

\$50 fines coming to Calgary park-and-riders who back into stalls

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Commuters walk to their cars in a Calgary parking lot

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CALGARY- The Calgary Parking Authority will put up new signs Friday warning commuters that backing into park and ride stalls will result in a \$50 ticket.

This week — to the ire of some parking in the lots — the agency began issuing tickets to those who don't pull into stalls with their licence plates facing out.

With the new park plus system, plates must be visible so the parking authority's vehicle can drive by and determine whether the driver has paid.

Dale Fraser, general manager of the parking authority, said notice of the directional requirement has been posted since Calgary Transit began charging a controversial daily \$3 fee at park and ride lots last spring, albeit as part of a longer list of conditions on a sign by the entrance.

However, after a rash of complaints Fraser said bigger, temporary signs will go up Friday.

The 449 people who received tickets this week will still be responsible for paying them. The \$50 fine drops to \$40 if paid within 21 days.

Fraser said warning flyers were placed on windshields of offenders at park and ride lots last month, warning them that the parking authority would begin issuing tickets this week.

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