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January 26, 2010

Hon. Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Hon. Members of the City Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

Re: Amendments to Traffic Code - Chapter 19

Dear Mayor and Council:

This office was requested to submit for consideration by the Council, amendments to Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances to accomplish the following purposes:

First, a proposed ordinance amendment to prohibit parking within five (5) feet of either side of a driveway or other entry/accessway, in order to allow property owners to properly enter upon or leave from their premises. This would be codified as an amendment to Section 19-32 (section 19-4 will also be amended to reflect the addition of a fine, consistent with other parking violation fines).

Second, a proposed new ordinance section will seek to establish a time limit for the parking and leaving of vehicles on City streets for not longer than forty-eight (48) hours. Among other concerns, this would seek to prevent inoperable, abandoned or other incapacitated vehicles from creating a traffic hazard to others. This would be codified as a new section 19-31 (section 19-4 will also be amended to reflect the addition of a fine, consistent with other parking violations).

Finally, the penalty grid set forth in Code section 19-4 is being amended accordingly, to reflect these two changes.

The proposals as put forward are attached in three separate ordinances. Since they are related, they may be considered and acted upon as one item/in one session. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Laszlo L. Pinter
Deputy Corporation Counsel

Attachments

cc: Alan Baker, Chief of Police
Llp/vehicles2



ORDINANCE

12-1

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT CITY COUNCIL

_____ A.D. 2010

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

THAT Section 19-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Danbury is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 19-4. Penalty.

(a) Any person violating the provisions of this article as set forth in this subsection shall be fined in accordance with the following schedule:

TABLE INSET:

Parking Violation	Fine	Code Section
5 feet either side of driveway or other entry	\$100.00*	19-32
Obstructing Sidewalks	\$100.00*	19-36
25 Ft. of Corner	100.00*	19-32
Exceeding time limit for parking on City street	\$100.00*	19-31
On Crosswalk	100.00*	19-56
Front of Driveway	100.00*	19-32
Obstructing Traffic/Streets/Intersections	100.00*	19-32
Fire Hydrant	100.00*	19-33
Fire Zone	100.00*	19-62
Fire Lane	100.00*	19-62
Loading Zone	100.00*	19-56
Snow Emergency	100.00*	19-60
Commercial Vehicles in Residential Zones	100.00*	19-34.1
Handicapped person	100.00*	19-35
Violation of Signs	100.00*	
Other	100.00*	

Note: * or such higher amount as may be established by virtue of state law or amended provision of state law.

(b) Except as otherwise specifically set forth in subsection (a) hereof, the violation of any rule, regulation or order promulgated by the Traffic Authority of the City of Danbury shall be punishable by a fine established in accordance with state law and as established by the traffic authority.

(c) Fines payable in accordance with subsection (a) hereof shall be remitted to the city within seven (7) days of the issuance of a summons or citation. If any fine is not paid within thirty (30) days, a penalty in an amount equal to the original fine shall immediately become due and payable in addition to the original fine.

COPY SHOWING DELETIONS AND NEW LANGUAGE

THAT Section 19-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Danbury is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 19-4. Penalty.

(a) Any person violating the provisions of this article as set forth in this subsection shall be fined in accordance with the following schedule:

TABLE INSET:

Parking Violation	Fine	Code Section
5 FEET EITHER SIDE OF DRIVEWAY OR OTHER ENTRY	\$100.00*	19-32
Obstructing Sidewalks	\$100.00*	19-36
25 Ft. of Corner	100.00*	19-32
EXCEEDING TIME LIMIT FOR PARKING ON CITY STREET	\$100.00*	19-31
On Crosswalk	100.00*	19-56
Front of Driveway	100.00*	19-32
Obstructing Traffic/Streets/Intersections	100.00*	19-32
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ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CITY COUNCIL

_____ A.D. 2010

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

THAT Section 19-31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Danbury is hereby added as follows:

Sec. 19-31. Time limit on vehicles parked on City streets.

No vehicle may be parked upon a public street in any fixed location for longer than 48 hours. Enforcement of this prohibition, in addition to the penalty provisions of Section 19-4 of this Chapter, in the event towing procedures are necessary, may be pursuant to the provisions of Section 19-56 et seq. of this Chapter and as authorized by law.

THAT SECTION 19-31 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DANBURY IS HEREBY ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

SEC. 19-31. TIME LIMIT ON VEHICLES PARKED ON CITY STREETS.

NO VEHICLE MAY BE PARKED UPON A PUBLIC STREET IN ANY FIXED LOCATION FOR LONGER THAN 48 HOURS. ENFORCEMENT OF THIS PROHIBITION, IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF SECTION 19-4 OF THIS CHAPTER, IN THE EVENT TOWING PROCEDURES ARE NECESSARY, MAY BE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 19-56 ET SEQ. OF THIS CHAPTER AND AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.



ORDINANCE

12-5

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CITY COUNCIL

_____ A.D. 2010

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

THAT Section 19-32 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Danbury be amended as follows:

Sec. 19-32. Obstructing streets, intersections, driveways or entries.

Except in an emergency or to allow another vehicle or pedestrian to cross its path, no vehicle shall stop in any public street or highway in this city except within twelve (12) inches of the right-hand curb thereof, and no vehicle shall stop or stand within the intersection of any street nor within twenty-five (25) feet of a street corner. No vehicle shall stop in such a way as will obstruct any street or crossing, except in case of an accident or other emergency or when directed to stop by the police.

No vehicle shall be parked or left closer than five (5) feet on either side of any driveway or other entry or accessway off any City street.

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“THAT Section 19-32 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Danbury be amended as follows;”

Sec. 19-32. Obstructing streets, intersections, DRIVEWAYS OR ENTRIES.

Except in an emergency or to allow another vehicle or pedestrian to cross its path, no vehicle shall stop in any public street or highway in this city except within twelve (12) inches of the right-hand curb thereof, and no vehicle shall stop or stand within the intersection of any street nor within twenty-five (25) feet of a street corner. No vehicle shall stop in such a way as will obstruct any street or crossing, except in case of an accident or other emergency or when directed to stop by the police.

NO VEHICLE SHALL BE PARKED OR LEFT CLOSER THAN FIVE (5) FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF ANY DRIVEWAY OR OTHER ENTRY OR ACCESSWAY OFF ANY CITY STREET.

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