



To: Finance Committee
Transportation & Safety Committee
David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager

From: Timothy Sexton
Director of Finance

Date: January 29, 2013

Subject: Village of Lombard Parking Ticket Amnesty Program/Proposed Changes to Ordinance

Background

At the Village of Lombard Board of Trustees meeting on December 20, 2012, the Village Board requested the Finance Committee and the Transportation and Safety Committee look at the possibility of implementing a parking ticket amnesty program. The attached report shows that the Village has only collected \$14,979 out of \$927,800 in fines (this report is only a sample of the first 2 pages and the last page of the report, as the entire report is 62 pages long). This represents approximately 3,700 tickets that have not been paid and are at the level of collections.

An amnesty program provides an opportunity for the debtor to come forward and have a reduced amount due on the tickets they have outstanding and make their records clean. It also gives the Village an opportunity to pursue revenues owed to them. Below is some information from other municipalities that have implemented an amnesty program.

Completed Amnesty Programs

Elk Grove Village implemented a ticket amnesty program for payment of delinquent and past-due fines totaling \$106,454 in revenue; which included \$50,180 in revenue from residents and \$56,274 from non-residents.

Arlington Heights sent out about 900 letters to motorists with delinquent tickets. The community's second highest offender of parking tickets paid \$12,434 on 309 tickets.

Palatine collected \$3,000 during their three-month amnesty program, but Deputy Police Chief Brad Grossman said the return was worth it, based on the positive response from participants.

Schaumburg received more than \$19,000 and spent \$900, mainly for postage to send out 2,000 letters to those with overdue tickets. They had more than 500 tickets from 150 individuals cleared up in a one-month amnesty program in March 2009. Fifteen people with five or more tickets avoided the boot.

Crystal Lake reported a total of 1,277 tickets were cleared up, raising about \$28,050. Still, there were roughly 6,800 outstanding parking tickets, totaling about \$600,000.

The Village of Forest Park collected \$72,720 in outstanding parking tickets. Approximately 7,000 outstanding ticket notices were sent out.

Current Parking Ticket Process

Also attached is a schedule detailing the current steps of a parking ticket for the different types of tickets that are issued. A person issued a parking ticket is afforded the opportunity of a hearing before an adjudication officer. If they fail to show up at the first hearing, a second hearing is scheduled. If they fail to show up at the second hearing, the fine goes to the current maximum amount of \$250. After the second hearing, staff would wait for 35 days before sending the fine amount to collections. As was previously discussed, the Village has only collected \$14,979 out of \$927,800 in fines that have gone into the collection process, or 1.6%. It is apparent that the Village is collecting very little of the fines under the current system.

Proposed Village of Lombard Amnesty Program

Staff is requesting feedback from the Committees on implementing an amnesty program for any parking ticket that reaches final determination via the adjudication process. Staff is recommending that all existing adjudicated parking tickets would be reduced to the proposed Step 2 amounts (\$50 for general, vehicle sticker and commuter lot violations, and \$100 for fire lane violations) for a limited period of time (excluding handicapped parking violations). The Village could send out one letter to the individual and can publicize the program through notices on water bills, the PRIDE, and news releases. An ordinance would need to be approved by the Village Board of Trustees.

Proposed Ordinance Amendment

In addition, staff is proposing an amendment to the ordinance for future administrative adjudication violations. As it was apparent the current schedule of fines was not being collected, staff believes that a potential reason for this is that the fine amount escalates so significantly. Therefore, a revision is being proposed that staff believes is more equitable. Attached is a proposed revision to the fine schedule. If the Committees approve staff's recommendation, staff will prepare the necessary ordinance to be approved by the Village Board of Trustees.

