

## Note on road user charges

### PARKING CHARGES

Ever since the inception of KV, our Association had been pondering of levying Parking Charges in respect of vehicles which are parked in the open space of KV. It is understood that there were some (probably legal) objections at that time and successive committees could not implement the same due to various reasons. A detailed study of this aspect of parking charges indicate that using the available space in KV for parking may create legal problems, as the entire open space available constitute the undivided share of the owners and we may not be able to allocate the parking space to individuals for parking their vehicles. When we are not able to allot the dedicated parking slots, it is unfair to levy any parking charges. Therefore it is not possible to levy any parking charges in respect of vehicles parked in the open.

### ROAD USER CHARGES

It may be recalled that during 2008, the internal roads of KV were asphalted at an expenditure of Rs. 16.0 lakhs (appx) since it was in a bad shape. The roads in KV are already showing signs of wear and tear due to the heavy traffic and at this rate our internal roads will get damaged completely by 2015/2016 and we may have to go in for re-surfacing at that time. Needless to say, that it may cost Rs.30.0 lakhs or so at the present level of inflation. It is better that we plan for the same now itself and evolve a scheme so that every year we build a fund of approximately 5.0 to 6.0 lakhs. The internal roads in KV is private in nature- exclusively owned by the owners as undivided share- and as such the same will not be maintained by the municipal administration.

In this connection it is pointed out that nearly 180 resident owners, and 410 tenants are actually using the internal roads. Most of the tenants might be leaving our complex by then (2015/ 2016), even though they do use our roads practically free of cost. It is not fair to collect another fund (like LTRIF), at that time from the owners-especially from non resident owners- towards resurfacing cost of the roads. From our past experience, the idea of raising large sums ( like LTRIF, KV PROJECT etc) at one go, does not seem to be sound.

It may be appreciated that the Road User Charges are in the nature of actual user charges and those not using with four or two wheelers will not be affected. Further we need to note that there is large majority of tenants who make use of the road facilities and there is some measure of turnover of the tenants and the idea was that those who use the road should contribute towards its upkeep and maintenance.

Therefore it has been decided by the MC to levy a small amount as road user charges from the actual user of the road just to cover the anticipated expenditure of Rs.30.0 lakhs in 2015 /2016 @ 5 or 6 lakhs per annum. This amount will be exclusively used only to maintain the roads, and storm water drains (which forms part of the road in many places in KV). We propose to levy a monthly fee as under:

(in Rs per month )

Type of vehicle	Resident Owners	Tenants
Four Wheelers	70	100
Two Wheelers	30	40
Commercial vehicles such as those used by Vegetable shop or provision shop		500 per month
Milk Vendor or those bringing bottled water		200 per month
The heavy Vehicles transporting house hold goods in or out of the Complex		will be charged Rs 1500/- per trip

With the above tariff it is anticipated that we may be able to raise Rs. 6/- lakhs per annum. Members are requested to offer their comments /views on the above subject.

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