

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2019-064

*Authorizing the Program for Temporary Alternative Payment of Parking Fines*

WHEREAS, there is an increasing number of underprivileged school-age children that live at or below the poverty level residing within the City of Columbia going without the school supplies needed to function in school; and,

WHEREAS, the lack of school supplies can lead to children being under-educated which will continue the cycle of poverty; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to temporarily offset the needs of the school children and their families by supplying such school supplies, the City of Columbia desires to authorize the City's Parking Services Division to utilize its program to provide for a temporary alternative payment of parking fines for qualifying parking infractions through the donation of school supplies that are equal to or greater in value to the parking infraction fine, in lieu of the payment of money during the following time period as provided in Columbia City Code 12-19; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina 6th day of August, 2019, that it hereby authorizes the City's Parking Services Division to utilize its Program for Temporary Alternative Payment of Parking Fines within the City of Columbia as determined by the sole discretion of the Parking Services Division based on the following criteria:

1. The temporary alternative payment shall take place during the dates of August 7, 2019 and August 21, 2019, as set by the Parking Services Division.
2. The donations shall be accepted for the duration of August 7, 2019 through August 21, 2019 at the Parking Services Office located at 820 Washington Street, Columbia, South Carolina from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
3. The Parking Services Division shall determine the type of school supplies that will be accepted in lieu of payment of money for parking infractions which are equal to or greater in value to the parking infraction fine.
4. The Parking Services Division shall designate how and where donations will be accepted and shall provide the donor with a receipt for the payment in lieu of the parking infraction.
5. The Parking Services Division shall determine how the donations are to be distributed and shall coordinate the distribution and delivery of the donations through local agencies, schools, church groups, neighborhood organizations, etc. to insure the equal distribution of the donations to the underprivileged children residing throughout the City of Columbia.

Requested by:

Mayor and City Council \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Mayor

Approved by:

  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney

ATTEST:  
  
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City Clerk

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## **Columbia City Council Approves Program Allowing Non-Public Safety Parking Tickets To Be Paid With A School Supply Donation For a Limited Time**

Program Date: 8/7/19 Through 8/21/19

COLUMBIA, S.C. (August 6, 2019) – The Columbia City Council unanimously voted in favor of allowing parking tickets issued between August 7, 2019 and August 21, 2019, to be paid with the donation of school supplies. The school supplies that are taken in by the city through the program will be donated to the organization Ynotu2 to be delivered to families and children across the Midlands.

Only non-public safety citations may be satisfied through this program. Traffic & moving violations including: handicap parking, residential parking permits, parking improperly, parking in a “No Parking” area, parking a bus or taxi zone, double parking, blocking the side walk, loading zones and reserved parking only spaces, are excluded. Those who have a parking infraction that meets the specified qualifications in the City of Columbia can satisfy the ticket by bringing in new, unwrapped school supplies of equal or greater value to their fine to the Parking Services Office at 820 Washington Street from 8:30-5:30pm, Monday-Friday.

School supplies being accepted include:

- Pencils
- Pens
- Erasers
- Index cards
- Dry erase markers
- Copy paper
- Rulers
- Post-it notes
- Scissors
- Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide ruled or college ruled)
- Notebooks (composition or spiral)

For more information, please contact the City of Columbia Parking Services at (803) 545-4015.

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