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Date: January 12, 2011
File: 0910-01
To: City Manager
From: Director, Corporate Services
Subject: Bylaw Offence Notice Fine Discount Expired Parking Meter
Report prepared by City Clerk

Recommendation:

THAT Council direct staff to set the Bylaw Offence Notice discount for an expired parking meter violation at \$10.00.

Purpose: To obtain Council's direction for an appropriate early payment amount for expired parking meter Bylaw Offence Notice penalties.

Background:

In July 2010, Council amended the long-standing policy of reducing the face value of the Bylaw Violation Notice penalty to "\$5.00 if paid by midnight of next day and to \$10 if paid with 7 days of date of issue" by eliminating this option for overtime parking and restricting the reduction to expired parking meter or expired parking meter - dispenser and off street parking - failure to display valid permit only.

With the introduction of Bylaw Notice Dispute Adjudication, the City will no longer be issuing Bylaw Violation Notices (BVN's) and instead be issuing Bylaw Offence Notices for parking infractions. Under the Adjudication system, a discount may be offered if the fine is paid within fourteen (14) days of the notice being issued. A consistent discount must be offered for the entire 14 day period.

Staff recommends the existing Council policy of discounting the face value of the penalty to \$10.00 for early payment be maintained for expired parking meter penalties. Property Management staff are conducting a parking study that is expected to be completed later this spring. Staff recommend any change to the early reduction for expired parking meter penalties be deferred until completion of the study.

Internal Circulation:

Manager, Property Management

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act

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Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Bylaw Offence Notice amounts must be established by bylaw. Staff will bring forward the Bylaw Offence Notice Penalty bylaw for Council's consideration on January 17, 2011.

Existing Policy:

The \$30.00 fine amount payable for a expired parking meter or expired parking meter - dispenser and off street parking - failure to display valid permit BVN is reduced to \$5.00 if paid by midnight of next day and to \$10.00 if paid with 7 days of date of issue.

Alternate Recommendation:

THAT Council direct staff to set the Bylaw Offence Notice discount for an expired parking meeting violation at \$25.00, which is consistent with the proposed 10% reduction for early payment of other Bylaw Offence Notice penalties.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Personnel Implications:

Community & Media Relations Comments:

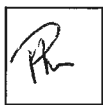
External Agency/Public Comments:

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