

Press information



Make Parking Violation Fines More Expensive, Sir Minister of Transportation! Petition launched

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Berlin, 24.11.2014. On Nov. 28th the Bundesrat (Federal Council of Germany) will make a landmark decision regarding raising the fines for taking a free ride on the public transport system. As well the fines for parking in the bike lane and on the sidewalks shall be increased to 80€, for double parking to 100€ and for illegal parking in handicapped spaces to 130€. The goal of the petition campaign started today is to influence the Minister of Transportation to bring that to legislation. Here is the petition text:

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Correct your Monetary Fine Catalog Mr. Dobrindt to assure that considerate behavior, safety and environmentally friendly mobility on the road are standard measures. Make fines for three parking violations more expensive!

Increase these fines for violation of parking regulations on the European Union level. Germany is at the bottom of the league and 75% below the European average. No other country invites more to such inconsideration!

Take advantage of the opportunity: Don't just make taking a free ride on the public transportation system more expensive*: Increase the fines for parking in the bike lane and on the sidewalks to 80 €, for double parking to 100€ and for illegal parking in handicapped spaces to 130€.

Introduce the deduction of one demerit point from the drivers' licenses of notorious parking violators to be recorded by the Department of Transportation Office in Flensburg. Parking violations endanger and impede others. They should not remain a trivial offense!

For a better and safer partnership on our roads:

Sir Minister, Adjust your Monetary Fine Catalog Regulations now! (#BKatV)

Rationale

Illegal parking is on the rise. The regulatory agencies and the police do too little. Parking violators ensure that kids, strollers and wheel chairs have to sidestep cars illegally parked on the sidewalks and divert to the street and back again. They block intersections and hinder trash collection, the fire department and ambulances. They obstruct bus stops and cause delays. Double parkers produce dangerous situations and traffic jams that force bike riders as well as bus and car drivers to make dangerous swerving maneuvers.

Parking illegally and the occasion ticket for 20 € are for many far more attractive than paying for a ticket to park and behaving as a responsible citizen. If a parking violator in Germany is only caught an average of 1.5 times a year, parking violation charges translate to an average cost of 15

cents per workday. This stands in no relation to the amount of 1,20 € paid for an hour parking ticket or to the price of 2,40 € for a single bus or train fare.

The few stubborn and inconsiderate parking violators unproportionally hinder and jeopardize the mobility of the majority. Now, the majority is calling clearly for more vigorous action against parking violators.

On the 28th of November, 2014, the Bundesrat (Federal Council of Germany) will make a landmark decision regarding raising the fines for taking a free ride on public transportation from 40 € to 60 €. In August 2014, a Federal State Work Group began reviewing the Monetary Fine Catalog Regulations (BKatV) in confidential circles.

With our Petition, we want to win these ladies and gentlemen on our side and convince them to bring increasing parking fines to legislation at the European Union level. If changes in the Catalog are not made now, nothing will happen anymore for many years to come!

Therefore, activate: Sign our Petition now!

Our detailed plea with all the facts, arguments and sources can be found here: www.clevere-staedte.de/zuparken-teurer-machen.

We would be very grateful if you email this petition to your friends, relatives and acquaintances or share it on your social networks. Tweet us at the hashtag #BKatV.

120,000 signatures are a lot, but you can help so we do it! This will enable us to provide for greater consideration and safety in traffic.

**Therefore, activate: Spread the word.
Convince more women and men to sign.**

The collected signatures together with our plea will be given to our Federal Transport Minister Alexander Dobrindt. The signatures will be destroyed thereafter.

Thank you for your support!

Yours,
Heinrich Strößenreuther
Initiative for Smarter Cities

Find the whole petition here (in German language):

www.openpetition.de/petition/online/machen-sie-das-zuparken-teurer-herr-verkehrsminister

Find all arguments, facts and figures in our plea:

www.clevere-staedte.de/zuparken-teurer-machen

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