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ORDINANCE NO. 2768

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 43 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK ENTITLED, “COMBAT WOUNDED/PURPLE HEART PARKING”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Chapter 7, Section 43 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to Section Title

§ 7-43 ~~COMBAT WOUNDED/PURPLE HEART PARKING.~~ **VETERANS PARKING.**

SECTION 2. Clarification of Purpose

§ 7-43.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to supplement Chapter 7, "Traffic," ~~and provide the creation of Combat Wounded/Purple Heart Parking for qualified military personnel.~~ **with parking accommodations for veterans of the United States military who risked their lives in furtherance of the freedoms and liberty of American society. The Borough of Roselle Park acknowledges that many veterans return home with wounds of war and combat, some visible, others invisible to the human eye; all are, however, life changing. The Section shall stipulate where free parking spaces may be designated and reserved for use by veterans of the United States military, as a small token of thanks and acknowledgement for their selfless service to the nation as a whole.**

SECTION 3. Amendment to Locations.

§ 7-43.2 Location of ~~Combat Wounded/Purple Heart~~ **Veteran** Parking.

~~The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in order to further to promote public safety and welfare within the Borough, create Combat Wounded/Purple Heart Parking spaces/stalls at the following locations:~~

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	East of Municipal Parking Lot No. 4; more particularly described as the Borough Hall Parking Lot located at 110 East Westfield Avenue. Municipal Parking Lot No. 4E; the off-street parking area adjacent to the eastern side of the Municipal Complex located at 110 East Westfield Avenue (State Route 28).
+ 2	Roselle Park Library Parking Lot; more particularly described as the municipal parking lot adjacent to and behind the Roselle Park Veteran's Memorial Library at 404 Chestnut Street. Municipal Parking Lot No. 6; the off-street parking area behind and adjacent to the Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library located at 404 Chestnut Street (County Road 627).

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~~Roselle Park Municipal Lot No. 2; more particularly described as the municipal parking lot on Chestnut Street between East Grant Avenue and Charles Street.~~ **Municipal Parking Lot No. 2; the off-street municipal parking area nearest to the southeastern corner of the intersection of Grant Avenue and Chestnut Street.**

SECTION 4. Amendments to Parking Requirements

~~§ 7-43.3 Requirements to Park in Spaces/Stalls Designated for the Combat Wounded/Purple Heart Parking.~~ **Requirements for Use of Veterans Parking.**

- a. No person shall park a vehicle in a parking space/~~stall~~ designated and established for **Combat Wounded/Purple Heart Veterans Parking**, unless they ~~meet the requirements of Paragraph c of this subsection.~~ A **Combat Wounded/Purple Heart Veterans Parking** space means an area of a public roadway or public parking lot designated for use by any **Combat Wounded/Purple Heart** awarded person as provided for and which is so marked by proper signage and roadway marking. **obtain and display a placard issued through the Union County Office of Veteran Services.**
- b. ~~A combat wounded veteran is any person who served for any length of time in any military service branch, who experienced any level of hostility for any duration resulting from offensive, defensive, or friendly fire military action involving a real or perceived enemy in any foreign theater and suffers injury or disability from same. A Purple Heart Medal Designee is any member of the United States Military who has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal.~~
- e. ~~No person shall park a vehicle in any of the designated parking spaces/stalls for parking designated for use by Combat Wounded/Purple Heart Designees in locations referred to in the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park, unless such person is a Combat Wounded/Purple Heart Designee. Any vehicle parked in a parking stall reserved for Combat Wounded/Purple Heart drivers pursuant to this section, which does not display the official State license plate, or special identification sticker or placard from the Borough of Roselle Park, is presumed to have parked in such a stall unlawfully, and subject to the fines and penalties set forth in this section.~~
- d. ~~Any person applying for the aforementioned decal shall present such documents as required by the Borough Clerk to establish that the individual is a Combat Wounded Veteran and/or has been awarded the Purple Heart. In addition, any applicant must have been honorably discharged from the United States military. The Borough Clerk's Office shall have up to seven (7) days to review and determine if the applicant qualifies as a Combat Wounded Veteran/Purple Heart Designee.~~

SECTION 5. Amendments to Violations

§ 7-43.4 Violations.

Any person ~~parking in the restricted~~ **who parks in a parking space designated by the Borough as Veterans Parking** without **displaying a special vehicle identification decal placard** as indicated in Subsection 7-43.3a shall be liable for a fine up to ~~\$250 for the first and subsequent offense~~ **\$300.00 per offense**, and up to ninety (90) days community service on such terms and in such form the Roselle Park Municipal Court shall deem appropriate, or any combination thereof.

SECTION 6. Invalidation

If any section or portion of a section of this Code shall be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. Captions.

Captions contained in this Ordinance have been included only for the purpose of facilitating reference to the various sections and are not intended and shall not be utilized to construe the intent and meaning of the text of any section. Likewise, all strike through text, ~~thusly~~, should be considered a deletion from Borough Code, and all bolded text, **thusly**, should be considered an addition to Borough Code.

SECTION 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication of the Notice of Final Adoption prepared by the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Introduction: February 15, 2024

Adoption: March 7, 2024

Attest: _____

Donna L. Corrigan
Deputy Borough Clerk

Joseph Signorello III
Mayor

Record of Vote – Introduction				
	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Petrosky	X			
Johnson	X			
Signorello	X			
Robaina	X			
Lyons	X			
Patel	X			

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