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News Release

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Durham Parking Violation Increase Begins July 1

Rapid Growth and Increasing Space Demands Drive Changes in Downtown

DURHAM, N.C. — Tickets for parking longer than the posted time in on-street spaces will soon cost more. Effective July 1, 2015, parking violations will double, from \$10 to \$20. The increase is a result of more demand for on-street parking created by a growing downtown, with new businesses, hotels, restaurants, and apartments.

City officials hope the ticket increase will encourage parking space turnover to better accommodate short-term visitors and guests to downtown establishments. A recent [City study](#) showed that parking demands in the downtown area were at, or very near, capacity during peak conditions, and recommended increasing fines for on-street parking violations.

As an alternative to on-street parking, downtown visitors may also use City parking garages or surface parking lots for \$1 per hour. A map of these parking facilities can be found on the [City's website](#).

Lanier Parking Solutions, which manages the City's parking facilities and downtown on-street parking, will also be responsible for the enforcement of on-street parking time limits. A one-month grace period throughout June is planned to help inform visitors and customers of the increased parking violation penalty. After the grace period ends, \$10 parking citations will be increased to \$20 and issued to vehicles that remain in the marked on-street parking spaces for longer than the posted limits.

For additional information about parking services, visit the [City's website](#) or contact Lanier Parking Solutions at (919) 680-2481.

About the City of Durham Transportation Department

The [Transportation Department](#) is responsible for a broad range of transportation services, which include traffic signs and signals, transportation planning, parking operations, street lighting, the taxicab administration and bicycle and pedestrian planning. The Transportation Department also oversees the [GoDurham](#) public transportation system as well as the DATA ACCESS service for persons with disabilities. The City of Durham leads planning functions for the [Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization \(DCHC MPO\)](#). The Transportation Department helps to strengthen the foundation, enhance the value, and improve the quality and sustainability of neighborhoods that are necessary for a strong and diverse community.

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