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LADOT to Resume Parking Enforcement, Introduce New Economic Relief Programs

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The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control (PETC) will resume parking enforcement beginning on October 15. At the instruction of Mayor Garcetti, LADOT has also launched economic relief measures to assist Angelenos in need, including a new early pay program that will reward discounts on citations for early payment.

See the list below for full details regarding resumed enforcement:

Beginning October 15, 2020 LADOT will RESUME parking enforcement and impounding, where applicable, for the following categories:

- Residential street sweeping
- Expired registration on a vehicle
- Overnight/Oversize parking districts
- Peak/rush hour and gridlock zone parking restrictions
- Ticket/tow for abandoned vehicles (72 hour rule)
- Vehicles displaying recently expired permits within preferential parking districts

LADOT will DELAY impounding vehicles used for dwelling pending a report back to Council in 30-60 days. Additionally, LADOT will DELAY the booting and impounding of scofflaw vehicles until January 1, 2021.

Enforcement is ONGOING for all the following categories:

- Metered parking
- Time limits within preferential parking districts for vehicles without a valid or recently-expired permit
- Posted time limit zones in residential and commercial areas
- All posted Temporary No-Parking signs
- No blocking emergency access (alleyways, fire hydrants, etc.)
- Colored curb zones
- Parking restrictions for City-owned lots



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The City of Los Angeles offers several programs to assist low-income individuals and individuals experiencing homelessness with outstanding parking citation debt as well as relief programs to allow for citation amnesty.

At Mayor Garcetti's directive, an additional program scheduled to begin November 2, 2020 will allow motorists an early payment discount. The Early Pay LA program will award a \$20 discount for citations paid within 48 hours.

The Department's existing programs to provide economic relief include:

- Community Assistance Parking Program (CAPP): LADOT offers the CAPP for individuals experiencing homelessness that allows them to pay their parking citations through volunteer community service or through enrollment in a homeless service program. As of June 30, 2020, LADOT assisted 1,070 participants to complete 14,238 community service hours for a total of \$559,783 worth of citations converted to community service.
- <u>Low-Income Payment Plans:</u> LADOT worked with the State Legislature to shape bills that created or modified payment plans for the indigent and eligible low income motorists. Depending on the existing payment plan, the City may waive all late fees for eligible motorists and allow up to 18 months to pay off the base citation fines.
- The <u>citation amnesty program</u> grants a one-time opportunity for those with citations over three years old the chance to have all late fees waived and pay the base citation amount(s) over a period of time thereby clearing DMV holds, tax intercepts, and/or tow orders.
- The <u>unemployment citation amnesty program</u> assists those that lost their job during the pandemic by allowing them to have late fees waived and pay only the base citation amount over a period of time.

Per Council instruction, LADOT will conduct outreach to inform Angelenos on timing of resumed enforcement as well as financial assistance programs via social media and outreach to press.

LADOT continues to adjust operations to assist residents and businesses comply with physical distancing requirements and limit the spread of COVID-19. These include relaxed deferred payment deadlines for citations and citation amnesty programs, LA AI Fresco outdoor dining for restaurants, a Slow Streets program to designate streets in residential areas for active use, online hearing and permitting procedures, elimination of pedestrian push buttons at intersections with high pedestrian activity, food and retail pick-up parking zones, switching traffic signals to "night mode" to reduce speeding, meal delivery by transit services, fare-free rides on all DASH routes, and service changes on transit lines. More information about LADOT's response is available at LADOT's response is available at Ladot.lacity.org/coronavirus.

About LADOT

LADOT leads transportation planning, project delivery, and operations in the City of Los Angeles. We work together and collaborate to deliver a safe, livable, and well-run transportation system in the city and region. Our vision is for all people in Los Angeles to have access to safe and affordable transportation choices that treat everyone with dignity and support vibrant, inclusive communities.

