

CHAPTER 2025-21

No. 293 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, AMENDING SECTION 15-2, “PENALTIES FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS”

Approved July 2, 2025

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Section 15-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled “Penalties for traffic violations”, is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced by the following:

(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 respectively set forth:

<i>Offense</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Fine</i>
Parking so as to obstruct the flow of traffic	§ 15-147(a)	\$200
Parking on sidewalk	§ 15-147(b)	\$100
Parking inside intersection	§ 15-147(c)	\$100
Parking within 25 feet of corner	§ 15-147(d)	\$50
Parking inside marked crosswalk	§ 15-147(e)	\$100
Parking within 20 feet of a marked crosswalk	§ 15-147(f)	\$100
Parking within 8 feet of fire hydrant	§ 15-147(g)	\$110
Parking to obstruct driveway	§ 15-147(h)	\$100
Parking within one foot of a driveway	§ 15-147(i)	\$30
Parking in a bicycle lane	§ 15-147(j)	\$125
Parking in marked bus stop	§ 15-147(k)	\$100
Parking in taxi stand	§ 15-147(l)	\$50
Parking in loading zone	§ 15-147(m)	\$50
Parking in a tow zone	§ 15-147(n)	\$100
Parking in a fire lane	§ 15-118(c)	\$100
Parking in an otherwise prohibited area	§ 15-147(o)	\$30
Parking with left wheels to curb	§ 15-148(a)	\$40
Angled parking	§ 15-148(b)	\$50
Double parking/parking more than 3 feet from curb	§ 15-148(c)	\$55
Parking over 1 foot but less than 3 feet from curb	§ 15-148(c)	\$30
Parking during an emergency	§ 15-149(a)	\$250
Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. without valid permit	§ 15-149(b)	\$35

Overtime parking	§ 15-149(c)	\$50
Parking at expired meter or unfed meter	§ 15-150(a), (b)	\$40
Parking without permit in a residential zone	§ 15-151	\$60
Parking, standing, or stopping in a valet zone	<i>See Ch. 14, Art. XIV</i>	
Standing in prohibited areas	§ 15-152	\$50
Commercial vehicles standing in residential zones	<i>See § 15-153</i>	
Stopping bus away from curb	§ 24-74	\$50
Violation of moving vehicle traffic regulation	<i>Various</i>	\$75
Entering intersection or crosswalk without space	§ 15-16	\$75
Violation of street or bridge weight limits	Ch. 15, Art. XII	\$200

- (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.
- (c) 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.

Section 2. Chapter 15, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” is hereby amended to add Article XIII, “Parking, Standing, and Stopping Violations,” as follows:

ARTICLE XIII. PARKING, STANDING, AND STOPPING VIOLATIONS

Sec. 15-147. Parking-Location

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in any of the following places except in compliance with the directions of a police officer or parking control officer:

- (a) So as to obstruct the flow of traffic;
- (b) On a sidewalk;
- (c) Inside an intersection;
- (d) Within twenty-five feet (25') of a corner;
- (e) Inside a marked crosswalk;
- (f) Within twenty feet (20') of a marked crosswalk;
- (g) Within eight feet (8') of a fire hydrant;
- (h) In front of a public or private driveway
- (i) Within one foot (1') of the curb cut of a public or private driveway;
- (j) Inside a bicycle lane;
- (k) Inside a marked bus stop;
- (l) Inside a taxi stand;
- (m) Inside a loading zone;
- (n) Inside a tow zone; or
- (o) Inside any zone marked as “no parking” by signage or a yellow or red curb.

Sec. 15-148. Parking-Manner

- (a) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle with left wheels adjacent to the curb, except in the case of a one-way street where the vehicle is pointed in the direction of travel, or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or parking control officer.

- (b) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle with the wheels other than parallel to the curb, except in compliance with the directions of a police officer or parking control officer, or where specifically allowed by signs, markings, or both. If markings are present, the operator shall park any vehicle within the spaces as marked, except in compliance with the directions of a police officer or parking control officer.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle more than one foot from a curb. Parking more than three feet from a curb shall be a more serious offense.

