

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 10.25—PARKING RESTRICTION OF CERTAIN VEHICLES WITHIN RESIDENTIAL ZONES—OF THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, TO EXPAND OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES WITHIN THE CITY OF COVINGTON TO ALL VEHICLES; ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR CORRECTIONS.

WHEREAS, it is the express intent of the city council to control the number of large vehicles parked overnight on public rights-of-way (ROW) in residential neighborhoods in a manner that promotes residential property values; the use, value, and enjoyment of property; aesthetics; sleep and repose; and the quality of the community; and

WHEREAS, the overnight parking of large vehicles on public ROW is a blighting factor that depreciates the value of adjacent and surrounding properties and in doing so negatively impacts the entire community; and

WHEREAS, it is demonstrated that the city's current overnight parking regulation under section 10.25.030 of the Covington Municipal Code (CMC) is unclear, under-broad, and does not serve as a sufficient deterrent to eliminate such violations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to CMC 10.25.030 expands the restrictions on overnight parking on public ROW in residential zones to all large vehicles to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare on residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to CMC 10.25.030 makes Covington's parking regulations more consistent with surrounding jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, it is within the authority of the city council to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Covington, and the city council desires to adopt the following amended regulation to expand the restriction of overnight parking on public ROW to all large vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. CMC 10.25.030 Amended. Section 10.25.030 of the Covington Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

10.25.030 Parking restriction of certain vehicles within residential areas.

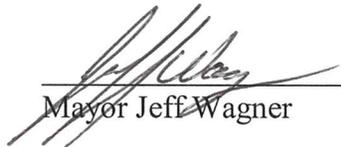
No persons shall park a ~~meter~~ vehicle, which is more than eighty (80) inches wide at any point along its body, on any street or alley in residentially zoned areas as defined in the City of Covington zoning code between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. A person found to have committed a violation of this section shall be assessed a civil monetary penalty of \$75.00.

Section 2. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Corrections. Upon the approval of the city attorney, the city clerk and/or codifier is authorized to make any necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

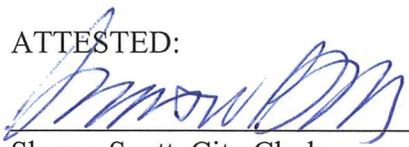
Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the city and shall take full force and effect five (5) days after publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, at a regular meeting thereof on the 12th day of April, 2016, and signed in authentication of its passage.

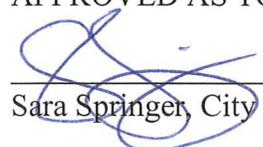


Mayor Jeff Wagner

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ATTESTED:


Sharon Scott, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:


Sara Springer, City Attorney