

The “fine” situation comes to a head

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(121st in a series of posts on parking)

It may not be the Gunfight at the OK Corral.

But it's important.

And it should be interesting.

Tomorrow Tuesday October 1, 5:30pm, Town Hall, the Council Public Safety Committee (Colon, Negron, Van Wirt) will consider the Bethlehem Parking Authority's proposal to increase their fine/violation \$\$\$ structure.

Followers will remember the conflict between Council and the BPA during the last half of 2018.

We live under the strange, arbitrary, and probably changeable situation in which the Mayor governs meter rates, Council the fines.

The Mayor approved BPA's request to increase meter rates as of January 1, 2019, but Council did not approve their proposal to raise the fines on that date, a contentious process well covered here on Gadfly. Take a look at the [archives](#). (What will future city historians do without the Gadfly archives?)

So, since January 1 the meter rates and the violation rates are severely out of balance.

Tomorrow is the time to straighten things out.

Looks like the issue will come up to full Council immediately after the committee meeting tomorrow because it is an agenda item.

We should think about this.

Prepare by taking a few minutes to review previous Gadfly posts on this specific fine issue.

These posts are in reverse chronological order.

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