Sec. 15-149. Parking-Time

- (a) It shall be unlawful to park on any street during a declared emergency, except for those portions of a street designated pursuant to § 23-171. If a violator of this subsection provides satisfactory proof of Providence residency to the Municipal Court at the time of the violation, and if said violator has not been previously cited under this subsection within one year of said violation, then the Municipal Court shall waive the penalty listed in § 15-2.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to park on any street from the hours of 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. without a valid overnight parking permit.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to park at any place in excess of the maximum time limited by signs. For the purposes of this subsection a vehicle shall be deemed to have been parked continuously if the vehicle has not been moved to a different block upon or before the expiration of the parking time limit.

Sec. 15-150. Parking-Meters

- (a) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in a designated parking meter zone or space:
 - (1) Without depositing United States currency of the denomination indicated on the meter or by otherwise making payment by electronic, mobile pay, or other forms of payment and putting the meter in operation or otherwise thereby obtaining authorization to park; or
 - (2) If the meter is of the type that issues a ticket or other token, or activates a display device, without displaying in a publicly visible location on the dashboard or inner windshield of the vehicle or affixing to a motorcycle or a motor scooter a ticket, token, or display device, issued or activated by the meter.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in a designated parking meter zone or space for a period longer than is designated by the meter or on the ticket, token, display device or electronic receipt for the value of the currency deposited in the meter, or the value otherwise registered by the meter. For purposes of this subsection, a vehicle shall be deemed to have been parked beyond the maximum period allowed if the vehicle has not been moved to a different block (or, for multi-space meters, a different zone) upon or before the expiration of the parking time limit posted on the parking meter.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to:
 - (1) Display a stolen, altered, defaced or otherwise tampered with or counterfeited ticket, display device or electronic receipt; or
 - (2) Display a ticket bearing a different plate number from the plate number of the vehicle parked in such zone or space.
- (d) It is not a violation of this section to park a vehicle at a zone or space served by a meter that does not function properly, provided that the meter is inoperable or malfunctioning through no fault of the vehicle's operator, and provided that for multi-space meters that there are no other meters on the block at which to pay per § 15-14(e). A zone or space served by a meter that does not function properly shall have a two-hour time limit in accordance with § 15-149(c).

Sec. 15-151. Parking-Residential Zone

It shall be unlawful to park in a designated residential zone without having and displaying a valid residential zone permit.

Sec. 15-152. Standing or stopping.

It shall be unlawful to stand or stop a vehicle at any place where any official traffic sign has been placed or erected prohibiting standing or stopping.

Sec. 15-153. Residential parking/standing of certain commercial vehicles.

- (a) For the purpose of this section, a commercial vehicle shall be defined as any vehicle in excess of twenty (20) feet in length and any vehicle over six thousand five hundred (6,500) pounds gross vehicle weight.
- (b) No commercial vehicle shall park or stand, unless engaged in the loading or off-loading of materials, for more than one (1) hour between 9:00 p.m. of one (1) day and 8:00 a.m. of the following day, or at any time on Sunday, on any part of any street, way, highway, road, or parkway under the control of the city.
- (c) No vehicle shall park off-street in any front-yard area of any dwelling house unless the same shall have been approved for the parking of such vehicles by the appropriate municipal agency.
- (d) No operator of any vehicle shall, while in said vehicle, cross the sidewalk portion of the roadway except at permitted driveway openings to gain access to off-street parking.
- (e) Any person found in violation of any of these sections shall be subject to the penalties enumerated in section 1-10 herein, but in no case shall any person found in violation hereof be fined less than fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (f)
 - (1) Any commercial vehicle otherwise in violation of this section and having an engine idling shall be deemed to be a hazard to the quality of life.
 - (2) Any commercial vehicle otherwise in violation of this section and in any way limiting, restricting or blocking the access of public safety vehicles in the course of their operation shall be deemed to be a hazard to public safety.
 - (3) Any commercial vehicle which, under this section, is deemed to be a hazard to the quality of life or a hazard to public safety shall be towed and the person violating subsection (f)(1) or (2) of this section shall be subject to the penalties enumerated in section 1-10 herein, but in no case shall any person found in violation hereof be fined less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Section 3. Section 15-11, "Residential parking/standing of certain commercial vehicles," having been transferred to Sec. 15-153, is hereby repealed and reserved for future use.

