

ORDINANCE NO. 4-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 352.99, PARKING INFRACTION FINES, OF THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary to update and amend outdated Ordinances to meet the current needs of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 352.99 needs to be updated and amended to meet the current expenses associated enforcing and collecting unpaid parking infraction fines.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Port Clinton, County of Ottawa and State of Ohio:

Section 1. 352.99 PARKING INFRACTION FINES.

- (a) The fine for committing a parking infraction in the City of Port Clinton, unless another fine is established by subsection (e) of this Section, shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00), if paid within ten (10) days of the time of violation identified through service of the parking ticket pursuant to Section 352.04.
- (b) If the fine is not paid within ten (10) days of the time of violation as identified through service of the parking ticket pursuant to Section [352.04](#), the fine shall be increased to sixty dollars (\$60.00). The increase in fine provided in this Division shall not apply to violations issued under subsection (e) of this Section.
- (c) If the fine is not paid within thirty (30) days of the time of violation as identified through service of the parking ticket pursuant to Section [352.04](#), the fine shall be increased to ninety dollars (\$90.00). The increase in fine provided in this Division shall not apply to violations issued under subsection (e) of this Section.
- (d) Any motor vehicle that has accumulated three (3) or more unpaid and outstanding parking infractions, may be towed or otherwise removed by the law enforcement agency of the municipality. A motor vehicle that is so towed or removed shall not be released to its owner until the owner presents proof of ownership of the motor vehicle and pays all fines and all towing and storage fees normally imposed by the municipality for towing and storing motor vehicles. If the motor vehicle is a leased vehicle, it shall not be released to the lessee until the lessee presents proof that the person is the lessee of the motor vehicle and pays all fines and all towing and storage fees normally imposed by the municipality for towing and storing motor vehicles.

(e) The fine for violating Section [351.04](#) (f)(1) A or B, Parking in Handicapped Locations on Public and Private Lots and Garages, shall be as follows.

(f)(1)(A)(1) Disability/Handicapped Parking Space Violation (No Plate or Placard) \$250.00

(f)(1)(A)(2) Disability/Handicapped Parking Space Violation (Plate or Placard Improperly Displayed) \$100.00

(f)(1)(B) Any motor vehicle that is parked in an accessible marked parking location in violation of subsections (f)(1)(A)(1) or (f)(1)(A)(2) may be towed or otherwise removed from the parking location by the law enforcement agency of the municipality. A motor vehicle that is so towed or removed shall not be released to its owner until the owner presents proof of ownership of the motor vehicle and pays all towing and storage fees normally imposed by the municipality for towing and storing motor vehicles. If the motor vehicle is a leased vehicle, it shall not be released to the lessee until the lessee presents proof that the person is the lessee of the motor vehicle and pays all towing and storage fees normally imposed by the municipality for towing and storing motor vehicles.

(f) If the fine imposed is subsection (e) (f)(1)(A)(1) is not paid within ten (10) days of the time of violation as identified through service of the parking ticket pursuant to Section [352.04](#), the fine shall be increased to three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

(g) If the fine imposed is subsection (e) (f)(1)(A)(1) is not paid within thirty (30) days of the time of violation as identified through service of the parking ticket pursuant to Section [352.04](#), the fine shall be increased to three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00).

(h) If the fine imposed is subsection (e) (f)(1)(A)(2) is not paid within ten (10) days of the time of violation as identified through service of the parking ticket pursuant to Section [352.04](#), the fine shall be increased to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

(i) If the fine in subsection (e) (f)(1)(A)(2) is not paid within thirty (30) days of the time of violation as identified through service of the parking ticket pursuant to Section [352.04](#), the fine shall be increased to two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Section 2. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council or committees, and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in those actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 3. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is required to update outdated Section 352.99; **wherefore**, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____, 2025

President of Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Approve _____, 2025

Mayor