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CITY OF NEWPORT
ORDINANCE
OF THE
COUNCIL
NO. 2025-31

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 1 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, REVISION OF 1994, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED, "GENERAL PROVISIONS."

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Newport:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1.14 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newport, RI, Revision of 1994, as amended, entitled, "Specific Penalties for Certain Violations," is hereby further amended as follows:

**1.14.170. Violation of Chapter 10.12, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC-
ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.**

- A. Parking Violations. Pursuant to Section 12-14-2 of the General Laws, all overtime parking in a parking zone shall carry a minimum penalty of ~~forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ **sixty dollars (\$60.00)** for each violation. All other violations of parking ordinances ~~of the city in Chapter 10.12~~ shall be punishable by a fine of not less than ~~forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ **sixty dollars (\$60.00)** for each violation. Such fines may be paid by mail within thirty (30) days of issuance. If such fines are not paid by mail within thirty (30) days, such fines shall double. Owners of vehicles with accumulated parking fines and penalties of ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ **one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)** or more may have their vehicles towed, at the owner's expense, to a designated impound lot, or otherwise seized, such as by use of the so-called Denver Boot, pending the payment of outstanding fines and penalties. Any vehicle which has been seized by means of the so-called Denver Boot, or the like, for which the fines have not been paid and the "boot" removed shall be immediately towed to an impound lot, at the owner's expense, after the passage of forty-eight (48) hours. In all respects the provisions of Section 12-14-2 of the General Laws shall prevail. The offender shall be brought before the municipal court of the city for disposition of the matter. The owner of any vehicle which is booted shall pay a ~~fifty-dollar (\$50.00)~~ **one-hundred dollar (\$100.00)** fee for the removal of the boot prior to towing.
- B. A violation of the handicapped parking regulations **in Chapter 10.12.060E**, shall be subject to a fine of not less than **one**

~~hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ one hundred fifty (\$150.00), in accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws.

- C. Other Violations. Whoever violates or fails to comply with any other provision of title ten, for which no specific penalty is provided, shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 1.12.

SECTION 2. Chapter 1.14.180 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newport, Revision of 1994, as amended, entitled "Violation of Chapter 10.20, Parking Generally" is hereby further amended as follows:

DELETE SECTION 1.14.180 IN ITS ENTIRETY:

~~1.14.180. Violation of Chapter 10.20, PARKING GENERALLY.~~

- ~~A. Whoever violates Section 10.20.140, Parking boat trailers, shall be fined forty dollars (\$40.00) per violation.~~
- ~~B. Whoever violates Section 10.20.160, Unregistered and junk vehicles, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and/or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days or both.~~
- ~~C. A parking meter violation shall result in a minimum fine of forty dollars (\$40.00).~~
- ~~D. Payment of fines shall be subject to the provisions of Section 10.12.100A of the city code.~~
- ~~E. No person shall use a fishing vehicle parking permit to park in an area where parking is restricted or prohibited, unless such area has met the provisions of Section 10.20.230.~~
- ~~F. No person shall use a fishing vehicle parking permit in a manner contrary to the provisions of this chapter.~~
- ~~G. Whoever violates Section 10.20.220 shall be fined forty dollars (\$40.00), and be subject to possible revocation of such fishing vehicle parking permit.~~
- ~~H. Violations of all other sections of this chapter shall be subject to the imposition of a sentence or fine, not to exceed the maximum allowable in Newport municipal court.~~

ADD IN LIEU THEREOF THE FOLLOWING:

1.14.180. Violation of Chapter 10.20, PARKING GENERALLY.

- A. Parking Violations. Except if stated otherwise in this section, all violations of Chapter 10.20 shall be punishable by a fine of not less than sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each violation. Such fines may be paid by mail within thirty (30) days of issuance. If such fines are not paid by mail within thirty (30) days, such fines shall double. Owners of vehicles with accumulated parking fines and penalties of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) or more may have their

vehicles towed, at the owner's expense, to a designated impound lot, or otherwise seized, such as by use of the so-called Denver Boot, pending the payment of outstanding fines and penalties. Any vehicle which has been seized by means of the so-called Denver Boot, or the like, for which the fines have not been paid and the "boot" removed shall be immediately towed to an impound lot, at the owner's expense, after the passage of forty-eight (48) hours. The offender shall be brought before the municipal court of the city for disposition of the matter. The owner of any vehicle which is booted shall pay a one-hundred dollar (\$100.00) fee for the removal of the boot prior to towing.

- B. Whoever violates Section 10.20.120(A)(4), parking within eight feet of a fire hydrant, shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation.
- C. Whoever violates Section 10.20.130, Snow removal, shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation, in addition to any costs incurred for being towed to a place of storage at the owner's expense.
- D. Whoever violates Section 10.20.160, Unregistered and junk vehicles, shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and/or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days or both.
- E. Whoever violates Section 10.20.170(C)(1), parking on all fire lanes designated pursuant to Section 8.08.140, shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation, in addition to any costs incurred for being towed to a place of storage at the owner's expense.
- F. A parking meter violation shall result in a minimum fine of sixty dollars (\$60.00).
- G. No person shall use a fishing vehicle parking permit to park in an area where parking is restricted or prohibited, unless such area has met the provisions of Section 10.20.230.
- H. No person shall use a fishing vehicle parking permit in a manner contrary to the provisions of this chapter.
- I. Whoever violates Section 10.20.220 shall be fined sixty dollars (\$60.00), and be subject to possible revocation of such fishing vehicle parking permit.
- J. Violations of all other sections of this chapter shall be subject to the imposition of a sentence or fine, not to exceed the maximum allowable in Newport municipal court.

SECTION 3. Chapter 1.14.190 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newport, Revision of 1994, as amended, entitled "Violation of Chapter 10.32, Residential Parking Program" is hereby further amended as follows:

1.14.190. Violation of Chapter 10.32, RESIDENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM.

- A. No person shall park a vehicle in violation of the residential parking provisions established in this chapter.
- B. No person shall use a residential parking permit, visitor pass, fleet pass or tenant pass in a manner contrary to any provisions of this chapter.
- C. Violations of the provisions of Chapter 10.32, residential parking program, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Newport Municipal Court and the penalties provided in Chapter 1.12.

DELETE PARAGRAPH D IN ITS ENTIRETY

~~**D. Whoever violates subsection A of this section shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00).**~~

ADD IN LIEU THEREOF THE FOLLOWING

- D. Whoever violates subsection A of this section shall be fined seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). Such fines may be paid by mail within thirty (30) days of issuance. If such fines are not paid by mail within thirty (30) days, such fines shall double. Owners of vehicles with accumulated parking fines and penalties of one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) or more may have their vehicles towed, at the owner's expense, to a designated impound lot, or otherwise seized, such as by use of the so-called Denver Boot, pending the payment of outstanding fines and penalties. Any vehicle which has been seized by means of the so-called Denver Boot, or the like, for which the fines have not been paid and the "boot" removed shall be immediately towed to an impound lot, at the owner's expense, after the passage of forty-eight (48) hours. The offender shall be brought before the municipal court of the city for disposition of the matter. The owner of any vehicle which is booted shall pay a one hundred-dollar (\$100.00) fee for the removal of the boot prior to towing.
- E. Violations of all other provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 1.12.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

IN COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED
APRIL 23, 2025

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laura C. Swistak, CMC", written over a horizontal line.

Laura C. Swistak, CMC
City Clerk