Section 4. The repeal and replacement of Sections 15-2 and 15-11 do not apply to an offense committed under that section before the effective date of this Ordinance. An offense committed before the effective date of this Ordinance is governed by that section as it existed on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 05 2025
FIRST READING
READ AND PASSED

Jina L. Mastrosacchi
CLERK

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 26 2025
FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED

Rachel M. Miller
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT
Jina L. Mastrosacchi
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Butt P. Smith
Mayor

Date: *7/2/25*

Fine or Fee: (Ordinance)	Department	Name	Description	Current Fine/Fee	FY23 Occurrences	FY23 Revenue	Proposed Increase	Projected Additional Revenue
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.	\$20	26,737	\$534,740	\$35	\$401,055
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Standing in prohibited areas	\$30	16,976	\$509,280	\$50	\$339,520
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking at expired meter	\$25	12,439	\$310,975	\$40	\$186,585
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Overtime parking from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m	\$20	11,392	\$227,840	\$50	\$341,760
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking within twenty-five (25) feet of corner	\$30	2,544	\$76,320	\$50	\$50,880
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking on sidewalk	\$100	2,643	\$264,300	\$100	\$0
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking in a tow zone	\$100	2,620	\$262,000	\$100	\$0
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking with left wheels to curb	\$30	2,586	\$77,580	\$40	\$25,860
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking within eight (8) feet of fire hydrant	\$100	945	\$94,500	\$110	\$9,450
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking in loading zone	\$30	866	\$25,980	\$50	\$17,320
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking on marked crosswalk or within intersection	\$100	463	\$46,300	\$100	\$0
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking during an emergency	\$100	393	\$39,300	\$250	\$58,950
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking to obstruct driveway	\$30	295	\$8,850	\$100	\$20,650
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking without permit in a residential zone	\$15	68	\$1,020	\$60	\$3,060
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking in marked bus stop	\$100	140	\$14,000	\$100	\$0
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking in a bicycle lane	\$100	64	\$6,400	\$125	\$1,600
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking so as to obstruct the flow of traffic	\$75	437	\$32,775	\$200	\$54,625
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Parking in taxi stand	\$30	83	\$2,490	\$50	\$1,660
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Double parking (more than three (3) feet from curb)	\$30	37	\$1,110	\$55	\$925
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Angle parking	\$30	1	\$30	\$50	\$20
Fine	Police	Parking Violation	Stopping bus away from curb	\$30	0	\$0	\$50	\$0

Parking Violations	Providence Associated Fine	Cranston Associated Fine	Boston Associated Fine	New Haven Associated Fine	Hartford Associated Fine	Worcester Associated Fees
Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.	\$20	\$25	\$65 (commercial); \$100 (heavy vehicle)		\$100	\$50
Overtime parking from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	\$20	\$50				\$50
Parking without permit in a residential zone	\$15.00			\$100	\$30	\$45
Parking at expired meter	\$25.00			\$40	\$25	\$50
Parking during an emergency	\$100.00	\$85		\$45	\$100	\$50
Parking so as to obstruct the flow of traffic	\$75.00	\$85				\$45
Parking within eight (8) feet of fire hydrant	\$100.00	\$30		\$100	\$50	\$250
Parking in loading zone	\$30.00	\$30		\$90	\$30	\$50
Parking in taxi stand	\$30.00	\$30		\$50		
Parking within twenty-five (25) feet of corner	\$30.00	\$30			\$50	\$30
Parking to obstruct driveway	\$30.00	\$30		\$25	\$30	\$45
Parking on sidewalk	\$100.00	\$30		\$65	\$50	\$75
Parking in a bicycle lane	\$100.00			\$100		
Standing in prohibited areas (no parking)	\$30.00	\$50		\$90	\$50	\$45
Double parking (more than three (3) feet from curb)	\$30.00	\$30		\$55		\$75
Parking in marked bus stop	\$100.00	\$30		\$100	\$50	\$45
Parking with left wheels to curb	\$30.00	\$30			\$50	\$45
Angle parking	\$30.00	\$30				
Parking on marked crosswalk or within intersection	\$100.00	\$30		\$85	\$50	\$75
Stopping bus away from curb	\$30.00	\$30				
Parking in a tow zone	\$100.00	\$85				\$45