

ORDINANCE NO. 5-200

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU TO ACCEPT CIVIL INFRACTION ADMISSIONS AND TO COLLECT AND RETAIN FINES AND COSTS AS SET FORTH IN SAID ORDINANCE

THE CITY OF ISHPEMING ORDAINS:

Section 5-201. Pursuant to Section 8395 of the Revised Judicature Act, State of Michigan, and amended by Public Act 154 of 1968, a parking violations bureau, for the purpose of handling alleged parking violations within the City, is hereby established. The parking violations bureau shall be under the supervision and control of the City Manager.

Section 5-202. The City Manager shall, subject to the approval of the City Council, establish a convenient location for the parking violations bureau, appoint qualified City employees to administer the bureau, and adopt rules and regulations for the operation thereof.

Section 5-203. Only violations scheduled in Section 5-206 of this ordinance shall be disposed of by the parking violations bureau.

Section 5-204. No violation may be settled at the parking violations bureau except at the specific request of the alleged violator. No penalty for any violation shall be accepted from any person who denies having committed the offense and in no case shall the person who is in charge of the bureau determine, or attempt to determine, the truth or falsity of any fact or matter relating to such violation, and when the truth or falsity of any fact or matter is in issue, such violation shall be processed before a court having jurisdiction thereof. The unwillingness of any person to dispose of any violation at the parking violations bureau shall not prejudice him or in any way diminish the rights, privileges and protection accorded to him by law.

Section 5-205. The issuance of a citation, ticket or notice of violation by a police officer or parking meter attendant of the City shall be deemed an allegation of a parking violation. Such ticket, citation, or notice of violation shall indicate the length of time in which the person to whom the same was issued must respond before the parking violations bureau. It shall also indicate the address of the bureau, the hours during which the bureau is open, and the amount of the penalty scheduled for the offense for which the ticket was issued.

Section 5-206. The Parking Violations Bureau shall accept admissions of responsible or responsible "with explanation" and assess fines and costs for the following offenses as set forth in the applicable ordinance provisions:

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>PENALTY</u>
Parking more than 12" from curb	\$20.00
Angle parking violations	\$20.00
Obstructing traffic	\$20.00
Prohibited parking (signs unnecessary)	
(a) on sidewalk except November 1 through April 30 where not regularly cleared of snow	\$20.00
(b) in front of public or private drive	\$20.00
(c) within intersection	\$20.00
(d) within 15 feet of hydrant	\$20.00
(e) on cross walk	\$20.00
(g) within 30 feet of any traffic signs or signals located at the side of a street	\$20.00

(i) within 20 feet of fire station entrance	\$20.00
(k) beside street excavation when traffic obstructed	\$20.00
(l) double parking	\$20.00
(n) within 200 feet of accident where police in attendance	\$20.00
(o) in front of theater	\$20.00
(p) blocking emergency exit	\$20.00
(q) blocking fire escape	\$20.00
In prohibited zone (signs required)	\$20.00
In handicapped parking space (signs required)	\$50.00
Night parking (1 A.M. to 6 A.M. November 1 to April 30)	\$50.00
Collection after 30 days	\$55.00
Night parking in a City owned designated parking lot without a permit or with an expired permit	\$50.00
Illegal day parking in the parking lot adjacent to City Hall	\$20.00
In alley (except loading and unloading)	\$20.00
Parking for certain prohibited purposes	
(a) displaying vehicle for sale	\$20.00
(b) working or repairing vehicle	\$20.00
(c) displaying advertising	\$20.00
(d) selling merchandise	\$20.00
(e) over 48 hours	\$20.00
Bus stop (signs required)*	\$20.00
Failure to set brakes, turn wheels or remove ignition key	\$20.00
Parking where no other fine is specified	\$20.00

\*Note: Loading and unloading of passengers is permitted when such stopping does not interfere with any bus waiting to enter such zone.

Section 5-207. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after January 1, 1969.

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