

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

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ITEM 3, FILE 011617

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File #011617 is a substitute ordinance relating to forfeitures for violations for exceeding restricted parking regulations.

Background

1. Currently, citations issued for exceeding restricted parking regulations, which include parking meter violations, stipulate a forfeiture of \$20.
2. In 2001, approximately 207,000 tickets were issued for meter violations. The tickets issued for meter violations comprise approximately 17% of the 1,223,000 total parking citations issued in the City of Milwaukee. Approximately 90% of citations issued for meter violations are paid.
3. In 2001, approximately 88,000 tickets were issued for exceeding posted time limit violations. The tickets issued for these violations comprise approximately 7% of the 1,223,000 total parking citations issued in the City of Milwaukee. Approximately 80% of citations issued for exceeding the posted time are paid.
4. The 2002 Budget includes a \$8.25 million transfer from the Parking Fund to the General Fund.

Discussion

1. This ordinance reduces the forfeiture for a parking meter violation from \$20 to \$10 and increases the forfeiture for exceeding the posted time limit from \$20 to \$25.

Fiscal Impact

1. Based on the number citations issued and paid in 2001, the Parking Fund estimates the adoption of this ordinance will annually reduce Parking Fund revenues by \$1.5 million. This in turn will reduce the amount transferred from the Parking Fund to the General Fund and impact the levy by \$1.5 million. (The impact on the 2002 transfer would be determined by when the ordinance takes effect.)

Other Items

DPW Administration indicates that two recent changes in parking regulations (changing downtown meters from one hour to two hour meters and allowing free 2 hour parking at meters on Saturdays in the Third Ward) that were passed after the 2002 budget was adopted could reduce 2002 Parking Fund revenue. DPW

Administration believes that while these changes may reduce Parking Fund revenue, they will address concerns of parking in the downtown area.

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