


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Footpath Parking

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 11 December 2023. You requested the following information:

- A month-by-month breakdown since April 2021 for fines handed out by the Council to cars parked on footpaths. Including both the number of tickets issued and total cost of the tickets.
- A list of the top-ten streets for tickets for parking on footpaths, again with total tickets issued and the amount of money they represent, for the same period (since April 2021).

Wellington City Council has granted your request for information.

Background Information

In April 2021, the Council revoked a 2005 enforcement practice that permitted footpath parking anywhere in Wellington, except for the central city and suburban centres, providing at least one metre of footpath space was left free. The revoking of this enforcement practice supports the city's new [Parking Policy](#) which prioritizes the safe, efficient movement of people, active and public transport over private vehicles and introduced a parking space hierarchy to prioritise the use of public road space.

Given how long the enforcement practice had been in place, at the time the Council made the decision to revoke the enforcement practice they also asked that a period be provided to allow for the public to be reminded and educated about the fact that the rule has indeed been revoked and the need therefore for the public to refrain from parking on footpaths. This educational period started at the beginning of November 2021 and focused on raising awareness of this change. Vehicles found parking on the footpath received a flyer detailing this change in enforcement confirming that from 1 February 2022, any vehicle parked illegally on a footpath may be ticketed.

Under the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 [section 6.14](#), parking on footpaths is prohibited and it's important to note that our Parking Officers will still hold a level of discretionary power in line with the Land Transport Act 1998 and can be found in section [128E Powers of parking wardens](#). The powers are permissive (*may*) and not mandatory (*must*) and on this basis our Parking Officers can apply some level of discretion in terms of whether they issue a ticket or warning, and whether they request a vehicle to be towed.

Question 1

The below table provides a month-by-month breakdown of the number of infringements issued to vehicles for parking on a footpath from April 2021 to December 2023 and the value of these infringements issued:

| Year-Month | Footpath Tickets | Infringement Value |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Apr-21 | 137 | \$5,480.00 |
| May-21 | 168 | \$6,720.00 |
| Jun-21 | 131 | \$5,240.00 |
| Jul-21 | 135 | \$5,400.00 |
| Aug-21 | 119 | \$4,760.00 |
| Sep-21 | 119 | \$4,760.00 |
| Oct-21 | 155 | \$6,200.00 |
| Nov-21 | 207 | \$8,280.00 |
| Dec-21 | 132 | \$5,280.00 |
| Jan-22 | 107 | \$4,280.00 |
| Feb-22 | 281 | \$11,240.00 |
| Mar-22 | 145 | \$5,680.00 |
| Apr-22 | 128 | \$5,120.00 |
| May-22 | 161 | \$6,360.00 |
| Jun-22 | 166 | \$6,640.00 |
| Jul-22 | 140 | \$5,520.00 |
| Aug-22 | 173 | \$6,920.00 |
| Sep-22 | 152 | \$6,040.00 |
| Oct-22 | 217 | \$8,680.00 |
| Nov-22 | 207 | \$8,280.00 |
| Dec-22 | 222 | \$8,800.00 |
| Jan-23 | 162 | \$6,480.00 |
| Feb-23 | 174 | \$6,960.00 |
| Mar-23 | 207 | \$8,280.00 |
| Apr-23 | 202 | \$8,080.00 |
| May-23 | 232 | \$9,280.00 |
| Jun-23 | 391 | \$15,600.00 |
| Jul-23 | 295 | \$11,800.00 |
| Aug-23 | 299 | \$11,920.00 |
| Sep-23 | 314 | \$12,520.00 |
| Oct-23 | 276 | \$10,960.00 |
| Nov-23 | 312 | \$12,360.00 |
| Dec-23 | 179 | \$7,120.00 |

Question 2

The below table is a list of the top 10 streets where these infringements were issued. Alongside the streets, this information includes the number of infringements issued to vehicles for parking on a footpath since April 2021 to December 2023 and the value of these infringements:

| Street | Footpath Tickets | Infringement Value |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Victoria Street | 379 | \$15,160.00 |
| Ohiro Road | 185 | \$7,360.00 |
| Kemp Street | 113 | \$4,520.00 |
| Boulcott Street | 107 | \$4,240.00 |
| Devon Street | 99 | \$3,960.00 |
| Taranaki Street | 97 | \$3,880.00 |
| King Street | 77 | \$3,080.00 |
| Lambton Quay | 66 | \$2,640.00 |
| The Terrace | 65 | \$2,600.00 |
| Hanson Street | 59 | \$2,360.00 |

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request,

Kind regards

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Official Information