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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-02967

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Parking Rules and Regulations

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answer to your question is as follows:

Question

I was wondering would it be possible to gain access to a full document which has all the rules and regulations relating to parking. The reason for this is because I have recently been issued a fine for a parking crime which I was not aware of and would like to have the knowledge of when I am breaking the law and when I am complying with it. If this is already available on the internet a link would suffice but I can't find anything.

Answer

The majority of parking offences are now under the remit of Road Service. The Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 refers. Please see link below. To have a comprehensive list of offences contact would need to be made with the Road Service.

http://www.roadsni.gov.uk/index/parking_enforcement/parking_enforcement-restrictions_and_enforcement_.htm

PSNI do still carry out some parking enforcement on:

- Parking within 15 metres of a junction
- Parking so as to obstruct access to premises
- Wrongful use of a disabled person's badge
- Parking HGV unlawfully (verge, footway, central reservation)

Following the link below will take you to the PSNI web page on fixed penalties.

http://www.psni.police.uk/index/advice-and-legislation/roads_and_driving/advice_penalty_notices/fixed_penalty_offence_codes.htm

The Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 may be of some assistance to you.

If your parking ticket is in relation to Blue Badge Scheme information on the Road Service web page is also available.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.