



ORDINANCE NO. 842

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1-13, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH, DELAWARE TO ENFORCE HEAD-IN PARKING ONLY IN ANGLED AND PERPENDICULAR PARKING SPACES.

WHEREAS, to properly enforce town parking regulations, town officials must have an unobstructed view of a vehicle's license plate; and

WHEREAS, currently, nineteen states, including the state of Delaware, do not require a front license plate; and

WHEREAS, requiring head-in parking in angled and perpendicular parking spaces increases the safety and efficiency of parking enforcement.

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 of the Municipal Code of Dewey Beach, Delaware by making the highlighted insertions, strikeouts, and substitutions depicted below:

A. Parking fines.

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

(j) Failure to park head-in to an angled or perpendicular parking space with the front of vehicle toward the curb or edge of pavement and within 12 inches thereof.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision 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 approval by the Town Council. Adopted by at least a majority vote of all Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach on July 19, 2024.

SYNOPSIS

This Act requires head-in parking in all perpendicular and angled parking spaces, and enables town officials to assess a \$45 fine for violation of this ordinance.

William Stevens, Mayor

Bill Zolper, Town Manager