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**To:** Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway, District 2  
**From:** Keith Hutching, Municipal Parking Department Director  
**Date:** April 2, 2025  
**Re:** Responses to 2025-2026 Budget Analysis

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Please find below responses to your questions sent on 3/18/2025, regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget for the Municipal Parking Department

**1. The Municipal Parking Department generates most of its revenue from parking enforcement. What is the collection rate on the parking tickets? What can the Municipal Parking Department do to increase the collection rate?**

The collection life cycle on parking tickets is a multi-year process. The majority of revenue from parking tickets are collected in the same year the tickets are written. Additional revenue from that year's violations is collected in years two through ten. Currently, nearly 60% of the revenue from tickets written in a fiscal year are collected in that year. In years, two through six an additional 15% is collected for approximately 75% of the revenue. Years eight through ten bring in minimal additional amounts. Collection rates have declined in recent years as the State of Michigan eliminated the Driver's License Hold program that required motorists to pay all tickets prior to being able to renew a driver's license. To supplement collection efforts, Municipal Parking plans to enhance its scofflaw program to collect from delinquent accounts by adding staffing to bolster collection efforts.

**2. Parking along Livernois Avenue (The Avenue of Fashion) is always a concern. What is the expiration date of the City of Detroit lease for the New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church parking lot on Livernois between St. Martin and Pembroke? What are the plans for this parking lot? What are the plans for a parking study on Livernois Avenue?**

The lease agreement doesn't end until 2029 leaving negotiation time for a future renewal lease. Sometime late spring, Municipal Parking will reactivate meters to drive patrons to the available free lots relieving parking pressure. This will serve to move business owners from parking at the meters so patrons can support the business and business owners can park for free in the public lots. An initial delay in meter reactivation occurred to ensure sensitivity to the pandemic recovery pressures.



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**3. ARPA funding will end in December 2026. What ARPA funding programs will need general fund support to continue beyond ARPA?**

No Municipal Parking ARPA funded program is in need of General Fund support in FY26.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Keith Hutchings, Director of the Municipal Parking Department

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