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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: January 5, 2010

SUBJECT: Miami-Dade County Parking Violations Fine Structure

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you with correspondence received from the Transportation and Parking Committee regarding the above subject.

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TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Mark Weithorn, Transportation & Parking Committee Chair

DATE: December 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Miami-Dade County Parking Violations Fine Structure

Dear Mayor and Honorable City Commission:

The Transportation & Parking Committee met on December 7, 2009, and held a discussion regarding the current fine structure for parking violations. The Committee strongly agrees that the fine structure should be increased, as it has not changed for over ten (10) years. Since these fines are ordained by Miami-Dade County Code, the Committee unanimously agrees that the Mayor and City Commission should take initiative in reaching out to the County Commission with this request.

The Committee is suggesting that the $18.00 fine for overtime parking should be raised to $28.00, as in some cases, it becomes less expensive to receive an $18.00 fine than having to pay for event parking and/or valet parking in the City. It should be noted that there may be a possible limit of the fine to $30.00 by Florida Statute.

Below is the fee schedule for parking tickets issued in Miami-Dade County:

Miami-Dade Fee Schedule for Parking Tickets	
Overtime Parking	$18.00
Restricted or Improper Parking	$23.00
Prohibited Parking	$28.00
No Valid License Plate	$33.00
Unlawfully Parking in Disabled Space (first violation)	$153.00
Unlawfully Parking in Disabled Space (second violation)	$253.00
Obstructing Traffic	$33.00
Violation of Florida Statutes	$34.00
Unlawfully Parking in Stroller Space	$34.00
Unlawfully Parking/Blocking Disabled Access Lane/Curb Cut	$103.00

As an Advisory Committee, we sincerely ask that this issue be addressed.

Sincerely,

Transportation and Parking Committee