the Vehicle Code is punished by a maximum fine of \$100 for a first infraction, \$200 for a second infraction occurring within one year of a prior conviction, and \$250 for a third or subsequent infraction occurring within one year of a previous conviction. (Veh. Code § 42001(a)).

### **RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN**

Amending the Master Fee Schedule meets the strategic initiative to build and maintain a sustainable city with a high quality of life.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The proposal to increase double parking fines to \$100 for the first violation; \$200 for the second violation; and \$250 for subsequent violation will not incur additional costs to the City. No additional resources are required to make the proposed change.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that City Council adopt a resolution to increase the double parking fines from \$43 to the proposed fines of \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense and \$250 for the third and subsequent offense.