

**ORDINANCE NUMBER _____ SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDING CHAPTER 231, ARTICLE I, SECTIONS 231-2 AND 231-6, REGARDING
MOVING OF VEHICLES TO AVOID TIME LIMITS**

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford regulates public parking in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford offers free parking on certain streets and in certain public areas and imposes a posted maximum time period for parking in some of those areas in order to promote short term parking and parking turnover; and

WHEREAS, Section 231-6(C) of the Stamford Code of Ordinances prohibits parking a vehicle on a public street in the City for one hundred and twenty or more consecutive hours in order to promote parking turnover and vehicle abandonment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford has received complaints that parked vehicles are often moved only inches in attempt to avoid the posted maximum time restriction or the maximum consecutive time restriction imposed by Section 231-6(C); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives has determined that is in the best interests of its residents and businesses to continue to promote parking turnover in these areas.

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

Chapter 231, Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, Miscellaneous Provisions, Sections 231-2 and 231-6 of the Stamford Code of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 231-2. Moving vehicle to avoid posted time limit.

In parking spaces located in areas where payment is not required:

(a) No person shall park any motor vehicle for a longer period than the maximum time indicated for the parking space by a posted sign that is authorized by this Article.

(b) It shall be a violation of this Article if the motor vehicle is found parked within ~~100-50~~ feet of the originally observed parking space within one hour after the expiration of the maximum allowed time for the area.

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

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

(d) 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.

(e) 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.
 - (q) Within twenty-five (25) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
 - (r) 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.

- 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. It shall be a violation of this section if the vehicle is found parked on the same street within ~~100~~ 50 feet of its originally observed location. 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.