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Chair & Members
Government Management Committee
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Re: GM 28.6- Grace Periods for Parking Offences

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

Many Torontonians are justifiably confused by the different policies of the Toronto Police Services Parking Enforcement and the City of Toronto with regards to the application of, respectively, a 5 minute operational grace period and a 10 minute administrative cancellation policy.

While recent changes to the City's Parking Ticket Cancellation policy ensures that with proper supporting evidence those who were ticketed within the 10 minute grace period will be cancelled, a more consistent and fair policy would be ensuring that such tickets not be issued in the first place. This would require the Toronto Police Services Parking Enforcement to apply a 10 minute grace period that is consistent with the City of Toronto's administrative policy for cancelling tickets.

I've heard from business owners that often people don't want to return to some of our main streets because they're fearful that if they're in line a little too long at a shop, it's going to cost them a \$30 ticket. It's not worth the risk to some people.

I urge the Committee support the very sound staff recommendations to simplify the grace period policy for Toronto drivers.

Sincerely,



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