Ordinance No. 05-2023

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVIDENCE CITY CODE TITLE 6 MOTOR
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 2 PARKING REGULATIONS, SECTION 8
WINTER REGULATIONS & SECTION 6 CERTAIN PURPOSES PROHIBITED.

WHEREAS UCA § 10-3-701 states, "except as otherwise specifically provided, the governing body of each municipality shall exercise its legislative power through ordinances." And

WHEREAS, Providence City has ordinances in place to regulate and control motor
 vehicle parking and traffic.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to clarify and expand the language in PCC 6-2-8 & PCC 6-2-6.

WHEREAS, PCC 6-2-8: currently reads:

A. Night Parking.

- 1. It shall be unlawful for the driver or owner of any vehicle to park any vehicle or equipment on any street or right-of-way within eight feet of the pavement in the city beginning 24 hours after the first measurable snowfall or December 1, whichever comes earlier, of each year and ending April 15 of the following year, between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. the next day, for a period of time longer than three minutes when loading or unloading passengers. This subsection shall not apply to doctors on house calls, emergency vehicles, or vehicles used in the repair of utilities.
- 2. The city will not be liable for any damage occurring to any vehicle or equipment parked on any street or right-of-way, during street and right-of-way maintenance.
- B. Hour limitation. No person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any trailer or vehicle shall park or leave standing any such vehicle on any public road, street, alley, or city property for 48 or more consecutive hours, and any vehicle so parked or left standing may be impounded and remove by the police. For purposes of impoundment and removal, the police may impound and remove any vehicle which reasonably appears to have remained unmoved for 48 consecutive hours. The cost of impoundment and removal shall be charged to the owner or any person who claims the impounded vehicle. These restrictions are only effective during the same time limitations stated in subsection A of this section.

WHEREAS, City staff recommends the following amendments:

PCC 6-2-8 Winter Regulations

A. Night Parking.

- 1. It shall be unlawful for the driver or owner of any vehicle to park any vehicle or equipment on any street or right-of-way within eight feet of the pavement in the city beginning 24 hours after the first measurable snowfall or November 1 November 15th, whichever comes earlier, of each year and ending April 15 of the following year, between the hours of 11:00 pm and 10:00 a.m. the next day 1:00 am and 9:00 am for a period of time longer than three minutes when loading or unloading passengers. This subsection shall not apply to doctors on house calls, emergency vehicles, or vehicles used in the repair of utilities.
- 2. It shall be unlawful to park or leave parked any vehicle upon the paved portion of a city street, while snowplows are operating or while streets are snow or ice covered; excluding around school buildings while school is either in session or holding official school activities.
- 3. The city will not be liable for any damage occurring to any vehicle or equipment parked on any street or right-of-way, during street and right-of-way maintenance. Therefore, the owner of any vehicle parked in violation of this Section 2-8 shall be liable for any and all loss, damage, or injury of any kind sustained by the owner, the City, or any other person as a result of the vehicle being parked in violation of this Section 2-8, including without limitation as a result of any plowing or snow cleaning efforts of the City or others, and the owner shall fully indemnify the City against and hold the City harmless from any such loss, damage, or injury
- 4. Vehicles which have been plowed around for more than 48 hours will be presumed to be abandoned or in continued violation of the section and shall be subject to removal. All costs of removal of said vechicle(s) will be solely borne by the owner of the subject vehicle.
- B. Hour limitation. No person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any trailer or vehicle shall park or leave standing any such vehicle on any public road, street, alley or city property for 48 or more consecutive hours, and any vehicle so parked or left standing may be impounded and remove by the police. For purposes of impoundment and removal, the police may impound and remove any vehicle which reasonably appears to have remained unmoved for 48 consecutive hours. The cost of impoundment and removal shall be charged to the owner or any person who claims the impounded vehicle. These restrictions are only effective during the same time limitations stated in subsection A of this section.