Collection Sent With Status Report - Status Changed 11/1/07 - 1/28/13

Status	Plate	Sent to Coll Dt	Citation Number	Amt Due	Reduction	Bal Due	Last Pd Date	Total Paid
A	X407118	2/23/11	P0004-001287	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	X375872	12/29/09	P0710-000993	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	X375872	12/29/09	P0710-000992	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A		8/17/12	TOW0794-000014	\$500.00		\$500.00		
A	N386972	1/11/12	P0734-004363	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	11-07076	9/2/11	A0734-000073	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	11-07076	9/2/11	A0734-000072	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	27335Y	8/17/12	P0710-001690	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	H903665	10/28/10	P0083-000214	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	H424550	8/10/10	TOW0763-000019	\$500.00		\$500.00		
A	20919C	9/2/11	P0747-001615	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	440XJK	1/18/13	P0710-001720	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	X150607	2/5/10	TOW0777-000009	\$500.00		\$500.00		
A	H314262	8/10/10	P0747-000883	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	A330590	10/28/10	P0099-001475	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	8466406	9/17/09	P0710-000823	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	A944042	2/5/10	TOW0777-000008	\$500.00		\$500.00		
A	X435428	10/28/10	P0747-001240	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	7645970	2/23/11	P0747-001305	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	G416019	9/17/09	P0668-000002	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	K436974	4/19/12	TOW0736-000015	\$500.00		\$500.00		
A	402M055	7/1/11	P0747-001560	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	G189136	9/17/09	P0004-000103	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	8794968	9/17/09	P0683-000375	\$50.00		\$50.00		
A	H902927	8/10/10	P0757-000115	\$175.00		\$175.00		
A	7670091	2/23/11	P0083-000864	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	H683098	1/11/12	P0734-004049	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	A513234	9/17/09	P0734-001548	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	H494933	2/23/11	P0084-000621	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	8820384	9/17/09	P0772-000018	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	H683098	7/1/11	P0083-001164	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	P156814	8/17/12	P0099-002568	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	YGE71	8/10/10	P0734-002822	\$100.00		\$100.00		
A	L197775	2/23/11	P0734-003374	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	H748057	2/5/10	TOW0754-000019	\$500.00		\$500.00		
A	X658909	2/23/11	P0768-000113	\$250.00		\$250.00		
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A	2715367	9/17/09	P0099-000449	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	X524228	9/17/09	P0747-000436	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	X524228	9/17/09	P0021-000135	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	K215148	9/2/11	P0734-003733	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	87673PV	9/17/09	P0734-001076	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	09-01363	9/17/09	A0004-000036	\$25.00		\$25.00		
A	X119251	9/17/09	P0734-001077	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	5508330	9/17/09	P0099-000646	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	H119740	2/23/11	P0734-003086	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	N954798	1/18/13	P0729-000295	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	N954798	1/18/13	P0729-000237	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	2405436	9/17/09	P0734-001637	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	2405436	9/17/09	P0734-000250	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	2405436	9/17/09	P0683-000207	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	2405436	9/17/09	P0004-000580	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	2405436	9/17/09	P0004-000340	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	2405436	9/17/09	C0683-000007	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	X762474	8/10/10	P0099-001242	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	6399267	8/10/10	TOW0778-000022	\$500.00		\$500.00		
A	09-01363	9/17/09	A0004-000038	\$25.00		\$25.00		
A	A999751	10/28/10	P0099-001544	\$250.00		\$250.00		
A	H973366	2/23/11	P0734-003064	\$250.00		\$250.00		

