

## **CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM**

**NO. 2020-01**

**January 2, 2020**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Moore Wolfe

**FROM:** Scot Wrighton, City Manager  
Gregg Zientara, City Treasurer & Director of Finance  
Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel

**RE:** Temporary Fine, Fee and Cost Waiver for traffic and parking violations

Chapter 34 of the City Code sets forth various parking rules, regulations and restrictions for motor vehicles in the City of Decatur. As part of that Code, citations may be issued for violations and additional fines, fees, penalties and costs may be assessed for payment not made or not made in a timely manner.

Through the years, there have been citations that have not been paid. Traditionally, the City has sought enforcement for the worst offenders first which has caused some citations to go unpaid. As part of City Council's budget discussions as to the most efficient and expedient way to collect those citations, the City Council supported the temporary waiving of seeking additional fines, fees, penalties or costs that may be owed pursuant to the City Code for a specific time period.

The accompanying Resolution would place a temporary moratorium on the assessment and collection of fines, fees, penalties and costs that are placed on parking citations issued by the City. This Resolution would be in effect through April 30, 2020. Those issued citations for parking type violations set out in Chapter 34 could pay the original amount of the citation during this temporary moratorium or amnesty period and not incur additional fines, fees, penalties or costs.

City staff recommends approval of this Resolution.