

ORDINANCE – CITY OF DANBURY

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT Section 46-149 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-149. - Definitions.

For the purpose of this division the following words shall be defined as set forth in this section:

Operator means the person operating or in control of a vehicle on a public highway, street, public parking garage or public surface parking lot.

Parking means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a highway, street, public parking garage or public surface parking lot, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers or loading or unloading merchandise or when stopped for any traffic regulations, traffic signs or signals.

Vehicle means any device used for the transportation of persons or property when on a public highway, street, public parking garage or surface parking lot.

Parking Meter means a single or double meter or multi-space kiosk that is placed in meter zones to regulate the time that a vehicle may legally park on a public highway, street, public parking garage or surface parking lot.

Multi-Space Kiosk means a walk-up parking station that allows for payment of parking fees where no individual meter is set, whether on a public highway, street, public parking garage or surface parking lot.

THAT Section 46-150 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-150. - Purposes, construction of division.

This division is adopted in the interest of public safety, convenience and welfare, and shall be liberally construed to effect the purpose hereof. Every person shall comply with, observe and obey, when applicable, all the provisions and requirements contained herein. The funds collected from parking meters are required to provide for the proper regulation and control of traffic and parking in parking meter zones upon the public streets and in public parking garages and public surface parking lots in the city and to cover the cost of purchase, supervision, protection, inspection, installation, operation, maintenance, control, and use of parking meters, and in such other manner as C.G.S. § 7-207a provides and permits.

THAT Section 46-151 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-151. - Designation of meter zones.

(a) Whenever because of traffic conditions or otherwise the parking of vehicles on any public street or part thereof cannot in the opinion of the traffic authority of the City be adequately and efficiently regulated and controlled, the traffic authority is authorized to order the installation of parking meters and designate parking meter zones on said street, fix the zone parking fee and the legal parking time in such zone, and fix the hours during which the use of parking meters shall be required. The Chief of Police, in accordance therewith, shall cause lines or markers to be placed upon the curb or pavement or both, adjacent to each parking meter in such zone, setting out and designating the parking meter space for which said meter is to be used.

(b) The Danbury Parking Authority is authorized to install parking meters and designate parking meter zones within all public parking garages and public surface parking lots within its jurisdiction, fix the zone parking fee and the legal parking time in each such zone, and fix the hours during which the use of parking meters shall be required. The parking authority shall cause lines or markers to be placed upon the curb or pavement adjacent to each parking meter in such zone, setting out and designating the parking meter space for which said meter shall be used.

THAT Section 46-152 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-152. - Duties of operators parking in metered spaces; overtime parking declared violation; appointment of parking violation enforcement officers.

(a) When any vehicle shall be parked in any parking meter space adjacent to which a parking meter is located, the operator of such vehicle shall park it within the lines or marks established, excepting such vehicles whose length, width or load overlap the lines or marks, and upon entering the parking meter space, the operator shall immediately deposit or cause to be deposited in such parking meter such proper coin or currency of the United States, or shall make payment of the required parking fee through the use of a debit card, credit card, pre-paid parking card or mobile parking app as required by the traffic authority or parking authority for such parking meter and as is designated by proper directions on the meter. Failure to make

proper payment when so required shall constitute a violation of this division. Upon payment of the required parking fee and upon placing the meter in operation, the parking meter space may be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period of parking time which has been prescribed for the part of the street or area set out and designated for public parking in which the parking meter space is located. If such vehicle shall remain parked in any such parking meter space beyond the parking time limit for such parking meter space, then in that event such parking shall be deemed a violation of this division.

- (b) At the request of the Danbury Parking Authority, the Mayor shall appoint and the City Council shall confirm one (1) or more civilian parking violation enforcement officers. These officers shall be employed by and be under the direction and control of the Danbury Parking Authority. These officers shall have authority to issue notices of violation for any instances of violation of the provisions of this division or of the provisions of Section 46-120.

THAT Section 46-153 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-153. - Depositing slugs or additional coins, tampering with meters.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device or substitute for a proper payment including coins and currency of the United States.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter additional proper payment for the purpose of increasing or extending the legal parking time beyond that which has been established by the traffic authority or parking authority for the parking meter space adjacent to which said parking meter is placed.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, damage, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the provisions of this division or to aid or abet in doing the same.

THAT Section 46-156 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-156. - Same—Removing vehicle; reclaiming by owner or operator.

Whenever any vehicle shall be found parked in any parking meter space overtime and beyond the period of legal parking time established for such place by the traffic authority or parking authority, or shall be found parked therein during any period when parking is prohibited or shall be found parking in violation of any of the provisions of any resolution, rule or regulation of the traffic authority or parking authority, such vehicle may be removed or conveyed by or under the direction of a member of the police department by means of towing the same or otherwise to a public garage in the city and such removal shall be at the risk of the owner. Before the owner or person in charge of such vehicle shall be permitted to remove the same from the custody of the police department, he shall furnish evidence of his identity and ownership or right to possession, shall sign a receipt for said vehicle, and, for a first violation, shall pay to the clerk of the police department a fee of three dollars (\$3.00), plus storage charges at one dollar (\$1.00) per day. For each subsequent violation he shall pay a fee of five dollars (\$5.00), plus storage charges.

THAT Section 46-159 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-159. - Collection of parking meter receipts by parking authority.

It shall be the duty of the parking authority to make regular collections of the coins and currency deposited in the parking meters and to have such boxes delivered with seals unbroken to the parking authority headquarters.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days (30) days after adoption and publication, as provided by law and section 3-10 of the Charter of the City of Danbury.

Adopted by the City Council – October 5, 2021

Approved by Mayor Joseph M Cavo – October 8, 2021

ATTEST: S/S JEAN A. NATALE

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