

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF TORRINGTON

ORDINANCE CHANGE

Be it ordained by the Board of Councilmen of the City of Torrington that the following changes have been made to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 194, Vehicles and Traffic, whereas ~~strikethrough~~ indicates removed text and **bold font** indicates additional and/or replacement text:

ARTICLE I – TRAFFIC CONTROL

Chapter 194-1(Definitions) has been amended to include the following new definitions:

Downtown Resident: Is defined as an individual living within the downtown zoning district.

Parking Authority: Traffic and Parking enforcement for the City of Torrington is administered by the Torrington Police Department Traffic Unit. Traffic Unit offices are located at the Torrington Police Department, 576 Main Street, Torrington, Connecticut.

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Chapter 194-3 (Use of certain streets restricted) has been amended as follows:

No person, while operating any vehicle, shall use St. John Place as a thoroughfare and means of reaching and entering ~~Main Street~~ **City Hall Avenue** in the city. No person, while operating any vehicle, shall use City Hall Avenue as a thoroughfare and means of reaching and entering ~~East Main Street~~ **St John Place** in the city. ~~Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the use of such streets by motor vehicles as a means of ingress or egress to the public parking lot situated between such streets for the purpose of parking.~~ No person, while operating or driving any vehicle on Franklin Street, shall use Franklin Street as a means of reaching and entering East Main Street **or Main Street or Center Square.**

Chapter 194-4 (~~All night parking in winter~~ **Winter parking ban**) has been amended as follows:

With the exception of downtown residential, commercial or overnight parking permittees, during the months of November, December, January, February and March, no operator or owner of a vehicle shall allow the same to remain parked on any street in the City or in any municipally owned parking lot between 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m. for a period of more than one hour.

ARTICLE II – PARKING LOTS, METERS, AND KIOSKS

Chapter 194-5 (Definitions) has been amended to include the following new and amended definitions:

Downtown Resident: Is defined as an individual living within the downtown zoning district.

Parking Meter Space: A certain designated ~~and space that may be a~~ marked off section of the public street or way or parking lot ~~within the marked boundaries~~ where the vehicle may be temporarily parked and allowed to remain for such a period of time as the parking meter attached thereto may indicate.

Chapter 194-7 (previously reserved) has been amended to include the following new section:

§ 194-7. - Permit Parking Programs.

- A. Commerce parking permits.** City commerce parking permits may be sold for usage in designated municipal parking lots to support commerce and utility as deemed necessary and feasible by the Parking Authority. Permits may be purchased monthly, quarterly or annually.
- 1) Purchase of commerce parking permits will be \$12.00 per month, \$36.00 quarterly or \$144.00 annually, per permit.**
 - 2) Commerce permit issuance is not to exceed 15% of a specific lot's capacity so as to preserve municipal lot availability for the general public.**
 - 3) Commerce parking permits must be clearly displayed within the vehicle for each appropriate, assigned or limited parking area. Permits issued will be for a specific lot only and cannot be used for another lot. The Parking Authority office will issue quarterly, annual, or monthly permits and collect the applicable fees for designated and assigned parking lots.**
 - 4) The City through the Parking Authority reserves the right to revoke any issued permit for abuse, fraud or violation of applicable Connecticut State Statutes or any City parking ordinances or regulations.**
- B. Overnight visitor parking permits.** Overnight visitor parking will be permitted in locations and lots as determined by the Parking Authority or unless otherwise prohibited by posting. All overnight visitor parking must be by pre-issued permit only by the Parking Authority. Permits are not transferable between registered vehicles.
- 1. Visitor overnight parking permits can be issued for no more than seven consecutive calendar days.**
 - 2. Overnight visitor permits are valid for 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Overnight visitor parking permits will be sold through the City's Parking Authority for \$10 per registered vehicle per evening.**
 - 3. The City through the Police Department reserves the right to revoke any issued permit for abuse, fraud or violation of applicable Connecticut State Statutes or any City parking ordinances or regulations.**
- C. Downtown residential parking permit program.** Downtown Torrington residents may obtain downtown residential parking permits from the Parking Authority. Permits are not transferable between registered vehicles.
- 1. Downtown residential parking permits are valid for designated municipal parking lots from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. unless otherwise determined by the Parking Authority.**
 - 2. Quarterly permits will be sold for \$150 per permit or annually for \$600 with one-time advance annual payment.**

