



Gulfport Police Department News Release



Subject: Increase in Parking Fines

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Narrative

Gulfport, FL-- Effective immediately (04/04/18), parking fines for the city of Gulfport have increased from \$15 to \$30 per fine with the exception of disabled parking violations which remain \$250 each per Florida Statute.

On 04/03/18, Gulfport City Council adopted the ordinance change, resolution number 2018-05, to reflect the increase in fine amounts for parking. The \$15 fine was established in 1986 and hasn't been changed since.

An analysis was conducted and fines charged in other local municipalities are indicated below, and Gulfport is far below the average. The previous Gulfport fine (\$15 as of 04/03/18) was the lowest in the county, and this rate is less than what private lots typically charge at special events, so it has little deterrent value.

Belleair: \$30 (\$100 fire lane)	North Redington Beach: \$25
Belleair Beach: \$30	Oldsmar: \$25
Belleair Bluffs: \$30	Pinellas Park: \$30
Belleair Shore: \$30 (\$50 fire lane)	Redington Beach: \$25
Clearwater: \$20-25 depends on violation	Redington Shores: \$25
Dunedin: \$25 (\$50 fire lane)	Safety Harbor: \$25
Gulfport: \$15	South Pasadena: DNR
Indian Rocks Beach: \$40	St. Pete Beach: \$30 (\$100 fire hydrant)
Indian Shores: \$25	St. Petersburg: \$30 (\$17.5 overtime)
Kenneth City: DNR	Tarpon Springs: \$25 (\$40 fire lane)
Largo: \$30	Treasure Island: \$30 (\$40 fire lane or improper parking)
Madeira Beach: \$25	

The average of the fines is \$26.

The increase of the fine amount to \$30 is above the average, but it should be noted that many of the other cities also generate revenue from annual permits as well as parking meters. Gulfport does not have parking meters, and we do not charge residents for permits. In 2017, Gulfport police issued 1102 parking citations.

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