
Tipperary County Council Approves Countywide Parking Bye-Laws 2026

Tipperary County Council has approved the Parking Bye-Laws 2026 at a meeting of the Council held on 13 July 2026, marking a significant milestone in the final stage of policy harmonisation following the merger of North and South Tipperary local authorities in 2014. The bye-laws will provide greater equity and consistency in parking arrangements across the county, including the introduction of a 20-minute free parking period for the first time countywide. This measure will encourage a quicker turnover of parking spaces, improving availability for customers and supporting local businesses, while ensuring that the average parking charge across the county remains static.

The approved bye-laws bring together several separate parking bye-laws that have remained in operation across the county, creating for the first time a single, consistent parking framework for the nine towns where parking charges apply. This countywide approach ensures that parking spaces are subject to similar charges, permit arrangements and operational rules across county Tipperary. The harmonised framework was informed by an extensive public consultation process, during which submissions were received from residents, businesses, community groups, chambers of commerce and elected representatives. The approved bye-laws will support town centre activity, creating a more unified approach to parking for residents, visitors and businesses throughout the county.

Tipperary County Council emphasises that the purpose of this parking policy is not to generate additional income, but rather to manage parking effectively, improve the turnover of prime town centre spaces and

encourage greater utilisation of existing parking infrastructure. Key measures include a formal 20-minute free parking period, standardised and reduced charging times, a countywide permit system and a range of parking products designed to meet differing local needs. Off-street parking will be available at a lower cost than equivalent on-street parking to encourage use of available parking spaces.

A key component of the approved package is the development of a parallel scheme to return a proportion of parking income to each of the nine towns where parking charges apply. Funding generated in each town will be reinvested locally in town centre enhancement and improvement projects, ensuring that local businesses and communities directly benefit from revenue generated within their own towns. The returned revenue scheme will be progressed in tandem with the implementation of the new bye-laws.

Welcoming approval of the bye-laws, Fiona Bonfield, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, said:

“The approval of the Parking Bye-Laws 2026 represents the successful completion of a significant harmonisation process that has been outstanding since the amalgamation of North and South Tipperary local authorities in 2014. The introduction of a single countywide framework will bring consistency, equity and clarity for motorists, businesses and communities across Tipperary. I welcome the support of the elected members for these important proposals and look forward to the benefits that a fair, modern and balanced parking system will bring to towns throughout the county.”

Sineád Carr, Chief Executive of Tipperary County Council, acknowledged the extensive work undertaken to develop the proposals and the strong engagement of elected members throughout the process.

“This represents the culmination of extensive analysis, consultation and collaboration aimed at creating a modern, harmonised parking framework

for county Tipperary. I would like to thank the elected members for their constructive engagement and support in bringing this final harmonisation policy to approval. These new bye-laws provide a clear framework that supports town centre vitality while delivering consistency across the county. The parallel proposal to return parking income directly to the towns further demonstrates the Council's commitment to reinvesting in local communities and supporting town centre development".

The bye-laws include enhanced accessibility measures, including the continued provision of Disabled Persons Parking Bays and free parking for Disabled Parking Permit holders in ticket parking locations, subject to applicable time restrictions. Improved signage, communication and modern payment systems, including contactless and e-Parking options, will form part of the wider modernisation programme.

Subject to implementation arrangements, the new countywide Tipperary County Council Parking Bye-Laws are due to come into effect during the first quarter of 2027.