

ORDINANCE NO. 598

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING ON PUBLIC WAYS; REPEALING SECTION 78-3 OF THE CITY CODE REQUIRING PERMITS FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES; PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF UNATTENDED LARGE VEHICLES ON THE PAVED RIGHT OF WAY IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS; REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; SEVERABILITY; AND AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Springfield adopted Ordinance 357 on January 6, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the dangers improperly parked vehicles can cause such as visibility issues, safety hazards, and the clearance of emergency service vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to prohibit parking on residential streets and authorize tow-away of such vehicles larger than 3/4 ton or exceeds 20 feet in length that are obstructing the movement of traffic or so as to constitute a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to prohibit the stopping, standing, or parking of any vehicle larger than 3/4 ton or exceeding 20 feet in length (including a motor home, trailer, or other object in combination herewith) within the city limits on public property including rights-of-way, bridges, viaducts, causeways, streets, alleys, or other public thoroughfares.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the people of the City of Springfield, Florida:

SECTION 1. Section 78-3 of the City's Code of Ordinances, titled "Vehicle weight limits; streets not covered; permit required; fee." is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 78-33 of the City's Code of Ordinance related to parking of vehicles in public ways, is hereby amended to read as follows (new text **bold and underlined**, deleted text struckthrough):

Sec. 78-33. - Parking of vehicles or trailers in public ways for more than 48 hours; permit required; restrictions.

It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any motor vehicle or trailer larger than 3/4 ton or exceeding 20 feet in length (including a motor home, trailer, or other object in combination herewith) unattended parked upon the paved or main-traveled part of the right-of-way of any residential street, alley, or other public way in a residential subdivision within the city, ~~for over 48 hours without having a written, current and valid permit from the chief of police, which permit shall be issued by the chief of police for periods of not to exceed seven days upon the payment to the city of a permit fee as established by resolution of the city commission; provided, however, that no such permit shall be issued if, in the opinion of the chief of police, the parked vehicle will constitute a hazard to the traveling public; and provided further, no such permit shall give the holder thereof the right to park in such a manner as to obstruct traffic. The chief of police shall have the right to designate on any such permit the particular location upon the side of any such street or alley or other public way where any such vehicle or trailer may park during the permitted period.~~

SECTION 3. It is the intent of the City Commission that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City of Springfield's Code of Ordinances, and that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," "regulation," or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared.

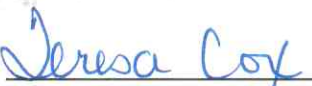
SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED and ADOPTED in regular session, with a quorum present and voting, by the City Commission, upon second and final reading this 4th day of DECEMBER, 2023.

City of Springfield, Florida


Ralph Hammond, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Cox, City Clerk