



Handy gadget: Hakim (with red sash) looking at a summons printed from the handheld device. Flanking him are City Hall director-general Datuk Salleh Yusup (left) and Enforcement Department director Roolan Abd Rahman (right).

City Hall ups fines for traffic offences

Mayor also launches handheld device for issuing summonses

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MOTORISTS in the city will now have to pay more if they are caught violating the Kuala Lumpur traffic bylaws.

Static fines for offences including illegal parking, traffic obstruction and not displaying parking ticket for cars which were previously set at RM30 have now been increased to RM100.

The new compound was announced by Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Hakim Borhan during the 38th anniversary celebration of the City Hall's enforcement department.

"The directive came from the Cabinet and we are implementing it with immediate effect. This is to curb road users from committing traffic violations and for them to start taking the fines seriously," the mayor said.

Static fines for motorcycles have also been increased from RM10 to RM100 and from RM50 to RM200 for heavy vehicles. From January 2007 to August, the local authority has issued a total of 513,805 summonses.

The mayor also announced that plans are under way to allocate more parking bays all over the city especially in areas like Desa Sri Hartamas.

"Individual land owners can use their land as parking spaces and charge a reasonable fee for it if the plot of land has not been identified for development plans. We also welcome feedback from residents associations when we plan the parking bays allocation," he said.

At the same event, the mayor also launched new handheld devices for enforcement officers



Smartly clad: Hakim inspecting the enforcement officers' guard of honour during the anniversary celebration parade.

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to speed up the summoning process.

Thirty new handheld devices were given to the enforcement department while a processing station has been opened at the City Hall's operations centre in Jalan Tun Razak.

The handheld devices allow officers to key in details of the

offence and to print out the compound immediately. When in wireless access area, the data will be updated on the spot back at the processing centre.

City Hall officers issue on average of 90 over summonses a day when out on duty.

"At the end of every day, the officers will return the devices

back to the processing centre where all data will be updated and crosschecked. It is easier and more efficient than the current manual system and we hope that this will speed up the summoning process," the mayor said.

This will also allow offenders to pay their summonses on the same day and to speed up the appeal process when necessary.

The anniversary celebration of the enforcement department saw the mayor awarding several outstanding officers with the award of Pingat Terpilih Kelas 1, 2, 3 and Pingat Bakri.

The celebration is held in September every year in appreciation of the department's service to the city.