



ORDINANCE NO. 833

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §93-5, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, AND §158-9, PARKING METERS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH, DELAWARE TO INCREASE PARKING PERMIT AND PARKING METER FEES

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;"

WHEREAS, the Dewey Beach Budget & Finance Committee met at a properly noticed public meeting on January 18, 2024 and recommended the fee increases as outlined below.

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 §93-5 of the Code of Ordinances as depicted by highlighted insertions, strikeouts, and substitutions depicted below:

A. Seasonal: ~~\$250~~ **\$300**. The price will be reduced to ~~\$125~~ **\$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 ~~\$150~~ **\$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 ~~\$200~~ **\$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 ~~\$200~~ **\$225** rate.

B. Weekly rate (any eight consecutive days): ~~\$90~~ **\$100**.

C. Daily and weekend rates.

(1) Daily rate: ~~\$25~~ **\$30**

(2) Weekend rate: ~~\$45~~ **\$55** for one-time use on any consecutive Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Section 2. Amend §158-9 of the Code of Ordinances as depicted by highlighted insertions, strikeouts, and substitutions depicted below:

B. Rates and hours of operation.

(2) The metered rate will be ~~\$3~~ **\$3.50** per one hour of parking on all parking meters.

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 16th day of February, 2024.

SYNOPSIS

This Act increases parking permit and parking meter fees to offset the increased expense related to the provision of town services referenced above.


William Stevens, Mayor


Bill Zolper, Town Manager