3. **Downtown residential parking permits may be sold for usage in specific municipal lots to support downtown residential parking needs and utility as deemed necessary and feasible by the Parking Authority.**
 4. **Downtown residential parking permits must be clearly displayed within the vehicle for each appropriate, assigned or limited parking area. Permits issued will be for a specific lot only and cannot be used for another lot.**
 5. **Downtown residential parking permit issuance is not to exceed 15% of a specific municipal lot's capacity so as to preserve municipal lot availability for the general public. If the 15% cap is to be exceeded, such determination must be made by the Chief of Police, or his designee, and must be reported to the City Council and must obtain approval from the Mayor and by approved resolution from the City Council.**
 6. **To be eligible for this program an individual must be a "downtown resident" as defined as an individual living within the downtown zoning district.**
 7. **In order to obtain a permit, the individual must present his/her valid driver's license and valid vehicle registration and proof of his/her residential address within the downtown zoning district.**
 8. **The City through the Police Department reserves the right to revoke any issued permit for abuse, fraud or violation of applicable Connecticut State Statutes or any City parking ordinances or regulations.**
 9. **During the winter months when snow and ice events occur, downtown residents must remove their vehicles from the parking lot no later than one hour after the cessation of the storm event so that appropriate pavement treatment can occur.**
- D. Prohibition on permits for commercial vehicles. Vehicles used for commercial purposes, or any vehicle which is larger than 21 feet in length, seven feet in width, and seven feet in height and which have more than two single-tired wheels on the front axle and more than two single-tired or double-tired wheels on the rear axle, are not eligible for parking permits. Motor trucks, luxury limousines, motor buses, motor delivery wagons, trailers, semitrailers, camping trailers, motor homes, mobile homes and tractors are not eligible for parking permits.**

Chapter 194-8 (Placement of meters) has been amended as follows:

The parking meters installed in the parking meter spaces as established under the authority of this article shall be placed immediately adjacent to the individual parking places hereinafter described. Each parking meter shall be placed or set in such manner as to show or display by a signal that the parking space adjacent to such meter is or is not legally in use. Each parking meter installed shall indicate, by a proper legend, the legal parking time established by said board and, when operated, shall indicate, on and by its dial and pointer, the duration of the period of legal parking and, on the expiration of such period, shall indicate illegal or over parking. **Parking Meter Kiosks, shall provide a means of determining and monitoring parking use in a manner that reasonably complies with the provisions of this section.**

Chapter 194-10 (Use of meters; deposit of coins **Meter or kiosk payments**) has been amended as follows:

~~When any vehicle is parked in any space adjacent to which a parking meter is located, the operator of said vehicle shall, upon entering the parking space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited in said parking meter such property coin or coins of the United States as is required by said board for such parking meter and as is designated by the direction on the meter. When required by direction on the meter, the operator of said vehicle, after the deposit of the proper coin or coins, shall also completely turn or cause to be turned the crank handle on said parking meter for the purpose of starting the timing mechanism. Failure to deposit such proper coin or coins and to turn the crank handle when so required shall constitute a violation of this article. Upon the deposit of such proper coin or coins and placing said 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 way in which said parking meter space is located. If such vehicle shall remain parked in any such parking meter space beyond the parking time limit fixed for such parking meter space, and if the parking meter shall by its dial and pointer or otherwise indicate such illegal parking, then in that event, such parking overtime and beyond the period of legal parking time shall be deemed a violation of this article.~~

Coin, cash or a credit or debit card shall be deposited or entered in meters and/or kiosks or by mobile payment technology when a vehicle is parked in street/curb parking or in a municipal parking lot space. When, any vehicle shall be parked in any parking space alongside, adjacent to or within proximity to a parking meter or kiosk on street/curb spaces or within a lot, the operator of such vehicle shall deposit or cause to be deposited in the meter or kiosk the proper coin, cash or credit or debit card entry or utilize the appropriate mobile payment technologies as designated by proper direction on the meter or kiosk.

Chapter 194-11 (Overtime parking prohibited) has been amended as follows:

It shall be unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this article for any person to cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to be parked overtime or beyond the period of legal parking time established for any parking meter space.

Whenever a vehicle remains in a parking space for a period of one hour after being cited for a violation of this Code of Ordinances, it may also be cited additionally each one-hour period for overtime parking and the violator shall be subject to fines and penalties as provided for in this Code of Ordinances.

Chapter 194-12 (Damage to meters) has been amended as follows:

It shall be unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this article for any person to deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter **or kiosk** installed under the provision of this article.

Chapter 194-13 (Use of counterfeit coins) has been amended as follows:

It shall be unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this article to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter **or kiosk** any slug, device or metallic substitute or any other substitute for a coin or coins of the United States.

Chapter 194-16 (Penalties for offenses) has been amended as follows:

A. The following is a list of the offenses and penalties therefor:

Offense	Fine
Too close to hydrant	\$10.00 \$15.00
Wrong side of street	\$10.00 \$15.00
Over 10 inches from curb	\$10.00 \$15.00
Double parking	\$10.00 \$15.00
On sidewalk	\$10.00 \$15.00
Overtime meter	\$10.00 \$15.00
Fire zone	\$10.00 \$15.00
Overtime violations	\$10.00 \$15.00
Obstructing driveway	\$10.00 \$15.00
Snow emergencies	\$10.00 \$15.00
Vehicles on crosswalk	\$20.00 \$25.00
Too near corner	\$20.00 \$25.00
Restrictive place	\$20.00 \$25.00
Overnight restrictions	\$20.00 \$25.00
Too close to crosswalk	\$20.00 \$25.00
Handicap	\$150.00 for first offense \$300.00 for second offense

B. The penalty for a violation of any provision of this code not provided for herein shall be \$100.00 for each offense or violation.

Copies of the Ordinance change are available on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk.

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Elinor Carbone
Mayor

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