



**Toronto Parking
Authority**

**Office des parcs de
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Toronto**

The Toronto Parking Authority exists to provide safe, attractive, self-sustaining, conveniently located and competitively priced off-street and on-street public parking as an integral component of Toronto's transportation system.

Q: Why are you increasing fines?

The current fine of \$30.00 for nonpayment is less than the cost to park for an eight (8)-hour period at a number of high demand locations in the City's core. This encourages customers to risk not paying because they know that if they do get a ticket, it is still less than paying for parking for a full day. They have nothing to lose.

A real example:

At Car Park 263, which is located at 130 Elizabeth Street, the cost to park for 8 hours is \$64.00.

Car Park 263 has a half-hour rate of \$4.00. Where customers are parking for a period of more than four (4) hours, it is less costly to pay the penalty amount instead of the parking rates that are in effect.

Q: What parking lots are affected by the increase?

A number of Green P facilities are impacted by the increase. These lots are designated as municipal parking facilities under Chapter 950 of the Municipal Code. Not all locations operated by TPA as Green P parking are designated as municipal parking facilities. Exceptions include, locations operated for private landowners and some City Divisions. For the full list of locations, please visit www.greenp.com.

Q: How do you know people were intentionally getting ticketed instead of paying for parking?

To verify to what extent customers were electing to park without paying for parking, TPA undertook surveys and found that, on average, only 64 percent of vehicles were paying for parking. The report can be seen [here](#).

Q: Why can you not impose daily maximums?

TPA removed the daily maximum rate because this rate structure did not provide short-stay high turnover parking or encourage the turnover of parking, which is one of TPA's mandates.

Q: Who issues the tickets?

Toronto Parking Authority Enforcement officers.

Toronto Police Services is only responsible for enforcing on-street parking, including on-street paid parking.

Q: Why \$75?

Based on the analysis carried out, it was determined that a penalty amount of \$75.00 would be needed to encourage compliance at these facilities.

Further, the proposed penalty amount of \$75.00 is consistent with the penalty amounts imposed by the City of Toronto for other parking-related infractions on municipal property.

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