

TO: Village Council and Mayor Brown

FROM: Finance Committee, Rob Bartlett - Chair

RE: Proposed Fee for Overnight Parking Sticker

DATE: August 19, 2020

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 3:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss the possibility of charging for overnight parking stickers. Present at the meeting were Finance Committee Chair Rob Bartlett, Finance Committee Members Joe Stelzer and Kelly Rankin, Mayor Bill Brown and Chief Hines.

Section 79 (B) of the code book states that parking is not allowed on the streets of Mariemont between 1:00am and 6:00am. However, exceptions are available for those who live on certain streets in the village, and also for those who do not have enough room in their garage and/or driveway to accommodate all of their cars. The latter group is required to get an exception from the police and an overnight sticker to put on their car. The exception process is carried out annually, with a new colored sticker issued on January 1 every year.

Chief Hines estimates that we are currently handing out 70-90 stickers a year. We currently do not charge for the stickers and they cost us roughly \$150 a year. The purpose of having the stickers is to ensure that cars that are parked on the street truly belong to residents who live there and they do not belong to someone who is possibly casing the neighborhood. Also, keeping the streets clear makes it easier for the police to monitor what is going on at night and keep our neighborhoods safe.

The Finance Committee is proposing that beginning in 2021, we charge \$100 for each sticker. Searching online, we found that annual overnight parking fees range from \$40 to \$150, with the mean of \$100. Requiring a payment also helps to ensure that those people who request a sticker truly need it. Finally, if in the future, council decides to create a program to incent people to create more off-street parking, this money could be used to help fund that effort.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Bartlett, Chairman

Kelly Rankin, Vice-Chairman

Joe Stelzer, Member