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**Title:** Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to revise the penalties for certain parking violations; revise the fees for booting, towing and storage of certain immobilized and impounded vehicles; prohibit a vehicle owner from parking his or her vehicle on a public highway without a valid certificate of inspection and provide the penalty for such a violation; and make certain technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

**Sponsors:** Councilmember Longstreth, Councilmember Rizzo

**Indexes:** TRAFFIC CODE

**Code sections:** 12-2406.1 - Fees and Charges, 12-2809 - Civil Penalties and Costs, 12-916 - Additional Parking Prohibitions, Title 12 - TRAFFIC CODE

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| Date      | Ver. | Action By                         | Action  | Result | Tally |
|-----------|------|-----------------------------------|---|--------|-------|
| 3/3/2003  | 1    | MAYOR                             | SIGNED  |        |       |
| 2/20/2003 | 1    | CITY COUNCIL                      | READ  |        |       |
| 2/20/2003 | 1    | CITY COUNCIL                      | PASSED  | Pass   | 16:0  |
| 2/6/2003  | 1    | CITY COUNCIL                      | ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR   |        |       |
| 2/6/2003  | 1    | CITY COUNCIL                      | SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL                      | Pass   |       |
| 2/6/2003  | 1    | CITY COUNCIL                      | ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR |        |       |
| 2/5/2003  | 0    | Committee on Streets and Services | HEARING NOTICES SENT                                  |        |       |
| 2/5/2003  | 1    | Committee on Streets and Services | REPORTED FAVORABLY, RULE SUSPENSION REQUESTED         |        |       |
| 2/5/2003  | 0    | Committee on Streets and Services | AMENDED   |        |       |
| 2/5/2003  | 0    | Committee on Streets and Services | HEARING HELD  |        |       |
| 12/5/2002 | 0    | CITY COUNCIL                      | Referred  |        |       |
| 12/5/2002 | 0    | CITY COUNCIL                      | Introduced  | Pass   |       |

Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to revise the penalties for certain parking violations; revise the fees for booting, towing and storage of certain immobilized and impounded vehicles; prohibit a vehicle owner from parking his or her vehicle on a public highway without a valid certificate of inspection and provide the penalty for such a violation; and make certain technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

*THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

SECTION 1. Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 12. TRAFFIC CODE.

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§12-916. Additional Parking Prohibitions.

(1) No owner shall park his vehicle on any public highway at any time after the commencement of a suspension of such owner's operating privilege pursuant to Section 1533 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S.A. §101, et. seq., and before the operating privilege has been restored.

(2) No person shall park a vehicle on any public highway if the person is not licensed as required by 75 Pa. C.S.A. Section 1501, if the vehicle is not registered as required by 75 Pa. C.S.A. Section 1301, if the vehicle does not display a registration plate as required by 75 Pa. C.S.A. Section 1332, [or] if the vehicle is not covered by financial responsibility as required by 75 Pa. C.S.A. Section 1786, or if the vehicle does not display a currently valid certificate of inspection as required by 75 Pa. C.S.A. Section 4703.

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§12-2406.1. Fees and Charges.

(1) A [fifty (\$50)] *seventy-five (\$75)* dollar booting fee and/or a [seventy-five (\$75)] *one-hundred (\$100)* dollar towing and removal fee shall be assessed to cover the costs of immobilization and/or impoundment of any vehicle immobilized or impounded pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter or other provisions of law.

(2) Storage charges for the storage of any vehicle impounded under the provisions of the Chapter or other provisions of law shall be calculated at the rate of [five (5)] *ten (10)* dollars for each twenty-four hour period or fraction thereof, for the first five (5) days of impoundment, and fifteen (15) dollars for each twenty-four (24) hour period or fraction thereof thereafter.

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§12-2809. Civil Penalties and Costs.

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(2) 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           |
|----------------|--|-------------------|
| 12-807(1)      | Bicycle Illeg Parking  | \$15.00           |
| 12-901(1)(a)   | Parking on Bridge  | \$20.00           |
| 12-901(1)(b)   | Parking Bus Stop   | [\$20.00] \$35.00 |
| 12-901(1)(c)   | Parking School Zone  | [\$20.00] \$30.00 |
| 12-901(1)(d)   | Stop Prohibited  | [\$25.00] \$35.00 |
| 12-901(2)      | Move Veh to Proh Area  | \$20.00           |
| 12-901(3)      | Park Commercial Vehicle<br>[loaded with debris, waste or<br>recyclable material] <i>On</i> |                   |

