ORDINANCE NO.	18-2000

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING A PENALTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: That Chapter 18, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", of the Abilene Municipal Code be amended as set out in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.

PART 2: That if any provisions of any section of this ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, such holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining provisions or sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

PART 3: That any persons, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Each day such violation shall continue or be permitted to continue, shall be deemed a separate offense. Said Ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective ten (10) days after its publication in the newspaper, as provided by Section 19 of the Charter of the City of Abilene.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 13th day of April , A.D., 2000.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 25th day of May, A.D., 2000.

ATTEST:

City Secretary

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APPROVED

City Attorney

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EXHIBIT A

Amend Section 18-61. Fines and Fees, to replace current paragraph (b) with the new paragraph (b) as follows:

(b) Unless higher amounts are required by state law or a lesser amount is determined by the hearing officer or municipal court clerk or so designated deputy, the minimum fines for parking violations shall be as follows:

(1)	Exceeding posted time limit, first offense within a thirty-day period	\$	5.00
(2)	Exceeding posted time limit, second offense within a thirty-day period	\$	25.00
(3)	Exceeding posted time limit, third offense within a thirty-day period	\$	50.00
(4)	Exceeding posted time limit, fourth offense and all subsequent offenses within a thirty-day period	\$ 1	00.00
(5)	On an expired meter	\$	5.00
(6)	In a designated disabled, or handicap space	\$ 2	250.00
(7)	All other parking violations	\$	20.00

Any person to whom a parking citation has been issued shall have ten (10) days from the date of issuance of said citation in which to answer the charges in a manner specified on the citation. Any citation which remains unanswered after ten (10) days shall be deemed to be delinquent and the minimum fine amount shall become twice the amount specified above.