



City Manager's

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Thursday, May 28, 2020

City Manager Dee Williams-Ridley provided this update on the City of Berkeley's COVID-19 response to the City Council. The reports, which are issued most weekdays, can be viewed at cityofberkeley.info/covid19-city-manager-updates.

Meters at \$0.50 an hour on June 1

Our demand-based pricing for meters gives us flexibility in boom times and in a pandemic.

Starting June 1, we will start pricing meters at 50 cents an hour in all areas as a way to encourage turnover. We know businesses are struggling. They need customers. At the same time, we also know that some drivers have chosen to park in front of meters for extended periods of time.

We sent out a [community message today announcing this change](#). With this first signal, we'll see how that impacts parking and we'll adjust pricing and potentially times as well.

When demand to drive downtown has been high, we've used our demand-based pricing known as goBerkeley to increase rates in the highest demand areas, such as near Center and Shattuck, while lowering rates and extending time limits in lower demand areas, such as Shattuck near Dwight.

This has increased the availability of parking spaces and reduced circling for driving -- which cuts down on congestion and related greenhouse gases.

We are continuing to enforce public safety-related violations, including red curbs, fire hydrants, disabled parking blue zones, street sweeping, yellow zones in commercial areas and double parking.

For now, we will continue to not issue citations for parking violations that do not have public safety impacts, including residential permit parking, school zones, time limits, and parking meters.

Candidate Petitions During Pandemic

This November's election will be unlike any other, from how candidates run for office to how voters cast ballots. It also will include elements such as how candidates can collect signatures from registered voters to offset campaign filing fees.



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We put out a community message today explaining how [candidates can work with the Clerk Department to obtain petitions and meet with staff while using protocols to limit spread of COVID-19](#).

Resources

Traffic safety benefits as people stay home

The California Highway Patrol reports that the [number of incidents on California's roadways continue to decline](#) as people are staying home during the pandemic.

While some numbers are down (crashes down by 75%; deaths by 88%, injuries by 62%), CHP notes an increase of 46% in citations for speeding 100+ miles per hour. As we move into the next phases of reopening, we need everyone to slow down, pay attention to the road, and drive sober.

Alameda County Resource: Online marriages and virtual ceremonies

Important life events continue during shelter-in-place. The Alameda County Clerk-Recorder's office is issuing online marriage licenses and [performing marriage ceremonies virtually](#). Interested couples can begin the process by emailing CROCustomerService@acgov.org. Domestic partnership registration is also available by mail through the [State of California](#).