

CHAPTER 2024-11

No. 155    **AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED: "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," TO AMEND TO ADD ARTICLE XXI "WEIGHT LIMITS"**

Approved April 5, 2024

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 31-25-26, the General Assembly has granted municipalities to prohibit the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles, or may impose limitations as to the weight of those vehicles on designated highways under their jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Chapter 15, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" is hereby amended to add Article XII, "Weight Limits," as follows:

ARTICLE XII.- WEIGHT LIMITS

Sec. 15-141. Weight of vehicles on bridges.

No person shall drive or cause to be driven any vehicle upon or across any existing bridge in the city, the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of which vehicle including the load exceeds Fifteen (15) tons. This article does not exempt trucks holding a valid overweight permit issued by the State of Rhode Island.

Sec. 15-142. Weight of trucks on certain streets.

(a) *Definitions.* Within this section:

"Truck" means every vehicle falling within any definition in Rhode Island General Laws §§ 31-1-4 and 31-1-5.

"Weight" means gross vehicle weight.

(b) *Weight limits.* Trucks exceeding the listed weight are prohibited from operating on the following streets between the listed extents:

Street	Extents of Weight Limit	Weight Limit
Angell Street	Benefit Street to Wayland Avenue	15 tons
South Angell Street	Wayland Avenue to Butler Avenue	15 tons
Waterman Street	Benefit Street to Butler Avenue	15 tons
Gano Street	Angell Street to Trenton Street	15 tons
Medway Street	Butler Avenue to Gano Street	15 tons
Butler Avenue	Angell Street to South Angell Street	15 tons
Butler Avenue	Waterman Street to Pitman Street	15 tons

(c) This section shall not apply to:

- (1) Vehicles that are statutorily exempt under R.I.G.L. § 31-25-2;
- (2) School buses, as defined by R.I.G.L. § 31-1-3(aa);
- (3) Vehicles designed and used for the hauling of refuse when hauling refuse;
- (4) Vehicles whose origin or destination abuts the restricted roadway; and
- (5) Vehicles performing maintenance, utility work, cleaning, snow removal, or de-icing in, on, above, and along the restricted roadway.
- (6) Vehicles owned and operated by the State of Rhode Island and City of Providence or vendors contracted by the State of Rhode Island and the City of Providence and being used as a vendor at the time they are traveling on the restricted roadway.

Section 2. Section 23-154, "Weight of vehicles on bridges," having been transferred to Sec. 15-141, is hereby repealed, except with respect to duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before the date of enactment of this Ordinance. An offense committed under Sec. 23-154 is deemed to have been taken or committed under Sec. 15-141.

Section 3. Section 15-2, "Penalties for traffic violations," is hereby amended as follows:

- (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 there under 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*

Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.* .....	\$20.00
Overtime parking from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. ....	20.00
Parking without permit in a residential zone .....	15.00
Parking at expired meter .....	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 .....	100.00
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 within twelve (12) inches of a driveway as measured by a line running along the curb in either direction .....	30.00
Parking on sidewalk .....	100.00
Parking in a bicycle lane .....	100.00**
Standing in prohibited areas .....	30.00
Double parking (more than three (3) feet from curb) .....	30.00

Parking in marked bus stop .....100.00\*\*

Parking in excess of one (1) 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 .....100.00\*\*

Stopping bus away from curb .....30.00

Parking in a tow zone .....100.00

Violation of moving vehicle traffic regulation .....75.00

Violation of street or bridge weight limits .....200.00

\* Except in those areas designated as resident permit parking areas (which allow for residential permit parking only between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.).

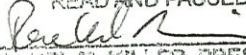

\*\* The city shall contribute any increase in revenue generated from the increase in fine amounts to smart growth initiatives.

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 4. The Department of Public Works is hereby directed to erect signs stating "WEIGHT LIMIT 15 TONS EXCEPT LOCAL DELIVERIES" or a substantially similar message at appropriate locations to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

IN CITY  
COUNCIL  
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FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED  
  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT.  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor

Date: 4/5/24