

City of Mississauga Corporate Report



<p>Date: January 17, 2025</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of General Committee</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Raj Sheth, P.Eng, Commissioner of Corporate Services</p>	<p>Meeting date: February 5, 2025</p>

Subject

Increasing Administrative Parking Penalties

Recommendation

1. That the following schedules of the Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013 be amended to increase administrative penalty amounts for parking offences, effective April 1, 2025, as set out in Appendix 1 to the corporate report from the Commissioner of Corporate Services, dated January 17, 2025, entitled "Increasing Administrative Parking Penalties":
 - a) Schedule "A" (City of Mississauga Administrative Penalty By-Law Designated By-Law Provisions Traffic By-Law 0555-2000);
 - b) Schedule "A-1" (City of Mississauga Administrative Penalty By-Law Designated By-Law Provisions Traffic By-Law 0555-2000 Lakefront Increased Penalty Zone);
 - c) Schedule "B" (City of Mississauga Administrative Penalty By-Law Designated By-Law Provisions Fire Route By-Law 0216-2023); and
 - d) Schedule "D" (City of Mississauga Administrative Penalty By-Law Designated By-Law Provisions Accessible Parking By-Law 0010-2016).
2. That all necessary by-laws be enacted.

Executive Summary

- While parking service requests and the issuance of administrative penalties have been increasing since 2021, with 2024 exceeding 2023 numbers, the penalty amounts in the Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013 have largely remained the same.
- Staff conducted a jurisdictional scan that included Toronto, Brampton, Ottawa, Hamilton, and Vaughan. The City of Mississauga's parking penalties were an average of \$25 lower and had a median percentage difference of about 38% than the average rate of the five jurisdictions.
- Staff recommend a 38% increase to all parking penalties in Schedule A of the Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013, with an additional \$10 increase to penalties

identified as the City’s top parking offences and a \$50 increase to offences that have heightened public safety concerns. The proposed amounts also account for inflation.

- As a result of the recommended \$50 increase to some offences under Schedule A of the Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013, staff also recommend a \$50 increase to all parking penalties in Schedules A-1, B, and D of the Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013.
- The increased parking penalties are recommended to come into effect on April 1, 2025.

Background

Parking Enforcement’s mandate is to achieve compliance through education and enforcement with responsibility for enforcing the Traffic By-law 0555-2000, Fire Route By-law 0216-2023, and Accessible Parking By-law 0010-2016. Parking service requests and ticket issuance have increased over the last four years, with 2024 exceeding 2023 numbers. Administrative penalty amounts for parking offences are, however, not adjusted yearly for inflation and have largely remained unchanged since 2016. Note that Council had approved, in 2021, increased penalties of \$100 for parking, standing, and stopping offences in the Lakefront Increased Penalty Zone (south of Lakeshore Road, from the east City limits to Meadow Wood Road), between May 1 to September 30, annually, in response to parking concerns in this particular area. Despite this amendment, penalty amounts noted in Schedules A, B, and D have not been reviewed or changed since 2016.

Table 1: Total of Parking Service Requests and Ticket Issuance Over 3 Years			
Year	2021	2022	2023
Service Requests <i>(parking inquiries, temporary, residential, commercial permits requests etc.)</i>	104,171	116,171	134,021
Administrative Penalties Issued*	130,122	153,487	164,745

**One Service Request can result in more than one offence, generating more than one Administrative Penalty.*

Present Status

For 2024, Parking Enforcement received 182,096 service requests, and issued 208,433 administrative penalties, which includes tickets issued in response to complaints, through proactive enforcement efforts and in collaboration with private security agencies. These 2024 figures represent a significant increase (75% for service requests and 60% for administrative penalties) to parking operations over the past four years. Administrative penalties for parking offences in the Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013 currently range from \$30 to \$400, depending on the severity of the offence (see Appendix 1). Parking penalties in Schedules A, A-1, B, and D will need to be amended with increased penalty amounts to improve the effectiveness of using administrative penalties in deterring parking infractions.

Given the demonstrated increase in ticket issuance, an increased penalty structure is required to encourage compliance with the City's Traffic By-law and other parking-related by-laws. The proposed increases will also help ensure Parking Enforcement can adequately respond to public demand by more effectively deterring parking offences before they are conducted, while better aligning with comparable jurisdictions.

