

REVENUE FOR POLICE & FIRE



Let local units solve their budget problems by using technology to collect fine revenue that is needed for local services.

City of Grand Rapids
CLEARING SYSTEM

Citation	Make	PL	DC	Date	Violation	Description	Due	Last Exp.
27804405	1HTE29	MI	N2	01/10/2008	METER IN	FRACTION	36.00	04/18/2008
30500172	1HTE29	MI	N2	03/24/2008	METER IN	FRACTION	36.00	04/18/2008
30008263	1HTE29	MI	N2	04/17/2008	METER IN	FRACTION	36.00	04/18/2008

27804405 1HTE29
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
PARKING VIOLATIONS
Parking Violation Number
27804405
Date: 01/10/2008 Time: 11:20
Officer: 058 EUGENE RAMIR
Violation: METER INFRACTION
NO COMMENT
If paid within 10 days Fine \$12.00
01/20/2008 \$24.00
Total Fine (including in not paid within 10 days
total Fine (including in not paid within 90 days)
License/VIN Number
1HTE29
MI 2008
Make: PONTIAC 2 DOOR
Location
SHELDON
METER# 2102
Parking Violation



Testimony To The House Transportation Committee

House Bill 4726

My name is Albert Mooney and I work as Grand Rapids City Treasurer. I am grateful for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 4726. Let me first thank you for taking the time to receive comments from parties interested in the legislation that will provide much needed revenue to providing funding for critical public services. This proposed legislation is very straight forward – the bill helps cash strapped local units by using existing technology to collect parking fines. Specifically, by reducing the threshold of parking tickets from six to three the City of Grand Rapids can “electronically” reach out and collect over \$895,731 from 5,394 people who at present owe fines that we have problems collecting. These individuals have received two notices, owe three, four, or five tickets, and have chosen not to pay their fines owed.

As of today, the City of Grand Rapids is owed \$3,590,064 in parking fines. With this bill, our District Court will utilize existing technology to collect fines by keeping the 5,394 registered owner from renewing their driver’s license. It will provide significant help to the City of Grand Rapids with an estimated \$450,000 to \$500,000 boost in revenue in the first year and an annuity of increased revenue of over \$250,000 per year thereafter. It will help us reduce our lost fine revenue which in 2008 totaled \$555,584 in parking fines written off.

At present, our Parking Violations Bureau notifies a person with six or more parking violation notices that the person must answer the civil infraction at District Court or pay the parking fines within 10 days. If the person fails to answer or pay the fines, the District Court informs the Secretary of State that a person failed to answer or pay the fines. The Secretary of State, after being informed of the failure of the person to comply with the requirements to answer or pay the parking fines, will not issue a license to the person or renew a license for the person until the person has resolved all outstanding matters regarding the unpaid fines. The person must pay the fines and a \$45 driver license clearance fee to clear their record. The notice to the Secretary of State occurs via an electronic network utilized by the 61st District Court and the process is automated to “flag” their license record.

The City of Grand Rapids Mayor, City Commission, and District Court wholeheartedly supports this bill and encourage you, as our legislative leaders, to assist local units, such as Grand Rapids, as we address our revenue shortfall. If you have any questions or wish to contact me for further information, please e-mail me at amooney@ci.grand-rapids.mi.us or call (616) 456-3285. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Albert C. Mooney
Grand Rapids City Treasurer



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN

OVERDUE NOTICE OF PARKING VIOLATION
FIRST NOTICE

Notice Date 08/07/2008

The parking violation ticket(s) issued against your vehicle is overdue. Please promptly remit payment to avoid additional fines. For questions, or if you wish to contest this matter by requesting a Civil Infraction Hearing to be scheduled at the 61st District Court with a Magistrate, please contact the Parking Violations Bureau in person or via telephone at 616-456-3020.

Failure to respond may result in the issuance of a civil infraction citation and court action. You may be prevented from renewing your driver's license and additional fines may be imposed, plus court costs.

GRAND RAPIDS MI 49546

Ticket No.	License No.	Date Issued	Next Fine Date*	Payment Activity	Amount Due
30019485	1FZM33	05/27/08	08/25/08		\$ 60.00

Total Amount Due as of 08/07/2008: \$60.00

* Original fine doubles after 10 days and triples after 90 days following issue date if violation is not paid in full.

* Payment amounts may represent late payments that did not satisfy doubled or tripled fines. *

Amount due may represent penalties for late payment.

