

BETHLEHEM PARKING AUTHORITY

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Adam R. Waldron, President
City Council
City of Bethlehem
10 East Church Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

RE: Parking Fine Increase - Bethlehem Parking Authority

Dear President Waldron:

On behalf of the Bethlehem Parking Authority, I would like to take this opportunity to alert you and City Council that the Parking Authority will be requesting that City Council consider increasing parking fines in the City of Bethlehem prior to the end of this year. This is being done in conjunction with our request to Mayor Donchez to raise meter rates in the City of Bethlehem.

While there is a need to set the fines high enough to discourage illegal parking, bring the city fines within the parking industry standards, and align fine rates to the market, both of these initiatives are being requested, in large part, to allow the Parking Authority to construct a new parking garage at Third and Polk Streets and to repair/rebuild the Walnut Street Parking Garage.

Shortly, I will be providing City Council with a Memorandum outlining the Parking Authority's request for the fine increases with back-up material and financial data from our parking consultant, Desman Design Management.

We are hopeful that City Council will move forward with the Parking Authority's request to consider a fine increase prior to the end of the year, and are mindful that Council's agenda at this time of the year gets demanding, and we will make ourselves available whenever convenient for Council.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Very truly yours,



Kevin Livingston,
Executive Director
Bethlehem Parking Authority