

ORDINANCE 21-26

TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

- Re: Amending Chapter 15.37 (Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking) to add a penalty for using a residential neighborhood parking permit in an unauthorized manner; Section 15.37.080 (Proof of permit purchase required) to add a penalty for not displaying a neighborhood parking or visitor permit when parked in a residential neighborhood zone and adding that penalty to the list of Class G traffic violations; Section 15.37.100 (Replacement of permit) to require permit holders to report stolen permits to the police before receiving a free replacement; and Section 15.48.010 (General Provisions) to require people who have their cars towed after they have accumulated six or more unpaid parking citations to pay their unpaid citations before their car will be released to them

WHEREAS, the Parking Commission and City staff from the Planning and Transportation, Engineering, Parking Services division of Public Works, and Legal departments recommend certain changes be made in Title 15 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled "Vehicles and Traffic,"

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Chapter 15.37, entitled "Residential Neighborhood Permit Parking," shall be amended by adding a new section 15.37.065 as follows, and the additional section shall be reflected in the Table of Contents for the Chapter:

15.37.065 – Unauthorized use of neighborhood permits.

Using a neighborhood parking permit in any way contrary to this chapter constitutes an unauthorized use of a neighborhood permit, a Class B Traffic Violation subject to the penalty listed in Section 15.64.010(b).

SECTION 2. Section 15.37.080, entitled "Proof of permit purchase required," shall be amended by adding the following after the last sentence:

Failure to visibly display a neighborhood parking zone permit or visitor permit while parked in a regulated area shall constitute a Class G Traffic Violation, subject to the penalty listed in Section 15.64.010(h).

SECTION 3. Section 15.37.100, entitled "Replacement of Permit," shall be amended by adding the following after the last sentence:

A permit holder whose permit is stolen may receive a replacement permit at no charge, upon presenting proof that the theft of the permit was reported to law enforcement.

SECTION 4. Section 15.48.010, entitled "General Provisions," shall be amended by deleting 15.48.010(a)(8) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

(8) Any vehicle which has accumulated six or more unpaid citations. The owner of the vehicle must provide proof that the parking citations have been paid before the vehicle will be released. Parking officials will provide notice to the vehicle owner when issuing a fifth parking citation to the owner who has four unpaid citations.

SECTION 5. Section 15.64.010(h), entitled "Class G Traffic Violations (Bicycle and motorized scooter safety violations)," shall be amended by replacing the current title of the subsection with a new title that shall read "Class G Traffic Violations (Bicycle, motorized scooter safety and failure to display vehicle permit violations)," and by adding the following to the table of violations:

Fine:		
Covers:	15.37.080	Failure to display vehicle permit

SECTION 6. If any section, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or application of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall be in effect after its passage by the Common Council and approval of the Mayor, any required publication, and, as necessary, other promulgation in accordance with the law.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 5 day of May, 2021.



JIM SIMS, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:



NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 13 day of May, 2021.



NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk,
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 14th day of May, 2021.



JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance amends Title 15, "Vehicles and Traffic," of the Bloomington Municipal Code and comes forth at the request of City staff and the Parking Commission. The ordinance makes the following changes:

- It adds a penalty for using a residential neighborhood parking permit in an unauthorized manner.
- It adds a penalty for not properly displaying a neighborhood parking permit when parked in a residential neighborhood zone and adds that penalty to the list of Class G traffic violations.
- It requires permit holders to report stolen permits to the police before receiving a free replacement.
- It requires people whose cars have been towed because they have accumulated six or more unpaid citations to pay their unpaid citations before their car will be released to them.

Distributed to: Clerk, Council Attorney, Legal, Mayor, Public Works, Parking Services, Planning & Transportation, Controller, Bloomington Police Department

