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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 FEES FOR PARKING TICKETS, TIME FRAMES FOR FEE ACCRUAL, AND LATE FEE AMOUNTS FOR UNPAID PARKING TICKETS.**

**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.

**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(A) of the Code of Ordinances as depicted by strikeouts and substitutions depicted below:

A. Parking fines.

(1) A fine of ~~\$45~~ **\$60** shall be imposed for each parking violation involving:

- (a) No parking permit.
- (b) Parking or stopping on wrong side of street.
- (c) Perpendicular in parallel parking zone.
- (d) Parallel in perpendicular parking zone.
- (e) Parking in bus zone.
- (f) Double parked.
- (g) Blocking mailbox.
- (h) Parked on roadway.
- (i) Parked in an expired meter zone.

(2) A fine of ~~\$65~~ **\$80** shall be imposed for each parking violation involving:

- (a) Fire hydrant violation.
- (b) No stopping, standing, parking zone.
- (c) Timed parking zone.
- (d) Parked too close to stop sign or intersection.
- (e) Parked in prohibited zone, sidewalk, loading zone, lifeguard zone.
- (f) Illegal access to property violation.
- (g) Blocking driveway.
- (h) Fire lane violation.
- (i) Obstruction of three-foot-wide vehicle-prohibited safety zone as provided in Chapter 158, § 158-10.
- (j) Other.

(3) A fine of \$100 shall be imposed for handicapped zone violations.

41 (4) In lieu of a ~~\$45~~ **\$60** fine, an administrative fee of \$5 to cover administrative costs shall be  
 42 imposed if a vehicle is legally parked and paid in full for parking but the person entering the  
 43 registration failed to enter the full correct vehicle registration information and as long as the  
 44 individual is able to provide proof that they paid.

45 **Section 2.** Amend §1-13(D) of the Code of Ordinances as depicted by strikeouts and substitutions  
 46 depicted below:

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 48 D. Late fees for unpaid parking fines. The Town of Dewey Beach shall make it a policy to charge late fees  
 49 for any unpaid parking fines according the following schedules:  
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Days Post Issue Date	Additional Late Fine	Total Late Fines
<b><del>\$30 - \$65</del> <b>\$80</b> Fines</b>		
<del>10</del> <b>15</b>	\$15	\$15
30	\$25	\$40
60	\$35	\$75
120	<del>\$45</del> <b>\$50</b>	<del>\$120</del> <b>\$125</b>
<b>\$100 Fines</b>		
<del>10</del> <b>15</b>	\$20	\$20
30	\$35	\$55
60	\$45	\$100
120	<del>\$45</del> <b>\$50</b>	<del>\$145</del> <b>\$150</b>

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 54 **Section 3.** If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed or held to be invalid or unenforceable for  
 55 any reason whatsoever, then such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of  
 56 this Ordinance which may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this  
 57 end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

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 59 **Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by a majority vote of the  
 60 Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach.

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 62 Adopted by at least a majority of the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
 63 February, 2025.

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 65 SYNOPSIS

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 67 This Act increases the parking fine amounts, revises the schedule by which late fees accrue, and  
 68 increases the late fee for parking fines unpaid after 120 days.

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 73 Mayor, William Stevens

\_\_\_\_\_ Town Manager, Bill Zolper