

Payment of Parking Tickets:

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, all parking violations must be paid within 21 days of issue. Parking tickets can be paid in person at the Dalton Police Department or mailed to the—
Dalton Police Department

Parking Clerk
462 Main Street
Dalton MA 01226.

You may pay by check or money order payable to the Town of Dalton. No cash will be accepted. Payments received after 21 days may be subject to a \$5 late payment fee.

Lost Parking Ticket:

If you lost a ticket needing to be paid a copy can be obtained by calling 413-684-0300 or in person at the Dalton Police Department.

Appeals/Hearings:

All requests for an appeal/hearing must be submitted in writing within 21 days of issue. The Form can be obtained at the Dalton Police Department or online at <http://www.dalton-ma.gov/> under Town Services, Police Department. Please submit the ticket with the request for appeal/hearing in an envelope and return within 21 days of issue. Any requests for appeal/hearing received after the 21 day period may be denied. Requests for appeal/hearing received within 21 days of issue will not be subject to the \$5 late fee.

If you need to submit additional supporting documents (maps, drawings, photos, etc.) you may send them in a separate email to rwhitaker@dalton-ma.gov and reference the ticket number you have appealed.

Your written request for an appeal/hearing should state your case clearly and concisely as to why you believe that you should not be held accountable for the parking ticket received. All written appeals or in person hearings will be reviewed by the Traffic Commission's appeal board. Advance notice to appear at a traffic commission hearing will be given. Traffic Commission meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of the Month and start promptly at 3:00 PM in the Crane Room in the Dalton Town Hall. There are times meeting will be called at the convenience of the Traffic Commission Chairperson.

It is not required that the applicant appear in person at the time of the appeal/hearing review but the review will begin on time whether the applicant is present or not. The findings and disposition of the hearing shall be final and will be mailed to the applicant with a determination that the appeal was approved and the payment waived or the appeal was denied with notice of when the payment is due.

The Following **DO NOT** constitute valid reasons for dismissing a ticket:

- You did not see the NO PARKING sign
- You did not know that parking was restricted in that area
- You were only there a short time
- You have never been ticketed for this violation before in that area
- You think the fine is too high
- There were no other places to park

Judicial Review:

Please be advised of your right to judicial review from this decision of the appeal board at Superior Court in Pittsfield in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 14.

List of parking fines:

1. Parking within an intersection	\$25
2. Parking in a Fire Lane	\$25
3. Parking within 5 feet of a fire hydrant	\$25
4. Parking so as to obstruct traffic	\$25
5. Parking so as to obstruct driveway or private way	\$15
6. Parking in a Handicapped Area	\$50
7. Parking in a prohibited area	\$10
8. Parking on a crosswalk/sidewalk	\$15
9. Parking within fifteen feet of an intersection	\$10
10. Parking in a bus stop/taxi stand	\$15
11. Parking in the wrong direction	\$10
12. Parking on a tree line	\$10
13. Double parking	\$15
14. Parking not leaving ten feet of unobstructed lane	\$10
15. Parking all night when restricted	\$10
16. Parking over twelve inches from a curb	\$10
17. Parking outside a designated space	\$10
18. Impeding Snow Removal	\$10
19. Parking overtime in restricted area	\$10
20. Any other violation of Town By-Law	\$10