Please disregard this notice if you have remitted your payment for the violations listed above.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- ☐ Pay in person at the City Treasurer's Office located at 300 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI
- ☐ Mail check or money order to:
PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU
300 MONROE AVE NW RM 220
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503
- ☐ Pay at the City of Grand Rapids Treasurer's payment drop box located on Ottawa Ave NW, across from the Calder Plaza.
- ☐ Pay by fax machine with a credit card (Disc, MC, and Visa), for no fee. Call 616-456-3020 and request the City of Grand Rapids Treasurer's fax payment form.
- ☐ Pay online, for a fee, by credit card(Visa, MC) or check at www.REMIT-ONLINE.com/616001
- ☐ Pay by credit card by phone, for a fee, by calling 1-877-495-0333. (Amex, Disc, MC, and Visa)



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
CITY TREASURER - www.grcity.us
300 Monroe Ave NW, Room 220
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2296

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED



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CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN
OVERDUE NOTICE OF PARKING VIOLATION
FINAL NOTICE

Notice Date 08/13/2008

This is the final notice that one or more of the below listed parking violation ticket(s) issued against your vehicle is overdue. Please promptly remit payment.

Accounts not paid within 30 days of this notice date may be turned over to the 61st District Court and/or a collection agency. A civil infraction citation can be issued and you may be prevented from renewing your driver's license. Further, the court may impose a fine of up to \$100, plus costs. All vehicles with six or more delinquent tickets are subject to impoundment. For questions please call 616-456-3020.

1 SW
Ridge Dr
MI 49315
Byron Center MI SW
49315-8453

Ticket No.	License No.	Date Issued	Next Fine Date*	Payment Activity	Amount Due
31300404	BV80E	04/24/08	07/23/08	*Payment Received*	\$ 24.00

Total Amount Due as of 08/13/2008: \$24.00

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PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT TO THE PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU

Ticket No.	License No.	Date Issued	Next Fine Date*	Payment Activity	Amount Due
31300404	BV80E	04/24/08	07/23/08	*Payment Received*	\$ 24.00

DO NOT SEND CASH

PLEASE INDICATE
TICKET NUMBER(S)
ON CHECK

Make check or money order payable to:
GRAND RAPIDS CITY TREASURER,
and mail to
300 MONROE AVE NW RM 220
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

Total Amount Due as of 08/13/2008: \$24.00

PAYMENT
AMOUNT: \$ _____

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, TREASURER'S OFFICE (616) 456-3020

You are hereby cited for having violated an ordinance within the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The indicated fine will double if not paid within 10 calendar days. Further delays and other parking violations may lead to denial of your driver's license renewal, impounding of your vehicle, turnover of fine to a collection agency, and/or legal action involving court costs. Please send check or money order with this ticket in the envelope provided. Or appear in person at the address listed below. Please write the ticket number on your check or money order. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** Payments should be made payable to Grand Rapids City Treasurer. If you desire a receipt, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Or appear in person at: Parking Violations Bureau

City Treasurer's Office - 2nd floor

300 Monroe Ave, NW

Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2295

Office Hours 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Monday-Friday Except Holidays

You may call (616) 456-3020 for more information or to arrange court appearance.

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
PARKING VIOLATION

Parking Violation Number
31601242

Date: 06/25/2008 Time: 10:47

Officer: 956

Violation:

ORDINANCE: 10-58(A)
METER INFRACTION
DOWNTOWN / CENTRAL

316012420124

If paid within 10 days Fine: \$ 12.00

BY: 07/05/2008
Initial Fine doubles if not paid within 10 days.
Initial Fine triples if not paid within 90 days.

License/VIN Number
BVD4580
MICHIGAN 2008

Make

FORD SPORT UTIL MAROON

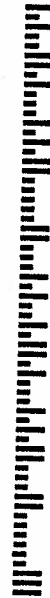
Location

Meter Number: 2003
LAGRAVE

PAY ONLINE AT:
WWW.REMIT-ONLINE.COM/616001

See reverse side for
payment information

Parking Violation



Parking Violations Bureau
City Treasurer's Office
300 Monroe Ave, NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2295

To pay by credit card with an extra fee, call toll free 1-877-495-0333
To pay online with an extra fee go to www.remit-online.com/616001
Drop box location: On the east side of Ottawa Ave. Across from the Calder Plaza. Please DO NOT put cash in drop box.
Insert your check and ticket in the envelope provided. Make sure remittance address is displayed in envelope window.
You are responsible for having payment postmarked within 10 days.

PARKING
TICKET

OFFICE OF
CITY
TREASURER



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

Calvin Demetrous Pureifoy III
5677 Kalamazoo Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49508

SUBJECT: CIVIL INFRACTION #(s) G09914 - SIX OR MORE
TOTALING \$870.00 PARKING VIOLATIONS

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please be advised that the enclosed civil infraction(s) complaint(s) has been issued and filed, thereby transferring your delinquent parking violations to the **61ST DISTRICT COURT**. The Grand Rapids Parking Violations Bureau will no longer accept any payment for these violations. If you do not wish further action by the **61ST DISTRICT COURT**, payment must be tendered in person, by mail, or by representative to the **61ST DISTRICT COURT, 180 OTTAWA AVE. NW, SUITE 1400, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503**, on or before **JANUARY 21, 2008**.

