

ORDINANCE NO. 07-12

**AN ORDINANCE TO RATIFY AND ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO
CHAPTER 44 SECTION 11 OF THE “WEST LAFAYETTE CITY CODE”
CONCERNING PARKING**

WHEREAS, the City of West Lafayette maintains codified ordinances and resolutions in the “West Lafayette City Code”, hereinafter referred to as the City Code; and,

WHEREAS, the fine for basic parking violations has not been increased since 2005 and if left unchanged may be insufficient to cover the expenses of enforcement or to deter improper parking; and,

WHEREAS, the City of West Lafayette strives to create turnover in parking so users of the parking system may find a spot to park; and,

WHEREAS, consistency in parking fines with Purdue University will act as deterrent on violators of the parking ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, a rapid rise in the number of parking tickets has occurred since nearby agencies have increased their parking fees; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE that amendments to chapter 44 sections 11 of the City Code, as detailed and documented in the attached “Appendix A”, shall be ratified and adopted

Appendix A

Section 1. Section 44.11 shall be amended to read as follows:

- (a) \$35 for each violation of time duration restricted parking.
- (b) \$25 for each violation of section 44.08 (unauthorized parking on private property) and section 44.12 (prohibited parking of vehicles in off-street parking areas in commercial zones.).
- (c) \$50 for each violation of stopping or parking in a tow away zone or stopping or standing in a loading zone in violation of any restrictions on the zone.
- (d) \$100 for each violation of parking in the traveled portion of the roadway for any reason other than mechanical breakdown, or standing in the traveled portion of the roadway for the purposes of freight loading or unloading, in any business district or any major or minor arterial street.
- (e) \$40 for each violation for any other violation of this chapter not specified above.
- (f) If a written appeal under subsection (g) below or payment for the fine is not postmarked or received by the city clerk-treasurer's office within 14 days of issuance of the ticket, the fine shall be double the amount set forth above.
- (g) Appeals of parking fines may be filed with the clerk-treasurer within 14 days of issuance of a parking ticket. Appeals filed after this date will not be accepted. The police chief or designee will review the appeal, and concur or deny the appeal under such administrative procedures as the police chief may approve. If this appeal is denied, the person appealing the parking fine must by the date specified on the appeal form, either appear in city court or pay the fine, or the fine will be doubled.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and signing by the Mayor.