Comments

The increase to parking penalties in Schedules A, A-1, B, and D of the Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013 are recommended due to the following:

- The number of administrative parking penalties issued continue to increase and trend upwards, which brings into question the effectiveness of the current penalty structure in acting as a deterrence.
- The need to drive better compliance by increasing penalty amounts further to address, in a targeted manner, the City's top parking offences, while ensuring alignment of penalty amounts within the same offence type.
- Certain violations are more serious, posing immediate safety concerns that need to be appropriately reflected in the associated penalty (e.g., parking/stopping in a bike lane, blocking a driveway, or parking/stopping in front of a fire hydrant); and,
- Current penalty amounts are mostly lower than comparable jurisdictions, where a penalty amount was comparable in at least one other jurisdiction.

Jurisdictional Scan

Staff reviewed the administrative parking penalties in the jurisdictions of Toronto, Brampton, Ottawa, Hamilton, and Vaughan (see Appendix 2). Mississauga parking penalties were, on average, \$25 lower than the average penalties of these other jurisdictions.

The City of Toronto recently implemented an increase to administrative parking penalties. The increased penalties for 123 offences were implemented on August 1, 2024, to help curb illegal parking, stopping, and standing in designated areas. The increased penalties varied by offence type, but some examples of the increased fines include:

- parking without paying at a parking meter (increase from \$30 to \$50).
- parking a prohibited vehicle on a bicycle path (increase from \$60 to \$200); and,
- parking within 3 m of a fire hydrant (increase from \$100 to \$125).

The City of Hamilton last reviewed parking penalties in 2019. However, increases were further applied in October 2024 for offences related to parking in bicycle lanes, obstructing a sidewalk, not activating a parking metre, and prohibited parking. In 2023, the cities of Vaughan and Ottawa also conducted a review of their parking penalties. The City of Vaughan administered a \$10 increase to their penalties to support service delivery and address regulatory requirements, whereas the City of Ottawa administered a four percent consumer price index increase to offences that pose the highest safety issues, like parking on a sidewalk or obstructing traffic.

Recommended Increase

Staff are recommending a 38% increase to all parking penalties in Schedule A of the Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013, with an additional \$10 increase to penalties identified as (and related to) the City's top parking offences and a \$50 increase to offences that pertain to public safety (see Appendix 1). The 38% increase was determined by the median percentage difference between Mississauga's and the average jurisdictional penalty amounts for offences outlined in Schedule A. The additional \$10 and \$50 increase to penalties, based on offence type, aligns with the approaches taken by comparable jurisdictions (e.g. Vaughan, Ottawa, Hamilton, and Toronto) and was included to address the City's top parking offences, including related offences (e.g., parking and stopping for the same offence type), and public safety concerns. The proposed amounts factor in the above, and adjustments for inflation, resulting in an average increase of \$28 to current parking penalties outlined in Schedule A.

Staff are also recommending a \$50 increase to all parking penalties in Schedule A-1 (Lakefront Increased Penalty Zone), Schedule B (Fire Routes), and Schedule D (Accessible Parking) of the Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013. The increase will amend the administrative penalty amounts for 53 offences that have heightened public safety concerns for the City's lakefront, fire routes, and accessible parking. The \$50 increase to Schedules A-1, B, and D of the Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013 takes the same approach as the \$50 penalty increase applied to offences with heightened public safety concerns in Schedule A.

Implementation

Staff recommend that the increases to Schedules A, A-1, B, and D of the Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013 have an in-force and in effect date of April 1, 2025. This date will enable staff to update ticket issuance systems, review customer service knowledge bases, make regulatory amendments, and provide the public with an education and awareness campaign regarding general parking rules, including penalty increases.

Financial Impact

Increasing administrative parking penalties is projected to bring in an additional \$4,000,000 in revenue for the nine months in 2025 (April 1 to December 31) and \$5,400,000 in revenue for all of 2026. No additional expenditures are anticipated as a result of these increases.

Conclusion

To better align with comparable jurisdictions, respond to public safety concerns, and deter infractions and/or drive compliance by creating a more effective penalty structure, staff recommend that proposed increases to Schedules A, A-1, B, and D of the Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013 be approved and come into effect on April 1, 2025. In addition to the across-the-board increases to Schedule A that enable better alignment with other comparable jurisdictions and help address inflation, additional increases to specific infractions in Schedule A and all infractions in Schedules A-1, B, and D will help drive compliance in areas that warrant additional measures (e.g., the City's top parking offences which continue to trend upwards and

those related to public safety). Leading up to April 2025, staff will concentrate efforts towards updating its infrastructure to support these increases and the delivery of an education and awareness plan for residents that details the parking penalty increases and their implementation date.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Administrative Penalty By-law 0282-2013, Schedules A, A-1, B, and D - Parking Penalties and Recommended Increases.

Appendix 2: Parking Penalties Jurisdictional Scan.



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