

IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR ALL MOTORISTS

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Introduction of Fixed Charge System for Offences and New Traffic Management Procedures for Galway City Council Administrative Area

1.

INTRODUCTION OF FIXED CHARGE SYSTEM FOR OFFENCES ENFORCED BY TRAFFIC WARDENS / COMMUNITY WARDENS

Galway City Council wishes to advise that with effect from **Monday 3rd April, 2006** the current Parking Fines On The Spot [FOTS] system will be replaced by a new Fixed Charge [FC] System. The range of offences that are currently enforced by Traffic Wardens / Community Wardens shall continue to be covered under the Fixed Charge System, while the amount of the fine / fixed charge shall be set as follows:

Parking in a Disabled persons Parking Bay without Displaying a Valid Permit	€ 80
Failing to Display a Current Tax Disc	€ 60
All Other Existing Offences* Currently Enforced by Traffic Wardens / Community Wardens	€ 40

** Including but not limited to: Parking on Double Yellow Lines, Single Yellow Line, Parking on a Footpath or any part thereof, Parking in a parking space without a Valid Pay & Display Ticket, etc*

When a fixed charge notice / ticket is served or affixed by a Traffic Warden / Community Warden, the person, may during the period of 28 days beginning on the date of the notice, make a payment of the amount of the fixed charge to: **Traffic Dept. Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway.**

If payment is not made within 28 days the amount of the fixed charge will increase by 50% and the person may, during the next 28 day period pay the increased amount i.e. €120.00 / €90.00 / €60.00

If payment is not received within the 56 day period, court proceedings will be initiated and payment of the fixed charge cannot be accepted thereafter. Summary conviction in a court for Failure to Pay a Fixed Charge notice can incur a charge up to €800 and costs.

The Traffic Warden / Community Warden may serve a Fixed Charge Notice as follows:

On the person

A fixed charge notice / ticket may be served by post

On the registered owner of the vehicle

By affixing the notice to the vehicle

Further information is available by contacting the Transport & Infrastructure Dept. of Galway City Council on 091 536400 or on the Council's website www.galwaycity.ie

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NEW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES FOR GALWAY CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

1. On- street Pay and Display parking areas

Hours of Operation 0830 – 1830, Mon – Sat

Payment in any Pay & Display Machine after 1830 will facilitate a parking ticket for up to 2 hours credit valid the next day from 0830

First 10 minutes are free to facilitate quick stops

All Pay & Display machines will accept payment by Credit Card & Coinage and do not give change.

Minimum charge and incremental charge:

The new rate per hour for on-street parking is to be € 1.80

The minimum charge is €1.00 for 30 mins. with incremental charging thereafter up to a max. of 2 hours.

Enforcement will primarily be carried out by means of Traffic / Community Wardens. The wardens will issue a parking fine ticket for the relevant offence which include incorrect payment and non-payment.

Expired Pay & Display Ticket: 10 Minutes grace before a ticket / notice is issued. No clamp will be applied to an expired ticket.

Non Payment: In this case the motorist will be allowed a "grace time" of 10 mins. after which time the motorist will be liable for a clamp.

2. On-street areas where Parking is Not Permitted or is Restricted

This category would include, but is not limited to illegal parking in such areas as disabled parking bays, bus bays, clearways, single yellow lines, double yellow lines, median strips, pedestrian crossings, parking on footpaths and adjacent to junctions.

In these cases, while the issuing of a parking offence ticket is still appropriate and will occur, clamping will also be applied as the deterrent with tow-away to be applied where there is obstruction. **There is no "grace period" for this category of offence.**

3. City Council Car Parks

Hours of Operation 0830 – 1830, Mon – Sat

Payment in any Pay & Display Machine after 1830 will facilitate a parking ticket for up to 2 hours credit valid the next day from 0830

Electronic barrier systems are to be provided in City Council surface car parks.

Short Stay Car Parks [Mill Street, Newtownsmith]

In these Car Parks, the hourly charge for the short stay car parks is now €1.80 with the minimum payment being €1.00 for 30 mins. Thereafter time will be allocated on the basis of the payment paid at the pay & display machine. (Incremental payments & times are displayed on the Pay machines)

Long Term Car Parks [Dyke Road, Cathedral]

The Daily charge shall be €3.50 per day irrespective of time / duration of stay.

In the intervening time enforcement in such car parks will be carried out by the clamping company and non payment or an expired ticket will leave the motorist liable to a clamp.

No Ticket Grace period of 10 minutes applied before clamp applied

Expired Ticket If expired time less than 1 hour then clamp applied and €20 release fee applies.

If expired time more than 1 hour then clamp applied and €80 release fee applies.

Vehicles would also be liable for clamping in car parks for illegal parking in areas such as disabled parking bays, bus bays, single yellow lines, double yellow lines, median strips, pedestrian crossings, parking on footpaths and adjacent to junctions.

Loading Bays

A 10-minute grace period is proposed in respect of non-commercially taxed vehicles using the loading bays for active loading/unloading.

Please park legally – avoid a ticket, clamp or tow-away – Coinnigh Gaillimh ag Gluaiseacht!