

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 70-121. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION., ARTICLE IV. PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING., CHAPTER 70. TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA INCREASING THE CURRENT FINE FOR VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS 70-121.(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3) AND (a)(4). BY TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) PER CITATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2024, the City Commission increased parking hourly parking rates to an average \$6.00 per hour; however, most parking citation fines have not been adjusted since 2018; and

WHEREAS, the maximum per-day purchase at on-street parking pay stations is \$60.00, which is higher than the overtime parking citation fine of \$45 (including the Crossing Guard surcharge); and

WHEREAS, some customers have opted to receive a parking citation for overtime parking in lieu of paying at the pay station or via the mobile payment app as it is potentially less expensive; and

WHEREAS, other citations for prohibited parking are, on average, \$55.00 (which includes the Crossing Guard Surcharge); and

WHEREAS, the Parking Division hereby requests the

Commission increase the current fines set forth in Sections 70-121(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3) and (a)(4) by ten dollars (\$10.00) per citation which would increase the City's revenue by an estimated \$225,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the handicap parking rate is currently set at the State of Florida maximum amount of \$250.00 and will not be affected by the proposed parking fine increases as appears;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That Sections 70-121(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3) and (a)(4) of Section 70.121. *PENALTY FOR VIOLATION*, ARTICLE IV. *PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING*, CHAPTER 70. *TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES* of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Key West, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows**:

" Sec. 70-121. - Penalty for violation.

(a) Any person cited for violation of the parking, stopping and standing regulations set forth in this chapter who submits payment within ten days of the issuance of the citation shall be fined as follows:

(1) For violation of Section 70-116, but not subsection 70-116(c)(3), 70-116(a)(3) or 70-116(a)(8) and violations of sections 70-119, 70-156, 70-247, and 70-265, ~~\$35.00~~ \$45.00.

(2) For violation of Section 70-118, other than unauthorized parking in handicapped parking

spaces, punishable as provided in Section 70-122, and division 5 of this article, ~~\$45.00~~ \$55.00.

(3) For violation of sections 70-158, 70-116(a) (3) or 70-116 (a) (8), ~~\$115.00~~ \$125.00.

(4) For violation of section 70-116 (c) (3) and division 2 of article IX of this chapter, ~~\$65.00~~ \$75.00.

(5) (a) For a first violation of section 70-497 of article X Division 2 of this chapter (Buses), \$250.00.

(b) For a second or subsequent violation of Section 2-497 of article X Division 2 of this Chapter, occurring within six (6) months of a prior violation of this Chapter, \$500.00.

(b) Failure to pay the penalty for violation(s) and failure to pay the penalties as provided in subsections (a) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this section within ten days may be referred to the Code Compliance Special Magistrate for a hearing and possible additional penalties in accordance with F.S. ch. 162.

(c) In order to fund the school crossing guard program in Key West, the following surcharges are imposed on parking fines:

(1) For violations of Section 70-116(c)(3) – blocking a fire hydrant – a surcharge of \$125.00

(2) For violations of section 70-317 – parking in a fire lane – a surcharge of \$75.00

(3) For violations of section 70-462 – prohibited parking of recreational and oversized vehicles – a surcharge of \$25.00

- (4) For violations of section 70-156 – overtime parking – a surcharge of \$5.00
- (5) For all other violations of parking prohibitions for which a surcharge is authorized by ordinance – a surcharge of \$15.00.”

**At first reading, added language is underlined; deleted language is ~~struck through~~. At second reading, added language is double-underlined and deleted language is ~~double-struck through~~.

Section 2: That all Ordinances, or parts thereof, of the City of Key West, Florida in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Read and passed on first reading by the City Commission
at a meeting held this _____ day of
_____, 2025.

Read and passed on final reading by the City Commission
at a meeting held this _____ day of
_____, 2025.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the
Commission on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Filed with the Clerk on _____,
2025.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Donald "Donie" Lee	_____
Commissioner Lisette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner District V	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____

DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CLERK