



ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 93-5 AND CHAPTER 158 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH REGARDING PARKING RATES AND THE HOURS DURING WHICH PARKING FEES ARE IN EFFECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Dewey Beach has examined parking fees and determined that increases are warranted given the increased expense associated with the municipal charge to protect and preserve public safety, health, peace, cleanliness, good order and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach are specifically authorized by Section 23(a)(14) of the Charter of the Town of Dewey Beach, 23 Delaware laws, Chapter 59, to "raise funds by charging a fee to owners of vehicles which are parked in the streets and other areas which are accessible to the public."

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 Chapter 93-5 of the Code of Ordinances as depicted by strikeouts and substitutions depicted below:

§ 93-5 Parking ~~permits~~ fees.

A. Seasonal: \$300. The price will be reduced to \$150 on August 1 of each year.

1) Dewey Beach property owners and business owners with a business physically located in Dewey Beach are eligible to purchase up to two discounted seasonal parking permits per property or business at \$175 per permit, provided:

- a) Assessments for beach replenishment on all applicants' properties are paid in full; and
- b) The applicant has no unpaid Dewey Beach parking fines.

2) Business owners without a physical location in Dewey Beach shall be permitted to purchase up to two discounted seasonal permits at \$225.

3) Direct employees of Dewey Beach businesses with valid proof (pay stub or employment letter) and additional passes for property owners are also eligible for the \$225 rate.

B. Weekly rate (any eight consecutive days): ~~\$100~~ \$120.

C. Daily and weekend rates.

1) Daily rate: \$30.

2) Weekend rate: ~~\$55~~ \$60 for one-time use on any consecutive Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

37 ~~D. Parking permits are in effect from 12:01 a.m. May 15 to 12:00 midnight September 15 of every~~
38 ~~year. In the event a parking permit is reported stolen to the Dewey Beach Police Department, a~~
39 ~~replacement permit may be issued at a cost equal to fifty percent (50%) of the original purchase~~
40 ~~price.~~

41 ~~E. Parking permits are required from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. to 2:00~~
42 ~~a.m. the following day on Monday (partial enforcement hours) and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the~~
43 ~~following day on Tuesday through Sunday (full enforcement hours). Federal holidays are~~
44 ~~excluded from free parking on Mondays from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Metered rate: \$4 per one~~
45 ~~hour of parking on all parking meters. The hourly metered rate may be used in lieu of a parking~~
46 ~~permit at any location allowing parking by permit.~~

47 ~~F. Parking permits will be replaced at a cost of 50% of the original price.~~

48 ~~G. The metered rate outlined in § 158-9 may be used in lieu of a parking permit at any location~~
49 ~~allowing parking by permit.~~

50 **Section 2.** Amend Chapter 158 of the Code of Ordinances as depicted by strikeouts and substitutions
51 depicted below:

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53 § 158-4 Permits required; unauthorized permit.

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55 A. No person, during the summer season, as defined in Chapter 1, Article III, and herein below,
56 shall park any vehicle on any unmetered zone of any public right-of-way from the hours of 10:00
57 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ~~and 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day on Mondays,~~ and from the hours
58 of 10:00 a.m. to ~~2:00~~ 12:00 a.m. the following day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,
59 Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays unless a valid parking permit is appropriately displayed on the
60 vehicle and unless official traffic control signs otherwise permit or regulate. Federal holidays are
61 excluded from free parking on Mondays ~~from after~~ after 5:00 p.m. ~~to 11:00 p.m.~~

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63 § 158-9 Parking meters.

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65 ~~A. Zones~~

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67 ~~B. A.~~ Rates and hours of operation.

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69 1) Parking meters shall be in effect daily during the summer season, as defined in
70 Chapter 1, Article III, between the hours of ~~10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.~~
71 ~~and 2:00 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, and between the hours of~~
72 ~~10:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. the following day on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and~~
73 ~~Sundays. 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, and 9:00am to 12:00 a.m. the following~~
74 ~~day on Tuesday through Sunday. Federal holidays are excluded from free parking on~~
75 ~~Mondays after 5:00 p.m.~~

76 2) ~~The metered rate will be \$4 per one hour of parking on all parking meters.~~

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Section 3. 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 4. 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 13th day of February, 2026.

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance amends Chapters 93-5 and 158 of the Town of Dewey Beach Code of Ordinances to revise parking rates and adjust the hours during which parking permits and meters are in effect. The amendments accomplish the following:

- Increase the weekly parking rate and the weekend rate.
- Modify paid parking hours to 9:00am – 12:00am the following day.
- Amend the free parking on Mondays to commence at 5:00pm and remain in effect for the remainder of the evening.
- Reorganize the code by placing all parking fees in Chapter 93, and all provisions regarding enforcement hours to Chapter 158.
- Stipulates that parking permits may be replaced at a reduced cost after a police report is filed.

Mayor, William Stevens

Town Manager, Bill Zolper