

Item 15.7**Notices of Motion****Parking Grace Period and Fine Reductions**

By Councillor Chung

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the NSW Government announced a measure in the 2018/19 budget to reduce the cost of living to drivers in NSW by reducing some parking fines by 25 per cent and by introducing a 10 minute "grace period" for some parking offences;
- (ii) in July this year, the penalties for parking violations were reduced from about \$110 to \$80 in areas the State Government polices, such as the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney Olympic and Parramatta Park;
- (iii) Councils must opt in to the NSW Government initiative to enable the implementation of the fine reduction scheme;
- (iv) from 31 January 2019, a 10 minute "grace period" will be applied to all NSW parking fine authorities, including local councils. There is no option to be excluded;
- (v) the grace period applies to motorists who pay for at least one hour of parking and have a received a physical ticket or coupon; and
- (vi) prescribed parking control signs such as in bus lanes or loading zones will also be excluded to avoid impacts on congestion and safety; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) ask the Director City Services to review the provisions and consider asking rangers to exercise their discretion to allow a 10 minute "grace period" commencing immediately;
- (ii) notify residents, businesses and visitors of the change through the City's communication channels;
- (iii) include the impact of fine reductions for the 52 parking offences (as detailed by the NSW State Government) in the 2019/20 City of Sydney budget considerations; and
- (iv) implement the parking fine reductions from 1 July 2019.

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