

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 2007-37

No. 413

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," SECTION 15-2

Approved JULY 26, 2007

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence is

hereby amended in part to read as follows:

Sec. 15-2. Penalties for traffic violations.

(a) *Generally.* The general penalties provided for by section 1-10 of this Code of Ordinances shall apply to violations of this chapter or any regulations made thereunder except that any person electing to appear before the clerk of court, or mailing the same, in lieu of a personal appearance before the Providence Municipal Court and admitting the violation charged, shall be punished by a fine as hereinafter respectively set forth:

Offense Fine

~~Overtime parking~~ Parking from 1:00 a.m. to ~~7:00~~ 5:00 a.m. . . \$~~15.00~~ 20.00

Overtime parking from ~~7:00~~ 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. . . ~~15.00~~ 20.00

Parking at expired meter ~~15.00~~ 20.00 25.00

Parking during an emergency . . . 100.00

Parking so as to obstruct the flow of traffic . . . 75.00

Parking in prohibited area (no parking) . . . 30.00

Parking within eight (8) feet of fire hydrant . . . 30.00

Parking in loading zone . . . 30.00

Parking in taxi stand . . . 30.00

Parking within twenty-five (25) feet of corner . . . 30.00

Parking to obstruct driveway . . . 30.00

Parking on sidewalk . . . 100.00

Standing in prohibited areas . . . 30.00

Double parking (more than three (3) feet from curb) . . . 30.00

Parking in marked bus stop . . . 30.00

Parking in excess of one foot, but not more than three (3) feet from curb . . . 30.00

Parking with left wheels to curb . . . 30.00

Angle parking . . . 30.00

Parking on marked crosswalk or within intersection . . . 30.00

Stopping bus away from curb . . . 30.00

Parking in a tow zone . . . 100.00

Violation of moving vehicle traffic regulation . . . 75.00

In the event any of the foregoing stated fines are not paid or a plea of not guilty to the citation is entered prior to the fourteenth day after date of violation, said fines shall be doubled.

In the event any of the foregoing stated fines are not paid or a plea of not guilty to the citation is entered subsequent to the fourteenth day and prior to the twenty-eighth day after date of violations, said fines shall be tripled.

(b) *Meter violations.* Where the violation occurs in a metered space it shall be a separate violation for vehicles remained parked in said space for each consecutive unit of time beyond the first unit of time, up to a maximum of two (2) violations.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

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The Within Ordinance,

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CLERK

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PRESIDENT

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Council President Mancini, Councilman Hewitt 7/19/07

Amending Section 15-2 **Increase Overtime Parking Fines**

The lowest fine parking violation is currently \$15 for overtime parking.

This covers staying too long in timed parking, overnight parking, residential permit violations, and meter violations. This fine was raised from \$10 in 2003.

Boston and Newport charge \$20 for the same violation.

The amendment would

- change the time for overnight parking violations to end at 5am, (see paragraph 1, below)
- raise fines for overnight parking and timed, unmetered parking from \$15 to \$20. It would raise the fine for parking at an expired meter from \$15 to \$25. (see paragraphs 2 and 3, below)

1. Annual Revenue, Overnight Parking Tickets*

By rolling back overnight parking restrictions 2 hours, the city will lose \$47,443 per year.

Total issued	Total Revenue	Revenue at 64% collection
118,245	\$2,364,900	\$1,513,536
Total issued 5-6am	Revenue	Revenue at 64% collection
3,562	\$71,250	\$45,600
Total issued 6-7am	Revenue	Revenue at 64% collection
144	\$2,880	\$1,843
Total issued 5-7am	Revenue	Revenue at 64% collection
3,706	\$74,130	<u>\$47,443</u>

**Data annualized from 8 months' data; June 06-Feb 07. Revenue data assumes \$20 fine.*

2. Annual Revenue Gained by Raising Expired Meter Violation *

By raising the fine at a meters from \$15 to either \$20 or \$25

Violations: 63,296

Revenue \$15	Revenue at 64% collection
\$949,440	\$607,641
Revenue \$20 (vs \$15)	Revenue at 64% collection (vs \$15)
\$1,265,920 (+316,480)	\$810,188 (+202,547)
Revenue \$25 (vs \$15)	Revenue at 64% collection (vs \$15)
\$1,582,400 (+632,960)	\$1,012,736 <u>(+405,095)</u>

**Data annualized from 3 months' data; Jan-Mar 07*

3. Annual Revenue Gained by Raising Overtime/Overnight Violation

By raising the fine for overtime overnight parking to \$20

Violations
117,904

Revenue \$15	Revenue at 64% collection
\$1,768,560	\$1,131,878
Revenue \$20 (vs. \$15)	Revenue at 64% collection (vs.\$15)
\$2,358,080 (+\$589,520)	\$1,509,171 (+\$377,293)

Thus, raising meter violations to \$25, other violations to \$20, and rolling back overnight will net \$762,747