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P	1583333	9/17/09	P0747-000493	\$250.00	\$133.00	\$117.00		
P	3630090	2/23/11	P0004-001437	\$250.00		\$250.00		
P	8476051	9/17/09	P0084-000298	\$250.00	\$60.00	\$190.00		
P	A544962	9/17/09	P0099-000659	\$250.00		\$250.00		
P	G973827	9/17/09	P0734-000264	\$250.00	\$50.00	\$200.00		
P	58634M	9/17/09	P0004-000200	\$250.00		\$250.00		
P	8024892	9/17/09	P0734-000190	\$250.00		\$250.00		
P	X318051	9/17/09	P0734-001833	\$50.00		\$50.00	5/18/09	\$10.00
P	8331477	9/17/09	P0734-001640	\$100.00		\$100.00	7/6/09	\$75.00
P	74073F	9/17/09	P0683-000363	\$50.00		\$50.00	9/28/09	\$36.00
P	G996222	9/17/09	P0734-001248	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$25.00	11/16/09	\$25.00
P	G617298	2/5/10	P0734-002415	\$250.00	\$109.00	\$141.00	11/23/09	\$25.00
P	G617298	12/29/09	P0786-000099	\$250.00	\$108.00	\$142.00	11/23/09	\$25.00
P	X193441	2/5/10	P0099-001138	\$250.00		\$250.00	2/9/10	\$250.00
P	4771187	2/5/10	P0099-001078	\$250.00		\$250.00	2/19/10	\$250.00
P	5134707	8/10/10	P0004-001135	\$250.00		\$250.00	2/26/10	\$25.00
P	178428	9/17/09	P0747-000227	\$250.00		\$250.00	3/15/10	\$250.00
P	178428	9/17/09	P0747-000262	\$250.00		\$250.00	4/15/10	\$250.00
P	G839197	12/29/09	P0747-000698	\$250.00		\$250.00	4/30/10	\$250.00
P	7395290	8/10/10	P0083-000236	\$50.00		\$50.00	7/9/10	\$50.00
P	7051327	10/28/10	P0083-000490	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	7/28/10	\$25.00
P	178428	9/17/09	P0747-000275	\$250.00		\$250.00	9/16/10	\$250.00
P	4701250	8/10/10	P0747-001023	\$250.00		\$250.00	11/19/10	\$250.00
P	4701250	8/10/10	P0747-001017	\$250.00		\$250.00	11/19/10	\$250.00
P	L170821	2/23/11	P0734-003369	\$200.00		\$200.00	4/23/11	\$200.00
P	H419176	7/1/11	P0083-001372	\$250.00		\$250.00	7/12/11	\$250.00
P	8101265	7/1/11	P0747-001478	\$175.00		\$175.00	8/18/11	\$175.00
P	L958080	9/2/11	P0004-001595	\$250.00		\$250.00	9/7/11	\$250.00
P	G435613	8/10/10	P0734-003030	\$250.00		\$250.00	10/3/11	\$250.00
P	T973349	7/1/11	P0083-001082	\$250.00		\$250.00	10/19/11	\$250.00
P	4621192	7/1/11	P0747-001376	\$250.00		\$250.00	10/26/11	\$200.00
P	3575790	9/2/11	P0747-001597	\$250.00		\$250.00	11/4/11	\$250.00
P	3575790	9/2/11	P0747-001650	\$250.00		\$250.00	12/30/11	\$250.00
P	T973349	7/1/11	P0083-001081	\$250.00		\$250.00	1/19/12	\$250.00
P	1445633	1/11/12	P0734-004177	\$250.00		\$250.00	1/26/12	\$250.00
P	H471720	1/11/12	P0734-004125	\$250.00		\$250.00	1/26/12	\$250.00
P	5139518	7/1/11	P0791-000162	\$250.00		\$250.00	2/1/12	\$250.00
P	X132173	1/11/12	P0734-004375	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	2/7/12	\$25.00
P	G617994	1/11/12	P0791-000555	\$250.00		\$250.00	2/22/12	\$125.00
P	6158788	1/11/12	P0734-004134	\$250.00		\$250.00	3/1/12	\$250.00
P	4621192	2/23/11	P0083-000881	\$250.00		\$250.00	3/9/12	\$250.00
P	T973349	2/23/11	P0083-000893	\$250.00		\$250.00	3/16/12	\$250.00
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P	T973349	2/23/11	P0083-000892	\$250.00		\$250.00	5/21/12	\$250.00
P	3575790	7/1/11	P0083-001166	\$250.00		\$250.00	5/21/12	\$250.00
P	3378144	1/11/12	P0791-000371	\$175.00		\$175.00	5/26/12	\$175.00
P	4621192	2/23/11	P0083-000880	\$250.00		\$250.00	7/28/12	\$250.00
P	7548670	9/17/09	P0734-000958	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	8/6/12	\$125.00
P	7548670	2/5/10	P0734-002378	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	8/6/12	\$125.00
P	7548670	8/10/10	P0099-001260	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	8/6/12	\$125.00
P	7548670	7/1/11	P0083-000998	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	8/6/12	\$125.00
P	7548670	2/23/11	P0791-000012	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	8/6/12	\$125.00
P	6378886	8/17/12	P0774-000178	\$25.00		\$25.00	8/30/12	\$25.00
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P	N893037	8/17/12	P0734-004789	\$250.00		\$250.00	9/5/12	\$250.00
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P	N897288	8/17/12	P0099-002420	\$250.00		\$250.00	10/15/12	\$250.00
P	3575790	7/1/11	P0791-000181	\$250.00		\$250.00	10/22/12	\$250.00
P	H913184	8/17/12	P0084-001048	\$50.00		\$50.00	10/30/12	\$50.00
P	96012N	7/1/11	P0099-001812	\$250.00		\$250.00	1/14/13	\$250.00
P	3575790	9/17/09	P0747-000541	\$250.00		\$250.00	1/26/13	\$250.00
Totals:				\$927,800.00	\$4,055.00	\$885,082.00		\$14,979.00

Current Administrative Adjudication Fine Schedule

	Fine Schedule	General Fine Amount	Handicapped Parking Fine Amount	Commuter Lot Fine Amount	Fire Lane Fine Amount
STEP 1	Upon service of a "violation notice," the fine amount owed prior to or on the first hearing date shall be:	\$25.00	\$250.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
STEP 2	Upon failure to pay the fine amount specified in Step 1 prior to or on the first hearing date, the fine amount after the first hearing date shall be:	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
STEP 3	Upon failure to pay the fine amount specified in Step 2 prior to the second hearing date, the fine amount on the second hearing date shall be:	\$175.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
STEP 4	Upon failure to pay the fine amount specified in Step 2 and failing to appear at the second hearing the fine amount shall be:	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00

Proposed Administrative Adjudication Fine Schedule

	Fine Schedule	General Fine & Vehicle Sticker Amount*	Handicapped Parking Fine Amount	Commuter Lot Fine Amount	Fire Lane Fine Amount
STEP 1	Upon service of a "violation notice," the fine amount owed prior to or on the first hearing date shall be:	\$25.00	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$50.00
STEP 2	Upon failure to pay the fine amount specified in Step 1 prior to or on the first hearing date, the fine amount after the first hearing date and up to the second hearing date shall be:	\$50.00	\$250.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
STEP 3	Upon failure to pay the fine amount specified in Step 2 and failing to appear at the second hearing the fine amount shall be:	\$75.00	\$250.00	\$75.00	\$150.00

* Effective May 1, 2013, annual Lombard vehicle stickers are no longer required. Outstanding fines will remain until paid or adjudicated.