

(78.) Sponsored by: Councilmembers Meola, Giruzzi

**ORDINANCE INCREASING PARKING FINES**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Common Council of the City of Utica, New York, that the Utica City Code of Ordinances §2-16-84, be and is hereby amended to read as follows

**Sec. 2-16-84. Fines for parking, stopping and standing violations.**

(a) Generally. Penalties for parking, standing or stopping violations, other than unlawful parking in a handicapped zone, shall be \$50. If the violator fails to appear or pay the prescribed fine within 72 hours of the offense, the fine shall be \$100. Upon expiration of the seventy-two-hour period, the Traffic Violations Bureau shall cause to be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle a citation to the effect that the fine has increased from \$50 to \$100 and a warning that, unless the fine is paid or an appearance made within 10 days of the citation, the fine shall be increased to \$125.

(b) Handicapped parking zones. Penalties for unlawful parking on account of standing or stopping in a handicapped zone shall be \$60. If the violator fails to appear or pay the prescribed fine within 72 hours of the offense, the fine shall be \$70. Upon expiration of the seventy-two-hour period, the Traffic Violations Bureau shall cause to be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle a citation to the effect that the fine has increased from [ \$50 ] \$60 to \$70 and a warning that unless the fine is paid or an appearance made within 10 days of the citation, the fine will be increased to \$75. For a second offense occurring within a period of two years within the City the penalty shall be \$100. If the person to whom the ticket was issued is a second offender as set forth above, the citation shall notify the person that the fine shall be shall increase to \$125 if not paid within seventy-two (72) hours of issuance and to \$150 if the fine remains unpaid after ten (10) days.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall take effect on April 1, 2012; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the increased fines shall not affect those citations issued prior to April 1, 2012.

*Adopted on 3/20/12*