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Honorable Common Council
City of Danbury
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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Re: Illegally Parked Motor Vehicles
Amendments to Ordinances

Dear Members of the Council:

At my request, Corporation Counsel has prepared the attached amendments to certain sections of our ordinances to strengthen provisions assisting City personnel in the enforcement of illegally parked motor vehicles on lawns and other off-street property.

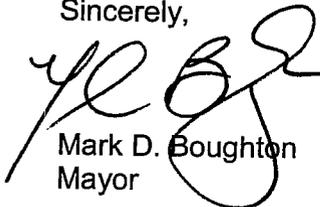
In essence, the amendments provide the authority for the Mayor to designate an authorized member of the UNIT to enforce such violations, by citation, as an additional remedy to that already available to members of the Police Department by State and local law. This would provide for easier and more rapid enforcement, but remain consistent with those enforcement provisions we have been using.

The related ordinance amendments will serve to revise associated Code sections permitting the citation enforcement process to occur.

Please refer these proposed amendments to a committee of the whole and public hearing, in order that this matter can receive your expedited consideration.

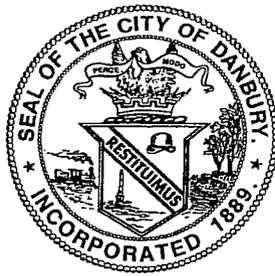
Please do not hesitate to contact us in the event you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Boughton
Mayor

Attachments



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ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT COMMON COUNCIL

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT Division 4 of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Danbury, Sections 19-75 and 19-76 are hereby amended and subsections (a) and (b) are added to Section 19-75 as follows:

Sec. 19-75. Parking, storing or leaving on property without consent of property owner prohibited.

(a) Prohibition.

No person shall park, store or leave any motor vehicle of any kind which is abandoned, inoperative or unregistered upon property other than that owned by him without the consent of the owner thereof.

(b) *Enforcement by citation.*

Enforcement of Section 19-75 by the UNIT official, in addition to other remedies, may be by citation procedure as established by Code Section 12-34 and 12-35.

Sec. 19-76. Procedure for removal.

(a) *Notification sticker, required information; chief of police to be informed.*

Any officer of the Danbury Police Department, or such member of the Unified Neighborhood Inspection Team ("UNIT") duly authorized and designed by the Mayor for the purposes hereof as required by law, shall, upon initial discovery of an abandoned, inoperative or unregistered motor vehicle, affix to that vehicle, in a manner readily visible, a notification sticker containing the following information:

- (1) The date and time when the sticker was affixed;
- (2) A statement that the vehicle must be removed within thirty (30) days;
- (3) A location and telephone number where additional information can be obtained;
- (4) The identity of the affixing officer.

In addition, the affixing officer shall inform the chief of police in writing of the location and description of each such abandoned, inoperative or unregistered motor vehicle.

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THAT Division 4 of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Danbury, Sections 19-75 and 19-76 are hereby amended and subsections (a) and (b) are added to Section 19-75 as follows:

Sec. 19-75. Parking, storing or leaving on property without consent of property owner prohibited.

(a) PROHIBITION.

No person shall park, store or leave any motor vehicle of any kind which is abandoned, inoperative or unregistered upon property other than THAT OWNED BY HIM ~~his own~~ without the consent of the owner thereof.

(b) ENFORCEMENT BY CITATION.

ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 19-75 BY THE UNIT OFFICIAL, IN ADDITION TO OTHER REMEDIES, MAY BE BY CITATION PROCEDURE AS ESTABLISHED BY CODE SECTION 12-34 AND 12-35.

Sec. 19-76. Procedure for removal.

(a) *Notification sticker, required information; chief of police to be informed.*

Any officer of the Danbury Police Department, OR SUCH MEMBER OF THE UNIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD INSPECTION TEAM ("UNIT") DULY AUTHORIZED AND DESIGNATED BY THE MAYOR FOR THE PURPOSES HEREOF AS REQUIRED BY LAW, shall, upon initial discovery of an abandoned, inoperative or unregistered motor vehicle, affix to that vehicle, in a manner readily visible, a notification sticker containing the following information:

- (1) The date and time when the sticker was affixed;
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In addition, the affixing officer shall inform the chief of police in writing of the location and description of each such abandoned, inoperative or unregistered motor vehicle.

Note: New language is indicated by CAPITALIZATION COMBINED WITH UNDERLINING except that capitalization is not utilized for the letters in parentheses which indicate subsections.

Deleted language is indicated by strikeouts.



ORDINANCE
CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT
COMMON COUNCIL

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT Subsection 12-34(b) of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended by adding paragraph (10), which said paragraph reads as follows:

Sec. 12-34. Citations.

(b)(10) The UNIT official designated to enforce violations of Division 4 of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances shall be authorized to issue citations imposing fines for violation thereof.

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THAT Subsection 12-34(b) of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended by adding paragraph (10), which said paragraph reads as follows:

Sec. 12-34. Citations.

| (B)(10) THE UNIT OFFICIAL DESIGNATED TO ENFORCE VIOLATIONS OF DIVISION 4 OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CITATIONS IMPOSING FINES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.