

**TOWN OF EAST LYME
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING ADOPTION OF A PARKING ORDINANCE
AND
AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FINES FOR ILLEGAL
PARKING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, of a public hearing to be held by the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 7:00 p.m. on August 1, 2018 at the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut to consider the adoption of the following Ordinances:

PARKING ORDINANCE

Section 1. General Parking Restrictions.

No vehicle shall be parking in the following manner on a highway or a municipal parking lot in the Town of East Lyme:

1. Upon a Highway:
 - a. Within ten feet (10') of any fire hydrant.
 - b. Parallel and adjacent to a vehicle already parked in a particular area.
 - c. Upon any public sidewalk except when in the process of crossing said sidewalk or when necessary to perform sidewalk construction, maintenance or snow removal or when other emergency circumstances require.
 - d. In such manner as to obstruct or interfere with the ingress or egress from a private driveway or alleyway, except with the permission of the owner of such private driveway or alleyway.
 - e. Upon the traveled portion of any highway except upon the right-hand side of such highway in the direction in which such vehicle is headed.
 - f. With the right hand wheels further than twelve inches (12") from the curb or edge of the highway.
 - g. Within twenty-five (25') of any intersection marked crosswalk or stop sign.
 - h. At a bus stop, taxi-stand, loading and unloading zones except vehicles performing the intended purpose in those designated areas.
 - i. In such manner as to obstruct the flow of traffic.
 - j. In violation of any sign posted by the Traffic Authority of the Town of East Lyme or the State of Connecticut which prohibits, limits or regulates the parking of vehicles within the Town of East Lyme.

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2. In a Municipal Lot:

- a. In violation of any restrictions posted by order of the Board of Selectmen or the Legal Traffic Authority of the Town of East Lyme.
- b. In such manner as to obstruct or interfere with the ingress or egress from the lot.
- c. In such manner as to obstruct or prevent the movement of other parked vehicles within the lot.

3. For purposes of this ordinance, the term "Highway" includes any state or public highway, road, avenue, street, alley, driveway, parkway or thoroughfare under the jurisdiction of the Town of East Lyme. "Municipal Lot" shall mean any area under the jurisdiction of the Town of East Lyme that is dedicated to and posted for the parking of motor vehicles.

Section 2. Enforcement & Penalties.

- A. Enforcement – Any officer, or other designated representative of the East Lyme Police Department, may attach to any vehicle found in violation of any of the regulations set forth in the foregoing section, a notice to the owner or operator thereof that such vehicle has been parked unlawfully, identifying which prohibited act(s) have been violated and the penalties for such violation(s), and that the owner or operator shall pay the penalty for such violation, by appearing in person at East Lyme Police Headquarters or by mailing such notice, with the amount of the penalty, to the East Lyme Police Department.
- B. Penalties – The penalty for any violation shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). If the designated fine is not paid within 14 calendar days, said fine shall double in amount.

Section 3. Collection & Disbursement of Funds Received as Penalties.

The East Lyme Police Department ("Department") is authorized to accept payment of the penalties from any person found to be in violation of this ordinance. The Department shall deposit such payments into an account designated by the Board of Selectmen. The Department shall keep a record of all such penalties paid to it for such violations and the registration information of all such vehicles found to be in violation and present the same to the Board of Police Commissioners as requested by the Commission. Such report shall be kept for record in the Town Hall in East Lyme.

Section 4. Appeals Process.

The town hereby adopts the provisions of section 7-152b of the General Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time, which section establishes a hearing procedure for parking violations as more particularly set forth in said statute.

Section 5. Snow Emergencies.

Any vehicle parked on a highway within the Town during, or within twelve hours after, a snowfall of three inches or more shall be subject to being removed and towed. Such removal shall be at the risk and sole expense of the owner of the vehicle.

Section 6. Towing.

In addition to penalties described herein, an East Lyme police officer may order any vehicle which is parked so as to impede traffic or to obstruct snow removal operations to be towed from the location in which it is parked to a suitable location at the owner's or operator's expense. The procedure for such removal is set forth in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 14-145 and 14-150.

The foregoing towing charges are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any penalties for parking violations imposed on the owner of the impounded vehicle pursuant to this ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication of notice of its adoption.

ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FINES FOR ILLEGAL PARKING

The Ordinance entitled "Ordinance Establishing Fines For Illegal Parking" is hereby repealed and is of no further force and effect.

This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication of notice of its adoption.

Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut, on this 11th day of July, 2018.

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mark Nickerson
Kevin Seery
Marc Salerno
Rose Ann Hardy
Daniel Cunningham
Paul Dagle