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## Parking rate hike deferred

Parking rates in North and South Delhi will increase from November 1, but charges in East Delhi will stay put at Rs.10 for cars and Rs.7 for two-wheelers for now.

The East Delhi Municipal Corporation's Standing Committee on Thursday postponed a proposal to hike car parking charges to Rs.20 for the first hour and Rs.50 for up to three hours. The North and South Delhi municipal corporations, however, have notified the increase in rates from November 1, Saturday. The new rates in North Delhi will be Rs.20 for the first hour and Rs.10 for each subsequent hour for cars. In South Delhi, the car parking charges will be Rs.20 per hour, with a cap of Rs.100 per day.

EDMC Leader of the House Ram Narayan Dubey said: "The North and South civic bodies have different rates. So we want to discuss the issue with officials of both corporations as well as our party's State leadership to make the confusion less." Mr. Dubey added that the EDMC leadership would meet Delhi BJP president Satish Upadhyay and officers of the North and

South civic bodies on Friday. The final proposal will be brought before the Standing Committee before being sent to the House on November 17.