

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 10.16.270 OF THE OLYMPIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO PAY A PARKING INFRACTION**

WHEREAS, RCW 46.63.100 provides for a \$25 maximum penalty for failure to respond to a notice of traffic infraction relating to parking, which must be set forth in ordinance, regulation, or resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to update Olympia Municipal Code Section 10.16.170 to be consistent with state law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Amendment of OMC 10.16.270.** Olympia Municipal Code 10.16.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**10.16.270 Penalties**

Any penalty imposed for a violation of any section in this chapter (including any sections of State law adopted by reference) that remains unpaid to the Olympia Municipal Court or a payment schedule therefore is not arranged through the Olympia Municipal Court within thirty (30) days of being assessed are subject to increase and/or additional penalties as follows:

A. The penalty for failure to respond to a notice of traffic infraction related to parking shall be the amount of the infraction automatically be increased by 100%<sup>+</sup>, not to exceed a maximum of twenty-five and No/100 dollars (\$25.00);

B. If the penalty imposed for a violation of any section of this chapter, as increased, is not paid within sixty days of the date it was imposed:

1. The penalty original unpaid balance plus any additional penalty will be turned over to a collection agency for collection and may be subject to an additional collection surcharges; and
2. The person assessed the penalty may be placed on the scofflaw list pursuant to OMC 10.16.280, and the person's vehicle may be subject to immobilization and/or impoundment thereunder.

**Section 2. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected.

**Section 3. Ratification.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication, as provided by law.

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MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

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CITY CLERK

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

**PASSED:**

**APPROVED:**

**PUBLISHED:**