- 82 B. Snow Removal. In addition to the restrictions found in PCC 6-2-8, it shall be
- unlawful for any person removing snow from any parking lot, driveway, or
- sidewalk to push, blow, or otherwise deposit such snow onto the roadway of any
- public street or push it across said roadway in such a manner as to leave a
- residue or otherwise increase the amount of snow on the roadway.
- 87 *C. Violation*. Any person who violates any of the provisions of PCC 6-2-8 shall be guilty of an infraction, and upon conviction shall be subject to a penalty and fine.
- 89 And,
- 90 WHEREAS PCC 6-2-6 Certain Purposes Prohibited currently reads:
- 91 6-2-6 Certain Purposes Prohibited
- 92 No person shall park a vehicle upon any roadway or right-of-way for the principal
- 93 purpose of:
- 94 1. *Displaying for sale*. Displaying such vehicle for sale;
- Repairs. Greasing or repairing such vehicle, except repairs necessitated by
 an emergency;
- 97 3. Advertising. Displaying advertising;
- 98 4. *Merchandise sales.* The sale of foodstuffs or other merchandise in any business district; or
- 100 5. Hour limitation. No person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any trailer or vehicle shall park or leave standing any such vehicle on 101 102 any public road, street, alley or city property for 48 or more consecutive hours and any vehicle so parked or left standing may be impounded and 103 104 removed by the police. For purposes of impoundment and removal, the police may impound and remove any vehicle which reasonably appears to 105 106 have remained unmoved for 48 consecutive hours. The cost of impoundment and removal shall be charged to the owner or any person 107 108 who claims the impounded vehicle.
- 109 WHEREAS, City Staff recommends the following amendments:

110 6-2-6 Certain Purposes Prohibited

- No person shall park a vehicle upon any roadway or right-of-way for the principal
- 112 purpose of:
- 1. *Displaying for sale*. Displaying such vehicle for sale:
- 2. *Repairs.* Greasing or repairing such vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency;
- 116 3. *Advertising*. Displaying advertising;
- 4. *Merchandise sales*. The sale of foodstuffs or other merchandise in any business district; or

- 5. Hour limitation. No person who owns or has possession, custody or control 119 of any trailer or vehicle shall park or leave standing any such vehicle on 120 any public road, street, alley or city property for 48 or more consecutive 121 hours and any vehicle so parked or left standing may be impounded and 122 removed by the police. For purposes of impoundment and removal, the 123 police may impound and remove any vehicle which reasonably appears to 124 have remained unmoved for 48 consecutive hours. The cost of 125 impoundment and removal shall be charged to the owner or any person 126 who claims the impounded vehicle. 127
 - 6.—Night Parking. It shall be unlawful for the driver or owner of any trailer, RV, motor home, camper, or non-motorized equipment to be on any street or right-of-way within eight feet of the pavement in the city between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am year-round. This subsection shall not apply to doctors on house calls, emergency vehicles, or vehicles used in the repair of utilities.
- WHEREAS, the current fine for winter parking is only \$25, it is recommended that it be raised to \$50, to further discourage violations.
- WHEREAS, PCC 6-2-8(B) *Hour Limitation* is also found in PCC 6-2-6, it is recommended that it be removed from PCC 6-2-8 to eliminate unnecessary duplication.
 - WHEREAS, City Council motions to approve the Ordinance granting the amendment to Providence City Code 6-2-8 & 6-2-6

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Providence City Council

- The above referenced code amendment shall be approved with the following changes:
 - PCC 6-2-8(A)(1) shall now have the date of November 15th and the hours of 1 am and 9 am.
 - PCC 6-2-8(A)(4) shall include the additional wording of 'for more than 48 hours'.
 - PCC 6-2-6 Night Parking shall be tabled and discussed at a later date.
- This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and posting or 30 days after final passage, whichever is closer to the date of final passage.

Passed by vote of the Providence City Council this 18th day of October 2023.

Council Vote:

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