



City of Dover

ORDINANCE #2025-20

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 106 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article I – In General, be amended by adding Sec. 106-18 – Strictly Enforced and to read as follows:

Sec. 106-18. – Strictly Enforced

(a) Residential district speed limits shall be consistent with Title 21, Chapter 41, §4169 and be strictly enforced.

{For purposes of this section, “residential district” shall mean any area designated and posted as a residential speed zone on public roadways maintained by the City. This section shall not apply to private driveways, parking lots, or property not constituting a public roadway. Enforcement shall apply only to traffic movement and operation occurring on the vehicular travel portion of public streets.}

- (1) This section applies exclusively to public roadways, intersections, medians, shoulders, and vehicular travel lanes under the jurisdiction of the City of Dover.
- (2) This section does not apply to or authorize enforcement upon public sidewalks, private property, private roads, private communities, parking areas, or driveways.
- (3) Enforcement authority is confined strictly to the public right-of-way intended for vehicular travel. No enforcement shall occur outside such areas.

(b) The City Manager shall cause proper signage announcing strict enforcement in residential neighborhoods to be placed in accordance with state law.

{Such signage shall be installed only on public rights-of-way under the City’s jurisdiction and shall comply with all requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). No signage shall be placed on private property without the owner’s consent.}

(c) Penalties. Whoever violates this section shall be fined as provided for in Appendix F – Fees and Fines.

{Any enforcement under this section shall be limited to conduct occurring on public streets or highways within the City of Dover and shall be applied in a viewpoint-neutral, non-discriminatory manner consistent with the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution.}

This ordinance shall take effect on the first day of July after passage and approval.

Secs. 106-19– 106-50. – Reserved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:

That Appendix F – Fees and Fines, be amended by inserting the text indicated in bold, blue font as follows:

Chapter 106. – Traffic and Vehicles

Chapter 106. Traffic and Vehicles	Fees and Fines
<i>Article I. In General</i>	
Fines not paid within 14 days of the day the fine was issued, including the day the fine was issued, shall be automatically doubled in amount.	
Sec. 106-7. Obedience to state law; violation of any provision of 21 Del. C. § 101 et seq. (except Sec. 106-7(1)—Handicapped parking and Sec. 106-7(2)—Fire lanes)	A fine of not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$1,000.00
Subsec. (1) Handicapped parking	Minimum fine, as defined in 21 Del. C. § 4183, at the time the violation occurs
Subsec. (2) Fire lanes	Minimum fines, as defined in 21 Del. C. § 7001(a), at the time the violation occurs
Sec. 106-14. Off-road motor vehicle regulations	
Subsec. (d) Penalties	A minimum fine of \$25.00 and a maximum fine of \$100.00
Sec. 106-15. Failure to stop for a red traffic signal; traffic light signal violation monitoring program; penalties	
Subsec. (b)(3) Traffic light signal violation monitoring program; civil or administrative assessment	
Failure to comply with a traffic light signal	\$75.00
If not paid within 14 days, an additional assessment shall be added to the original assessment	\$10.00

Additional assessment shall be increased if the assessment is not paid within 45 days	\$20.00
Additional assessment shall be increased if the assessment is not paid within 90 days	\$30.00
Court costs or similar administrative fees may also be assessed if the owner requests a hearing to contest the violation, and is ultimately found to be in violation or fails to pay or contest the violation in a timely manner	Maximum \$30.00
Sec. 106-16. Violations; except as otherwise provided	
Subsec. (a)(1) Moving offense	Minimum of \$10.00
Subsec. (a)(2) Nonmoving offense	Minimum of \$15.00
Subsec. (a)(3) Parking violation	\$20.00 for each offense, if the fine is paid within 72 hours from the date the offense is recorded in time, the fine shall be \$15.00
Sec. 106-18. Strictly Enforced	As defined in 21 Del. C. § 4169, at the time the violation occurs

ADOPTED: November 24, 2025

SYNOPSIS

This Ordinance shall take effect on the first day of July after passage and approval.

(SPONSORS: ANDERSON and HUGG)

Action History

11/24/2025 – Scheduled for Final Reading – City Council

11/10/2025 – First Reading – City Council

10/25/2025 - Introduction – Council Committee of the Whole/ Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee -