



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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**BILL NO. 240657
(As Amended 10/15/24)**

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Councilmember Gauthier for Council President Johnson

**Referred to the
Committee on Streets and Services**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bicycle lane and to increase monetary penalties for illegally stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bicycle lane, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 12-900 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 12-913. Prohibitions in Specified Places.

(1) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to protect the safety of any person or vehicle or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person shall:

(a) Stop, stand or park a vehicle:

(.1) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.

(.2) On a sidewalk except that a bicycle may be parked as provided in Section 12-807.

(.3) Within an intersection.

(.4) On a crosswalk.

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(.5) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by official traffic-control devices.

(.6) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.

(.7) On any railroad tracks.

(.8) In the area between roadways of a divided highway, including crossovers.

(.9) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

(.10) Where any part of the vehicle would block any part of a curb cut or handicapped ramp.

(.11) *Within a designated bicycle lane.*

(b) Stand or park a vehicle: ***

(c) Park a vehicle:

(.1) Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing.

(.2) For more than 20 minutes at any place where official signs prohibit parking.

[(.3) *Within a designated bicycle lane.*]

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Section 2. Chapter 12-2800 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 12-2809. Civil Penalties and Costs.

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(2) Basic Penalties.

(a) Any person violating the following provisions of Title 12 shall, upon a final finding of liability pursuant to this Chapter 12-2800, be liable for payment of the civil penalty indicated, in addition to the costs and fees set forth in subsection 12-2809(1):

Code Provision	Violation Description	Penalty
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12-913(1)(a) Stopping, Standing, Parking - Prohib Place

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(.11) Within a designated bicycle lane. \$75

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12-913(1)(c) Parking – Prohib Place

(.1) Near Railroad Crossing \$30

(.2) Disobey Signs – Prohib Parking \$40

[(.3) Block Bicycle Lane \$50]

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(b) Any person violating the following provisions of Title 12 in the Center City area, bounded by Spring Garden street, Bainbridge street, the Schuylkill River and the Delaware River, or in the University City area, bounded by the Schuylkill River on the east, University avenue/Woodland avenue on the south, Fortieth street on the west, and by a line along Filbert street, between Fortieth street and Thirty-fourth street, along Thirty-fourth street to Arch street, along Arch street, between Thirty-fourth street and the Schuylkill River, on the north, shall, upon a final finding of liability pursuant to this Chapter 12-2800, be liable for the payment of the civil penalty indicated, in addition to the costs and fees set forth in subsection 12-2809(1):

Code Provision	Violation Description	Penalty
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12-913(1)(a) Stopping, Standing, Parking - Prohib Place

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(.11) Within a designated bicycle lane. \$125

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12-913(1)(c) Parking – Prohib Place

(.1) Near Railroad Crossing \$30

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(.2) Disobey Signs – Prohib Parking \$40

[(.3) Block Bicycle Lane \$75]

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Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Explanation:
[Brackets] indicate matter to be deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.