

Parking Policy & Enforcement - Coach Parking Charges & Emissions based Charging

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COACH PARKING:

The Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020 made provision under section 9 (1) to enable Dublin City Council seek a fee for the parking of coaches / buses in the designated coach parking areas around the city. Due to the Covid – 19 Pandemic in 2020 the implementation of this charge was suspended as it was felt that it was not an appropriate time to introduce such a charge. A similar view was taken for 2021 and 2022.

With the lifting of Covid – 19 restrictions in 2022, and as people return to the city for work and to enjoy the many attractions, Dublin City Council feel that it is an appropriate time to commence seeking the agreed fee for those users who occupy the limited coach parking areas around the city.

Dublin City Council propose to commence this charging from Monday 3rd April 2023, the fee is currently set at €9 per hour. Coaches may park up to a maximum of two (2) hours in any one location. The hours of operation will be 07:00 – 19:00 Monday to Sunday.

Commencement

Dublin City Council will now write to each of the registered coach operators advising them of the fee introduction on the 3rd April 2023, also advising of the designated coach parking areas, as well as the location of the NTA Coach Park. With the turnover of coaches using the designated areas Dublin City Council envisage an overall increase in the number of visitors who will be able to enjoy all the city has to offer.

EMISSIONS BASED CHARGING:

With respect to the introduction of Emissions based parking charges which Dublin City Council have committed to under the Climate Action Plan, I can report that having had some preliminary discussions with Payzone, the cashless payment operator, that it appears that it is technically feasible.

Some further development discussions will be taking place over the coming weeks to outline the charging model, the proposed rates and what will be required from the current technology. The rates which will be proposed will need to be included in the next Parking Control Bye-Laws review which will be undertaken in 2023. A draft of the proposed Parking Control Bye-Laws will be presented to the SPC and then opened to public consultation allowing input from the elected representatives and the wider public.

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