



**ORDINANCE NO \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, SECTION 13, FINES VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH, DELAWARE TO REVISE LATE FEES FOR UNPAID PARKING TICKETS AND TIME FRAMES FOR FEE ACCRUAL.**

**BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, by the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware, in session met, as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach find that it is appropriate to amend the unpaid parking fines to provide an equitable, reasonable and necessary revenue increase for the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the current schedule for billing late parking fines listed in §1-13(D) is not conducive to upgraded software systems utilized for late fine calculations.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, by the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach, Sussex County, Delaware, in session met, as follows:

**Section 1.** Amend §1-13(D) of the Code of Ordinances as depicted by strikeouts and substitutions depicted below:

D. Late fees for unpaid parking fines. The Town of Dewey Beach shall make it a policy to charge late fees for any unpaid parking fines according the following schedules:

Time Frame	Additional Late Fine	Total Late Fines	Action Taken by the Town
7 days after date issued	\$5	\$5	
21 days after the end of the issue date calendar month	\$10	\$15	First notice sent to vehicle owner
10 days after date of first notice	\$10	\$25	
November 10	\$10	\$35	Second notice sent to vehicle owner
December 1 SEND TO COLLECTION	\$35	\$70	Send account to collection agency

Days Post Issue Date	Additional Late Fine	Total Late Fines
<b>\$30-\$65 Fines</b>		
10	\$15	\$15
30	\$25	\$40
60	\$35	\$75
120	\$45	\$120
<b>\$100 Fines</b>		
10	\$20	\$20
30	\$35	\$55
60	\$45	\$100
120	\$45	\$145

**Section 2.** If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed or held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, then such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance which may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by a majority vote of the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach.

Adopted by at least a majority of the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2023.

SYNOPSIS

This Act increases the unpaid parking fine amounts, revises the schedule in which late fees accrue, and eliminates the actions taken by the town from the schedule as they have been deemed administrative actions that are unnecessary to provide in the code.

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Mayor, William Stevens

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Town Manager, Bill Zolper