|              |  |           |         |
|--------------|--|-----------|---------|
|              | <i>Residential Street</i>                      | \$100.00  |         |
| 12-902(1)(a) | Disp Veh For Sale                              | \$300.00  |         |
| 12-902(1)(b) | Wash Repair Veh                                | \$300.00  |         |
| 12-903(1)    | Disobey Signs - Stopping,<br>Standing, Parking | [\$25.00] | \$35.00 |
| 12-903(2)    | Disobey Signs -<br>Standing, Parking           | [\$25.00] | \$35.00 |
| 12-903(3)    | Disobey Signs - Parking                        | [\$15.00] | \$20.00 |
| 12-903(6)    | Cleaning Zone Regs                             | [\$15.00] | \$25.00 |
| 12-906(2)    | Parking Load Zone                              | [\$20.00] | \$25.00 |
| 12-908(1)    | Bus Not In Bus Stand                           | [\$20.00] | \$35.00 |
| 12-908(2)    | Improper Discharge                             | [\$20.00] | \$35.00 |
| 12-908(3)    | Load Bus Improper                              | [\$20.00] | \$35.00 |
| 12-908(4)    | Taxi Not in Taxi Stand                         | [\$20.00] | \$35.00 |
| 12-909(1)    | Park Taxi Stand                                | [\$20.00] | \$25.00 |
| 12-912       | Stop/Block Highway                             | [\$25.00] | \$35.00 |
| 12-913(1)(a) | Stopping, Standing, Parking - Prohib Place     |           |         |
|              | (i) Double Parking                             | [\$25.00] | \$35.00 |
|              | (ii) On Sidewalk                               | [\$20.00] | \$35.00 |
|              | (iii) In Intersection                          | [\$20.00] | \$35.00 |
|              | (iv) In Crosswalk                              | [\$20.00] | \$35.00 |
|              | (v) In Safety Zone                             | [\$20.00] | \$35.00 |
|              | (vi) Street Excavation                         | [\$20.00] | \$25.00 |
|              | (vii) Railroad Tracks                          | [\$20.00] | \$25.00 |
|              | (viii) Center of Divided<br>Highway            | [\$20.00] | \$25.00 |
|              | (ix) Disobey Signs -<br>Prohib Stopping        | [\$25.00] | \$35.00 |
|              | (x) Block curb<br>cut/ramp                     |           | \$75.00 |
| 12-913(1)(b) | Standing, Parking- Prohib Place                |           |         |
|              | (i) Driveway                                   | [\$20.00] | \$35.00 |

|               |   |            |          |
|---------------|---|------------|----------|
|               | (ii) Fire Hydrant   | [\\$30.00] | \$40.00  |
|               | (iii) Too Close to Corner   | [\$25.00]  | \$35.00  |
|               | (iv) Too Close to Signals   | [\$20.00]  | \$30.00  |
|               | (v) Too Close to Fire Station   | [\$30.00]  | \$35.00  |
|               | (vi) Streetcar Obstructed   | [\$25.00]  | \$35.00  |
|               | (vii) Limited Access Highway  | [\$20.00]  | \$35.00  |
|               | (viii) Disobey Signs -<br>Prohib Standing   | [\$25.00]  | \$35.00  |
| 12-913(1)(c)  | Parking - Prohib Place  |            |          |
|               | (i) Near Railroad Crossing  | [\$20.00]  | \$25.00  |
|               | (ii) Disobey Signs -<br>Prohib Parking  | [\$15.00]  | \$25.00  |
| 12-913(2)     | Private Property  |            | \$25.00  |
| 12-914        | Improper Parking  | [\$20.00]  | \$25.00  |
| 12-915        | Unattended Vehicle  | [\$20.00]  | \$25.00  |
| 12-916(1)     | Parking While <i>Owner's</i> License<br>Suspended   |            | \$100.00 |
| 12-916(2)     | Parking Unregistered Vehicle;<br>Parking Without Driver's<br>License; <i>Parking Without Insurance;</i><br><i>Parking Without Certificate Of</i><br><i>Inspection</i> | [\$300.00] | \$100.00 |
| 12-917(5)     | Park Valet Zone   | [\$20.00]  | \$25.00  |
| 12-917(6)     | Overtime Valet Zone   |            | \$25.00  |
| 12-1002(1)    | Park Unmetered Zone   | [\$15.00]  | \$20.00  |
| 12-1004(1)    | Park Meter Improper   | [\$15.00]  | \$20.00  |
| 12-1004(2)    | Improper Motorcycle<br>Parking  |            | \$50.00  |
| 12-1005(1)    | Not Pay Meter Fee   | [\$15.00]  | \$20.00  |
| 12-1006(1)    | Overtime Meter  | [\$15.00]  | \$20.00  |
| 12-1113(3)    | Park Trolley Stop   | [\$20.00]  | \$25.00  |
| 12-1117(3)(f) | Parking Reserved<br>Accessible Space  |            | \$300.00 |
| 12-1117(4)(b) | Park Handicapped<br>Space   | [\$100.00] | \$300.00 |

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| 12-1120(2)       | Abandoning Vehicle  |          | \$300.00          |
| 12-1123          | Unlawful Vehicle Alarm  |          | \$100.00          |
| 12-1124(1)       | Mobile Home Parking   |          | [\$20.00] \$35.00 |
| 12-1126          | Excessive Noise   | \$75.00  |                   |
| 12-1127(1)(2)(3) | Excessive Idling of or Noise from Motor Vehicles                          |          | [\$50.00] \$75.00 |
| 12-1128          | Commercial Vehicle to Display Name, Address and Telephone Number of Owner |          | \$300.00          |
| 12-1402(3)       | Illeg Placed Ticket   |          | \$50.00           |
| 12-1604(1)       | Parking on Grass  | \$100.00 |                   |
| 12-1604(2)       | Parental Liability  | \$100.00 |                   |
| 12-2502(4)(a)    | Parking Snow Route  |          | [\$35.00] \$40.00 |

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SECTION 2 This Ordinance shall take effect on April 1, 2003.

**Explanation:**

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