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Parking Authority Approves Amnesty and Booting Programs

LEXINGTON, KY August 15, 2008 - The Lexington & Fayette County Parking Authority Board on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 approved a new Amnesty and Booting Program, as part of their continuing effort to improve management of on-street parking in downtown Lexington.

The merchants of downtown Lexington have for years complained about individuals who occupy on-street spaces all day long, discouraging others from shopping and dining downtown, said Gary Means, executive director of the Parking Authority. " Enforcement has been improved since the beginning of July, but some parkers are continuing to ignore parking regulations and take the very important on-street spaces intended for use by visitors and shoppers to downtown.

Most citizens respect this need to reserve the on-street spaces, and if they unintentionally receive a parking ticket, they pay it. For those violators who continue to ignore the parking regulations, and do not pay the citation, the Board feels it is necessary to encourage compliance. Accordingly, the Board has instituted an Amnesty and Booting Policy.

With regard to the Amnesty Policy, effective immediately, anyone paying a past due citation will have part of the late fee forgiven. For example, most parking fines are \$15, but escalate to \$30 if not paid within 10 days. The amount due for these fines will be reduced from \$30 to \$20 if paid before September 15, 2008. After September 15, the violator will be required to pay the full amount. The citations may be paid by mail, in person, or by telephone at the parking office:

LEXPARK
114 N. Upper St.
Lexington, KY 40507
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The LEXPARK Parking Program of the Parking Authority has a record of all citations issued beginning 1991. Violators are expected to pay all outstanding citations. For those violators who do not pay their citations by September 15th, and who have three (3) or more unpaid citations at least 10 days old, the Board has approved an Immobilization Policy. This policy involves either placing a wheel lock on the offender's vehicle, commonly called a "boot", or by towing the vehicle to an impoundment lot. Immobilized vehicles can be reclaimed by paying all outstanding citations and late fees, plus will be required to pay an immobilization fee of \$60. This fee covers administrative and wheel lock costs, and acts as a disincentive to violators against repeated need for immobilization.

The Lexington and Fayette County Parking Authority was created by ordinance (ARTICLE XIII Sec. 2-178, Res. No. 300-80, § 1, 10-16-80; Ord. No. 329-2005, § 1, 12-13-05)

The Lexington & Fayette County Parking Authority Mission

To provide, maintain and operate adequate, high-quality, customer-focused public parking and encourage economic growth for the benefit of the residents, businesses and visitors of Lexington & Fayette County.