

ORDINANCE NO. O-24-5

AN ORDINANCE RESERVING CERTAIN PARKING SPACES AT THE WEST LONG BRANCH BOROUGH HALL FOR COMBAT WOUNDED/PURPLE HEART MILITARY VETERANS

WHEREAS, Combat Wounded/Purple Heart military veterans have served the United States honorably and have made great sacrifices in doing so; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of West Long Branch would like to honor Combat Wounded/Purple Heart military veterans by reserving certain parking spaces at the Municipal Building for their use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of West Long Branch in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey that the Borough Code be amended as follows:

SECTION 1:

- A. No person shall park a vehicle in a parking space/stall designated and established for Combat Wounded/Purple Hearts veterans, unless they meet the requirements of Paragraph B of this subsection. A Combat Wounded/Purple Heart Parking space means an area of a public roadway or public parking lot designated for use by any Combat Wounded/Purple Hemi awarded person as provided for and which is so marked by proper signage and roadway marking.
- 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.
- C. Two (2) parking spaces located at the Municipal Building shall be reserved as Combat Wounded/Purple Hemi Parking spaces. The Administration shall designate said spaces with appropriate signage/roadway marking.
- D. Any person, firm, association, or corporation parking a motor vehicle in a restricted parking space without a special vehicle identification sticker or other proof of Combat Wounded/Purple Heart veteran status, including, but not limited to, any such vehicle identification card, license plate, or sticker issued by the State, County, or other Municipality, in violation of any provision of this chapter or any amendment or supplement thereto shall be liable to a fine of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) for the first offense and for subsequent offenses, a fine of at least two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253 .00) and up to ninety (90) days community service on such terms and in such form as the municipal court shall deem appropriate, or any combination thereof.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as required by law.

Introduced: February 7, 2024
Passed: February 21, 2024
Adopted: February 21, 2024

James W. Succi
MAYOR

Caroline J. Santos
BOROUGH CLERK