Unless you make payment in full, by the date given, you are directed to appear at the Court to answer to the complaint. Failure to answer the civil infraction will result in the entry of a default judgment by the Court. The end result may be additional court costs incurred, a bench warrant may be issued, **the matter will be forwarded to the 61st District Court Collection Agency, and notice will be given to the credit bureau.** The City is initiating the chain of events defined by the law which states the Court may notify the Secretary of State and the Secretary of State **shall not issue a license to persons with six or more delinquent parking violations.**

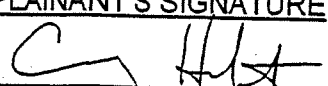
Please give this matter your immediate attention. Note should be made that, as indicated on the previous parking violations you have received, your vehicle may be subject to impound unless payment is made on your parking violations. If you have any questions, please contact the **61ST DISTRICT COURT** at (616) 632-5565, referencing the above Civil Infraction number(s).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert C. Mooney".

Albert C. Mooney
City Treasurer

ACM:kg/CIVIL4TK.WRD

STATE OF MICHIGAN UNIFORM LAW CITATION		TICKET NO. G09914		
		INCIDENT NO.	DEPT NO.	
THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MI		LOCAL USE/ARREST NO.	DETECTION DEVICE	
			BAC	OF
THE UNDERSIGNED SAYS THAT ON:	MONTH/DAY/YEAR 28-Dec-07	AT ABOUT 9:00 a.m.	DATE OF BIRTH	MONTH/DAY/YEAR 6/28/1983
DRIVERS LICENSE P-610-108-139-505				
NAME(FIRST, MI, LAST)		CALVIN DEMETROUS PUREIFOY III		
STREET		5677 KALAMAZOO AVE SE		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49508		
PLATE: 9DKZ64, AAS4596, V7610966, WYW886		VEHICLE: CHEVROLET, DODGE, KIA, PONTIAC, GEO		STATE: MICHIGAN
THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE, IN VIOLATION OF LOCAL ORDINANCE AT OR NEAR:				
WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, COUNTY OF KENT, DID THE FOLLOWING:				
OFFENSE CODE 10.58(A)(B), 10.41, 10.70,				
C/I - CIVIL INFRACTIONS: 0442988, 0461203, 15533184, 15533420, 12925975, 10547342, D0502949, 0531577, 0527375, 0544257, 22205374, 0478111, 12403425.				
13 TICKETS				
TOTAL AMOUNT SENT TO COURT: \$870.00				
<input type="checkbox"/>	APPEARANCE DATE ON OR BEFORE			
<input type="checkbox"/>	HEARING DATE (IF APPLICABLE) ON		<input type="checkbox"/>	CONTACT COURT
<input type="checkbox"/>	JUVENILE TRAFFIC			
<input type="checkbox"/>	FORMAL HEARING			
<p>IN THE 61st DISTRICT COURT OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 61st DISTRICT COURT, 180 OTTAWA NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49503 (616) 632-5525</p>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I SERVED A COPY OF THE CIVIL INFRACTION COMPLAINT UPON THE DEFENDANT (OR OWNER/OCCUPANT BY POSTING IF APPLICABLE)				
I DECLARE UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE STATEMENTS ABOVE ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE, AND BELIEF.				
COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE		MONTH/DAY/YEAR		
		12-31-07		
OFFICER'S NAME (PRINTED)		OFFICER'S ID NO.		
AGENCY ORI		AGENCY NAME		
MI-4143600		5 GRAND RAPIDS		

James C. Walker
JCW CONSULTING

August 19, 2009

Testimony for the House Transportation Committee on HB4726 – Parking Tickets

Madam Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify. I speak for the National Motorists Association on this issue.

The NMA strongly opposes HB4726.

We see it as expanding the type of punitive regulations contained in the Responsibility Fees law, with bad results for Michigan. The Responsibility Fees are a very poor law which led to thousands and thousands of unlicensed and uninsured drivers in the State of Michigan.

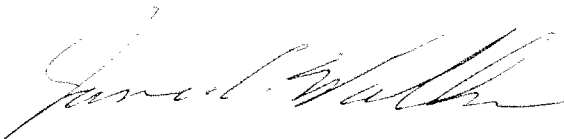
Parking tickets have no relationship to driving safety. Overstaying a two hour meter is unrelated to driving safely toward -- or away from -- the meter. We think it is a bad law now at 6 unpaid parking tickets, and would be made much worse if reduced to 3.

Not renewing someone's drivers license because of 3 unpaid parking tickets will not improve safety on our roads. Refusing to renew a person's drivers license for non payment of 3 parking tickets can have a very negative effect on safety, and is a completely inappropriate response for unpaid parking tickets. Towing the vehicle or increasing the late payment fees are fine, but refusing to renew a drivers license is not appropriate.

The Responsibility Fees law has already created a disaster in Michigan with thousands and thousands of unlicensed drivers on our roads. We do not need to add even one more.

I urge you to kill this bill in Committee and not report it out.

Respectfully submitted,



James C. Walker
Member – National Motorists Association www.motorists.org