



ORDINANCE NO. 832

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §1-13, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH, DELAWARE TO INCREASE PARKING VIOLATION FINES

WHEREAS, the purpose of parking fines and associated late fees is to dissuade drivers from parking in an unlawful manner; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dewey Beach has examined parking violation fees and determined that increases are warranted given the increased expense associated with the municipal charge to protect and preserve public safety, health, peace, cleanliness, good order and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Dewey Beach Budget & Finance Committee met at a properly noticed public meeting on January 18, 2024 and recommended the fee increases as outlined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware, in session met, as follows:

Section 1. Amend §1-13 of the Code of Ordinances as depicted by highlighted insertions, strikeouts, and substitutions depicted below:

A. Parking fines.

(1) A fine of ~~\$30~~ **\$45** shall be imposed for each parking violation involving:

- (a) No parking permit.
- (b) Parking or stopping on wrong side of street.
- (c) Perpendicular in parallel parking zone.
- (d) Parallel in perpendicular parking zone.
- (e) Parking in bus zone.
- (f) Double parked.
- (g) Blocking mailbox.
- (h) Parked on roadway.
- (i) Parked in an expired meter zone.

(2) A fine of \$65 shall be imposed for each parking violation involving:

- (a) Fire hydrant violation.
- (b) No stopping, standing, parking zone.
- (c) Timed parking zone.
- (d) Parked too close to stop sign or intersection.
- (e) Parked in prohibited zone, sidewalk, loading zone, lifeguard zone.
- (f) Illegal access to property violation.
- (g) Blocking driveway.
- (h) Fire lane violation.
- (i) Obstruction of three-foot-wide vehicle-prohibited safety zone as provided in Chapter 158, § 158-10.
- (j) Other.

(3) A fine of \$100 shall be imposed for handicapped zone violations.

(4) In lieu of a ~~\$30~~ \$45 fine, an administrative fee of \$5 to cover administrative costs shall be imposed if a vehicle is legally parked and paid in full for parking but the person entering the registration failed to enter the full correct vehicle registration information and as long as the individual is able to provide proof that they paid.

Section 2. If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed or held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, then such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance which may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by a majority vote of the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach.

Adopted by at least a majority of the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach on this 16th day of February, 2024.

SYNOPSIS

This Act increases parking violation fees to offset the increased expense related to the provision of town services referenced above.



William Stevens, Mayor



Bill Zolper, Town Manager