

THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
ORDINANCE NO. 30A
REGULATING VEHICLE PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING

THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH

AMENDED

JUNE 11, 2014

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of West Greenwich, Rhode Island, as follows:

ARTICLE I GENERAL

Section 30A-1 Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning "*Vehicle*" means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

Section 30A-2 Regulations in specific locations

The town council may from time to time regulate, restrict or prohibit the parking, stopping or standing of vehicles on particular streets or parts of streets or in other places. Whenever signs or markings are in place giving notice of such regulations, restrictions or prohibitions, it shall be unlawful to disobey such signs or markings.

Section 30A-3 Handicapped parking

- (a) The town council may, from time to time by resolution, regulate the parking of motor vehicles on private streets by designating a certain part of the street or other place "handicapped parking space." The handicapped parking space shall be designated and identified by the posting of a sign incorporating the international symbol of access of white on blue indicating that the parking space is reserved for the handicapped for vehicles displaying the required plate. The posting of such signs shall be in accordance with the building code when the location of such parking spaces on public and private land is within the purview of the state building code.

- (b) A person, other than a person issued a special plate pursuant to this section, or a person transporting said person and displaying the special portable plate who unlawfully parks a vehicle in a parking space designated for the handicapped shall be fined \$25.00 for the first violation, \$75.00 for the second violation, and \$100.00 for the third or subsequent violation. The vehicle may be subject to towing at the owner's expense.

Section 30A-4 Removal of vehicles

Any police officer in uniform, in his discretion, may remove any vehicle left upon any street not in apparent charge of any driver or other person, or in violation of the provisions of any ordinance, to another place on such street or from such street to some other street, authorized tow yard or to the police station.

Section 30A-5 Moving vehicles to avoid regulations

The moving of vehicles from one location to another to avoid the provisions of this article shall be deemed to be a violation hereof.

Section 30A-6 Parking during snow removal; illegally parked cars to be towed away

- (a) When it commences to snow, after publicized predictions of at least three inches of snow, it shall be unlawful to park on any public street in the town at any time and until 12 hours after a snowfall has occurred
- (b) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street of said town at any time when such street is being cleaned.
- (c) The police department and its members are hereby authorized to remove and tow away or to have removed and towed away by commercial towing any car or vehicle illegally parked in any place where such parking of vehicle creates or constitutes a traffic hazard, blocks the use of fire hydrants or obstructs or may obstruct the movement of any emergency vehicle or within 12 hours after a snowfall ceases, after publicized predictions of at least three inches.
- (d) Cars so towed away for illegal parking shall be stored in some place and returned to the owner or operator upon the payment of all towing and storage charges to the person or firm towing and storing the vehicle.

Section 30A-7 Notice of violation

Whenever any vehicle shall be found parked in violation of Section 30A-6, a police officer shall serve upon the owner or operator of such vehicle or attach to such vehicle a notice directing the owner or operator thereof to appear at police headquarters of the town at a time specified in such notice.

Section 30A-8 Penalty for violation of ordinance

Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, each violation of any provision of this ordinance may be punished by the payment of a fine of \$25.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 dollars for the second offense, and \$100.00 dollars for the third and any subsequent offense within a year.

Section 30A-9 Vehicle registrant presumed violator

In any prosecution or proceeding hereunder, the registration plate displayed on the motor vehicle shall constitute prima facie evidence that the owner of such vehicle was the person who parked such vehicle at the place where such violation occurred.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

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