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The price for parking violations is going up on Monday. Here's what you need to know



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Drivers are going to have to dig a little bit deeper into their wallets when paying for a parking ticket in Boston.

Beginning Monday, motorists should expect to see a steep increase in parking fees doled out for certain violations, including heftier fines for parking in a residential zone without a permit, double-parking,

parking in a loading zone, and going over the time limit at a metered space.

City officials said the fees will be changed for the most common parking infractions and for those that create the biggest headaches for residents and visitors.

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“Parking regulations are a crucial component of urban transportation systems,” Transportation Department Commissioner Gina Fiandaca said in a statement. “Safety is improved when hydrants, wheelchair ramps and snow emergency lanes are not blocked; traffic congestion is eased when vehicles are not double-parked or left in no parking zones; and the parking needs of residents, businesses, and visitors can best be balanced when drivers refrain from parking illegally.”

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[According to the department](#), the city hasn’t raised parking fines in a decade. Revenue from the increases will go toward projects highlighted in the city’s Go Boston 2030 plan, a long-term transportation initiative.

[Mayor Martin J. Walsh first announced](#) plans to increase parking fines for some types of violations in April, as part of a transportation strategy included in his budget. Earlier this month, Boston City Council [approved](#) a tweaked version of the proposal.

The city also announced Tuesday changes to fines for parking on the street illegally during scheduled — and dreaded — [street-sweeping operations](#).

“Vehicles parked in violation of the City’s posted overnight street cleaning program, where street cleaning begins at or after midnight and ends no later than 7 a.m., will no longer be towed,” city officials said. “However, vehicles parked illegally at these locations will be subject to an increased parking violation fine of \$90,” up from \$40.

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Violations for parking in a street-sweeping zone during the daytime will still carry a \$40 fine, and the vehicle will probably still be towed, officials said.

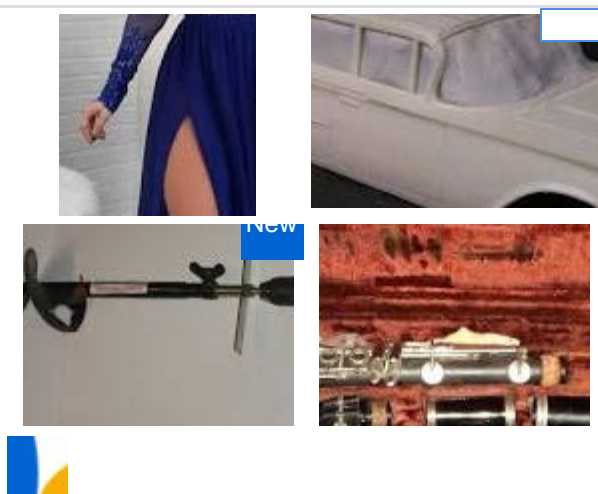
Transportation Department spokeswoman Tracey Ganiatsos said city officials wanted to expand the “ticket-no-tow” approach after seeing encouraging results from a pilot run in the Charlestown neighborhood.

But, “Rather than shifting our entire approach 24/7, or picking just one neighborhood, we chose overnight street sweeping as the next place to expand this policy to,” she said.

“Overnight street sweeping is done citywide on main arterials,” Ganiatsos continued via e-mail. “This means that every neighborhood can benefit from this policy change, and it is being done at a time and place (nights on major roads) where we think we will still get to the curb for cleaning.”

She added that some residents have told city officials they want to keep the practice of towing for daytime street cleaning.

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Here's a list of what to expect next time you see that orange piece of paper plastered to your windshield, flapping in the wind:

Fines, they are a changin'

Check out the new parking fines that go into effect July 2 in Boston.

Ticket type	Current fine	Fine as of July 2
Resident Parking	\$40	\$60
Overnight Street Cleaning (Ticket But No Tow)*	\$40	\$90
Loading Zone	\$55	\$90
No Parking Zone A (Downtown)	\$55	\$90
No Parking Zone B (Neighborhoods)	\$25	\$55
Double Parking Zone A	\$45	\$55
Double Parking Zone B	\$30	\$35
No Stopping or Standing	\$75	\$90
Meter Fee Unpaid	\$25	\$40
Over Meter Time Limit	\$25	\$40
Over Posted Time Limit	\$25	\$40

* Note: This change only applies to vehicles parked where street cleaning begins at or after 12 a.m. (midnight) and ends no later than 7 a.m. Vehicles parked in violation of daytime street cleaning will continue to receive tickets with a \$40 fine and will continue to be towed by a private contractor, which results in additional fees.

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