

**ORDINANCE NUMBER _____ SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDING CHAPTER 231, ARTICLE I,
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS,
SECTION 231-7, PARKING VIOLATION PENALTIES,
TO PROVIDE FOR NEW FINES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS**

WHEREAS, Chapter § 231 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of Ordinances contains general provisions concerning vehicles and parking; and

WHEREAS, the City's administrative costs in administering the vehicle and traffic enforcement program has significantly increased; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Stamford to increase the fees for vehicle and parking violations to cover the higher costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Section 231-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stamford is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 231-7. Parking violation penalties.

A. Penalties for violations of this Article are as follows:

- (1) A fine of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for parking meter violations or for overtime parking where posted.
- (2) A fine of ~~forty-five~~ dollars ~~(\$40.00)~~ ~~(\$50.00)~~ for a violation of any Class II parking regulation.
- (3) A fine of ~~sixty~~ seventy dollars ~~(\$60.00)~~ ~~(\$70.00)~~ for any violation of a Class III parking regulation.
- (4) A fine of ~~ninety-five~~ one hundred dollars ~~(\$95.00)~~ ~~(\$100.00)~~ for any violation of a Class IV parking regulation, except that parking in a handicapped space, marked in accordance with state law, without a permit shall be subject to a fine of ~~one hundred fifty dollars~~ ~~(\$150.00)~~ one hundred and seventy five dollars (\$175.00).

B. The aforementioned fines shall apply if payment is made to the Parking Violations Office within thirty (30) days of the date of the violation. Payment is deemed to be made on the date that it is received by the Parking Violations Office.

C. Delinquent penalties. Parking citations shall be considered delinquent if they are not paid or appealed within thirty (30) days of their issuance. If the original fine is not paid or appealed within said thirty-day period, an additional penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be added. If the original fine and the penalty assessed after thirty (30) days is not paid or appealed within thirty days from the first penalty, an additional twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be added.

D. Delinquent notice required. The traffic authority shall send notice to the registered owner of any vehicles against which delinquent citations are outstanding. The notice shall list the number of delinquent citations and the total penalty owed. Such notice shall be mailed by the traffic authority as soon as possible to the registered owner at his/her address according to the registration records of the Department of Motor Vehicles of the state in which the vehicle was last registered.

E. Penalty assessment notice.

- (1) If the fines and/or penalties are not paid or appealed within fifteen (15) days of the date of the notice of delinquency, the traffic authority shall send, by first class mail, a notice of penalty assessment. Such notice shall be mailed by the traffic authority as soon as possible to the registered owner at his/her address according to the registration records of the Department of Motor Vehicles of the state in which the vehicle was last registered.
- (2) Not less than thirty (30) days nor more than twelve (12) months after the mailing of the penalty assessment notice, the traffic authority shall file a certified

copy of the penalty assessment notice with the Clerk of the Superior Court, together with the appropriate entry fee. The certified copy of the penalty assessment notice shall constitute a record of assessment. Within such twelve-month period, assessments against the same person may be accrued and filed as one (1) record of assessment. The Clerk shall enter judgment in the amount of such record of assessment and court costs against any person in favor of the city. Notwithstanding any other provision of the General Statutes, the Hearing Officer's assessment, when so entered as a judgment, shall have the effect of a civil money judgment, and a levy of execution on such judgment may issue without further notice to such person.

This ordinance shall take effect upon enactment.