

*AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 10.12.010  
PARKING VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES*

**WHEREAS**, Bridgeport Ordinance 10.12.010 Restrictions on Stopping or Parking Generally—Violations—Penalties—Exemption sets forth various parking violations and their respective penalties; and

**WHEREAS**, Section A.8 of Ordinance 10.12.010 provides that parking a vehicle is not permitted “[o]n a public sidewalk and/or any other portion (including, but not limited to, the curb and the grassy or dirt strip between the curb and the paved portion of the sidewalk) of the city’s right-of-way other than the paved portion of the street”; and

**WHEREAS**, the corresponding penalty section, Section B.8, imposes a fine of \$60, but only for parking “On a public sidewalk” and not specifically for parking on other portions within the right-of-way;

**WHEREAS**, there is clear legislative intent that the \$60 fine in Section B.8 of Ordinance 10.12.010 was meant to apply not only to parking on a public sidewalk, but also to parking on “any other paved portion of the city’s right-of-way other than the paved portion of the street” as set forth in Section A.8; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to conform the penalty section B with the violation section A.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Bridgeport that, effective upon publication, the Municipal Code of Ordinances **Chapter 10.12.010 - RESTRICTIONS ON STOPPING OR PARKING GENERALLY—VIOLATIONS—PENALTIES—EXEMPTION** is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 10.12 – STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING GENERALLY**

**10.12.010 - Restrictions on stopping or parking generally—Violations—Penalties—Exemption.**

- A. Violations. No person driving or controlling a vehicle shall stop or cause or permit the same to be stopped or parked:
1. Beyond the legal parking time established for such area or parked overtime in any parking meter space;
  2. More than 12 inches from the curb;
  3. Upon or obstruct any crossing of any street;
  4. Within the intersection of any street;
  5. Within 25 feet of any intersection or a marked crosswalk;
  6. Within 25 feet of a duly erected stop sign;
  7. So to obstruct a driveway;

8. On a public sidewalk and/or any other portion (including, but not limited to, the curb and the grassy or dirt strip between the curb and the paved portion of the sidewalk) of the city's right-of-way other than the paved portion of the street;
  9. So to obstruct the free movement of traffic and/or constitute a traffic hazard;
  10. Within a designated handicapped parking space and who does not display an official state handicapped parking permit on their vehicle;
  11. Within an established bus stop zone;
  12. Within a fire zone marked "no parking fire zone tow away zone" and
  13. Within ten feet of a hydrant.
- B. Penalty. Any person who shall receive a notice from the police department of the city to appear at the office of police headquarters to the effect that his vehicle was parked in violation of this section shall pay to the clerk of the police department the following sums:
1. Beyond the legal parking time established for such area or parked overtime in any parking meter space, \$20.00;
  2. More than 12 inches from the curb, \$40.00;
  3. Upon or obstruct any crossing of any street, \$50.00;
  4. Within the intersection of any street, \$50.00;
  5. Within 25 feet of any intersection or a marked crosswalk, \$40.00;
  6. Within 25 feet of a duly erected stop sign, \$40.00;
  7. So to obstruct a driveway, \$40.00;
  8. On a public sidewalk and/or any other portion of the city's right-of-way other than the paved portion of the street, \$60.00;
  9. So to obstruct the free movement of traffic and/or constitute a traffic hazard, \$65.00;
  10. Within a designated handicapped parking space and who does not display an official state handicapped overtime parking permit on their vehicle, \$150.00;
  11. Within an established bus stop zone, \$60.00;
  12. Within a fire zone marked "no parking fire zone—tow away zone," \$65.00;
  13. Within ten feet of a hydrant, \$80.00;
  14. Night time parking tractor weighing more than 10,000 pounds, \$130.00.
- C. Additional Penalty. In the event any person fails to comply within 14 days from the date of issuance thereof, such person shall pay an additional sum as indicated in this subsection:
1. A violation of \$20.00 increases to \$40.00 per violation;
  2. A violation of \$40.00 increases to \$80.00 per violation;
  3. A violation of \$50.00 increases to \$100.00 per violation;

4. A violation of \$60.00 increases to \$120.00 per violation;

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5. A violation of \$60.00 increases to \$120.00 per violation;

6. A violation of \$65.00 increases to \$130.00 per violation;

7. A violation of \$80.00 increases to \$160.00 per violation;

8. A violation of \$85.00 increases to \$170.00 per violation;

9. A violation of \$130.00 increases to \$260.00;

10. A violation of \$150.00 increases to \$300.00.

D. Exemption. A vehicle shall not be in violation of this section which has become disabled to such an extent that it is impossible or impracticable to remove it, may be permitted to so remain for a reasonable time for the purpose of making repairs thereto or of obtaining sufficient assistance to remove it. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a vehicle from stopping or being held stationary by any police officer in an emergency to avoid accident or to give the right-of-way to any vehicle or pedestrian as provided by law.

(Ord. dated 7/5/05: Ord. dated 6/6/05; Ord. dated 10/2/00: Ord. dated 5/15/89: prior code § 20-31)

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