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## **For Immediate Release**

# **Parking Enforcement Reminder**

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In June 2017, the Traffic Offenses Procedure Amendment and Validation Act 2015 became effective. In partnership with the Bermuda Police Service, the City of Hamilton embarked on a new, joint initiative that would enforce the payment of parking tickets issued within the City limits. With additional resources in place, the City now has a dedicated input system that records all tickets issued by the traffic wardens on a daily basis.

Tickets issued as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 carry a \$75 penalty; those that are not paid within fourteen days will result in a summons, signed by a magistrate, issued to the registered owner of the offending vehicle resulting in a \$100 penalty. Continued lack of payment will lead to court action that will carry a \$150 penalty. Failure to appear in court will result in a warrant issued for the arrest of the owner of the vehicle.

All tickets issued as of June 1st, 2017 have been and will continue to be input into the system and followed up on; they will not expire.

City of Hamilton Chief Operating Officer, Edward Benevides said, “We have seen a major uptick in the payment of parking tickets since the new legislation was implemented. Gone are the days when someone could throw their parking tickets away with no consequence. Every single ticket that has been issued since June of last year, has been entered into the system. While it may take a bit more time to process the tickets to the point where summons are issued, the public should be aware that every unpaid parking ticket will be followed up on, according to the process in place, and those who don’t pay the fines in a timely fashion can expect additional fees for the summons and potential court appearance.

“Until further legislation can be passed, enforcement of paid parking will continue to be slow but the public is steadily catching on that paying for parking is much less expensive than paying for a ticket.”

The City reminds the public that on-street parking is limited to one-hour, except where otherwise noted, and that the Disabled Bays are only for those motorists that display a valid Disabled Parking Permit.

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