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The Governor of Massachusetts signed into law as an outside section of the state budget, legislation which forces the City of Cambridge to start collecting its own parking fines.

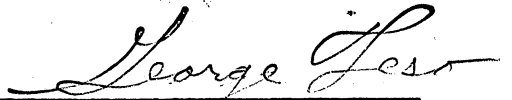
The law states that the City must assume these responsibilities as soon as possible and on Dec. 30, 1981 all court records will be turned over to the City for processing. It also states that the City shall hire a Parking Clerk who will be responsible for this processing as well as the collection of the fines and conducting hearings upon request of violators.

The new law which will apply to the City of Cambridge Chapter 90 Section 20A¹/₂ sets up a system to efficiently collect fines through the use of computers and the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The procedures for this system is as follows:

1. A parking ticket is issued to a violator who has 21 days to pay the fine,
2. If the violator does not pay within the 21 days he is sent a notice and charged another \$5.00.
3. After 21 days, the Parking Clerk notifies the Registrar of Motor Vehicles that the violator has not paid his fine and not to renew the violator's driver's license or automobile registration whichever occurs first. There is also an additional \$15.00 added to the fine. What this means is that a \$5.00 ticket left unpaid for longer than the 21 day period could cost the offender \$25.00.
4. There is also procedures in this law that will allow the City to impound any motor vehicle who has failed to pay 5 or more tickets in the aggregate in the present calendar year or in the previous calendar years until all fines are paid. The impoundment could be in the form of towing by a private contractor or by booting, in any event it will cost the violator an additional \$25.00 plus storage and fuel adjustment costs as prescribed by law.
5. This system will be completely automated and processed by computer which will automatically update all fines and print non-renewal notices as well as mailing them.

To insure that you are not charged a surcharge, you should pay your ticket within 21 days after issuance. Remember a \$5.00 ticket could cost you \$25.00 if not paid before the Registry is notified. At the present time all tickets issued should be looked at carefully as some are payable to the Clerk of the District Court and some to the Parking Clerk of the City of Cambridge. This procedure will continue until December 30, 1981 at which time all parking ticket functions will be transferred from the District Court to the City of Cambridge.

November 9, 1981


George Teso
Traffic Director

Comm. from George Tesp, Director of Traffic & Parking re: new law applicable to Chapter 90 Section 20A¹/₂ of the Acts of 1981 re: system for the collection of parking fines.

In City Council,

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