

CITY OF NEWPORT

ORDINANCE

OF THE

COUNCIL

No. 2026-07

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 10 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, REVISION OF 1994, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED, "VEHICLES & TRAFFIC":

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Newport:

SECTION 1. Chapter 10.32 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newport, RI, Revision of 1994, as amended, entitled, "RESIDENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM" is hereby further amended, as follows:

DELETE SECTION 10.32.020 IN ITS ENTIRETY

10.32.020. Definitions.

~~As used in this chapter:~~

~~"Designated commercial parking street" means a street or portion thereof within a residential parking district that is primarily abutted by commercial or business properties and uses. No designated commercial parking street shall be considered for inclusion in this chapter as a residential parking street.~~

~~" Dwelling unit " means a unit of living area arranged, intended or designed to be occupied by a family or group of not more than five unrelated individuals living together as a single housekeeping unit.~~

~~"Resident" means any person, at least eighteen (18) years of age, who lives, resides or pays real property taxes to the city on real estate or on a structure approved for residential occupancy, and who or which is the owner of such structure or a tenant therein, or who or which can demonstrate some other indication of exclusive right of occupancy such as a utility bill, voter registration, bank statement, military orders or vehicle registration. For the purposes of this chapter, tenancy shall refer only to a formal lease of seven months' duration or longer but shall not apply to active duty military.~~

~~"Residential parking district" means a contiguous or nearly contiguous area containing public highways or parts thereof, primarily abutted by residential property or residential and nonbusiness property, such as schools, parks, churches, hospitals or nursing homes. Residential parking districts are enumerated in Section 10.32.100.~~

~~"Residential parking street" means a street or portion thereof within a residential parking district where curbside parking is limited to vehicles properly displaying a residential parking permit authorized by this chapter. Designated streets will be enumerated in this chapter, as amended from time to time by the procedure provided for herein.~~

ADD IN LIEU THEREOF THE FOLLOWING:

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"Dwelling Unit" means a structure or portion of a structure providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation and containing a separate means of ingress and egress.

A dwelling unit shall not independently confer Resident status or permit eligibility except as expressly provided.

"Eligibility Proof" means information and documentation required to establish eligibility for permits or passes issued pursuant to this chapter.

"Household" means one or more persons living together in a single dwelling unit, with common access to, and common use of, all living and eating areas and all areas and facilities for the preparation and storage of food within the dwelling unit. The term "household unit" shall be synonymous with the term "dwelling unit" for determining the number of such units allowed within any structure on any lot in a zoning district. An individual household shall consist of any one of the following:

1. A family, which may also include servants and employees living with the family; or

2. A person or group of unrelated persons living together. The maximum number may be set by local ordinance, but this maximum shall not be less than one person per bedroom and shall not exceed five unrelated persons per dwelling. The maximum number shall not apply to NARR-certified recovery residences.

"Resident" means an individual who falls into Resident Parking Class 1 (R1) or Resident Parking Class 2 (R2).

Resident Parking Class 1(R1) includes an individual residing in a dwelling unit located in the City of Newport which serves as their primary residence, or an active-duty military member residing in the City of Newport pursuant to official orders. Primary residence for purpose of qualification under Resident Parking Class 1 (R1) means the residence where the individual resides for the majority of the year but not less than seven (7) months but does not include residences under a rental agreement for less than one (1) year.

Resident Parking Class 2 (R2) includes tenants with rental agreements for residential properties seven (7) months but less than one (1) year and non-resident residential property owners. A non-resident residential property owner is an individual not included in Resident Parking Class 1 (R1), an individual member of a limited liability company or individual trustee(s) or beneficiaries of a trust which owns residential property in the City of Newport.

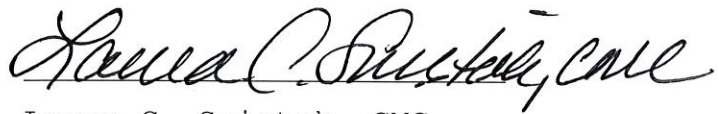
Resident Class includes Resident Parking Class 1 (R1) or Resident Parking Class 2 (R2).

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SECTION 2. 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
MARCH 25, 2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura C. Swistak, CMC". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Laura C. Swistak, CMC
City Clerk