

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_ SUPPLEMENTAL  
AMENDING CHAPTER 231, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,  
SECTION 6, PROHIBITED STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING,**

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of Stamford residents to protect pedestrians using the city's streets, to prohibit stopping or parking of vehicles in locations where such parking or stopping presents a hazard to pedestrians or other vehicles, and to ensure that vehicles comply with the residential parking program regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 231 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of Ordinances contains general provisions declaring unlawful the parking of motor vehicles in certain locations; and

**WHEREAS**, requiring vehicles to park 25 feet from all crosswalks, whether or not in intersections, will increase pedestrian safety; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing the penalties for stopping or parking in areas where such stopping or parking is prohibited or in violation of residential parking permit regulations may help to alleviate parking infractions, to the benefit of City of Stamford residents.

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Stamford to increase the class of certain violations.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:** Chapter 231, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 6, Prohibited Stopping, Standing or Parking, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stamford is amended as follows:

**Sec. 231-6. - Prohibited Stopping, Standing or Parking.**

A. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the direction of a police officer, traffic violation officer or traffic control device, in any of the following places:

(1) The following shall be Class II parking violations:

(a) Obstructing a public or private driveway.

~~(b) Within twenty five (25) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.~~

~~(c)~~ In a loading zone reserved for commercial use without commercial or combination plates.

~~(d)~~ In a municipal lot operated by the City of Stamford when parking so as to occupy more than one (1) space.

~~(e) Any place where official signs prohibit stopping or parking.~~

~~(f) In violation of residential parking permit area regulations as adopted by the traffic authority.~~

~~(g)~~ On any property owned or managed by the Stamford Housing Authority without a resident or visitor permit issued, or otherwise authorized, by the Stamford Housing Authority.

~~(h)~~ Parking a vehicle as described in Section 231-8 A.

(2) The following shall be Class III parking violations:

- (a) On a sidewalk.
- (b) On a crosswalk.
- (c) In a marked bus stop.
- (d) In violation of Article IV, parking a truck in a residential zone for longer than two hours, except as exempted by Article IV.
- (e) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge of the curb of a street (double-parked).
- (f) In a designated and signed fire lane.
- (g) More than twelve (12) inches from a curb.
- (h) Within twenty-five (25) feet of a street corner or intersection.
- (i) Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing unless otherwise signed by the traffic authority.
- (j) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of the street opposite the entrance of any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of such entrance (when properly signposted).
- (k) In parking lots, owned or operated by the City of Stamford, without a valid permit or failing to properly display a valid permit.
- (l) Parking on a city right-of-way.
- (m) Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control signal located at the side of the roadway.
- (n) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30) feet of the points on or at the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the traffic authority has indicated a different length by signs or markings.
- (o) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.
- (p) Wrong way on street against the flow of traffic.

~~(bq)~~ Within twenty-five (25) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.

~~(er)~~ Any place where official signs prohibit stopping or parking.

(3) The following shall be Class IV parking violations:

- (a) In a handicapped space, marked in accordance with state law, without a permit.
- (b) In violation of Article IV, parking of a truck within five hundred (500) feet of a residential dwelling between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- (c) Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant.
- (d) Misuse of City issued parking lot permit.

- (e) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel.
- (f) Within an intersection.
- (g) On a designated snow emergency route during a declared snow emergency.

~~(h) In violation of residential parking permit area regulations as adopted by the traffic authority.~~

- B. The above shall apply to private parking areas in which the parking authority has adopted regulations pursuant to Section 14-311b of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- C. It shall be a Class II parking violation for any person to park or leave standing, or cause to be parked or left standing, any vehicle upon any public street in the City for one hundred and twenty or more consecutive hours. Any vehicle that is not moved within 24 hours of the issuance of a notice of violation of this section shall be deemed abandoned, and subject to removal in accordance with Section 231-16.
- D. The City is authorized to remove any vehicle by towing it when the vehicle is found parked so as to constitute a Class II, Class III, or Class IV parking violation as set forth in this Section 231-6. The vehicle shall not be released from custody until the owner furnishes evidence of their identity and pays all towing and storage fees prescribed by this chapter, and pays all penalties for all outstanding parking violations.