

# City of Dover



**PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2025-21  
WITH STAFF SUBSTITUTE #1 AND CITY COUNCIL AMENDMENT #1  
(CITY COUNCIL AMENDMENT #1 IS INDICATED IN GREEN TEXT)**

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

That Chapter 106 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article III – Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Division I - Generally, be amended by adding Sec. 106-139 – Pedestrian Safety by inserting the text indicated in bold, blue font and deleting the text indicated in red strikeout as follows:

**Sec. 106-139. – Pedestrian Safety.**

- A. Limitation of occupancy of medians or the adjacent roadway at intersections serves to prevent driver distraction, traffic congestion, delay of traffic, and accidents, especially on median strips or in the roadway itself.**
- B. No person, other than a person in or on a vehicle, shall stand, sit, or remain on a portion of a City Street as designated below and approach any vehicle in operation causing it to slow or stop, except a vehicle that is legally parked at the curb on the shoulder.**
- C. No person shall stand, sit, or remain upon a median of a City Street as designated below unless that person is in the process of crossing the highway in a safety zone or crosswalk. It is prima facie evidence of a violation of this sub-section if a person stays on the median through two consecutive opportunities to complete their crossing of the highway in a legal manner under this Chapter and the State of Delaware traffic laws. This may include, but would not be limited to, a change in the traffic control signal or a lack of traffic, as applicable. After such two consecutive opportunities, such a person shall not be considered to be “using the safety zone or crosswalk to cross the highways”.**
- D. No operator of a vehicle shall park, stop, or leave standing a vehicle, or permit a passenger to leave it, on any City Street where prohibited or suddenly decrease the speed of said vehicle or deviate from a traffic lane for the purpose of responding to persons violating this ordinance.**

**E. This ordinance applies to intersections at any street or right-of-way within the incorporated boundaries of The City of Dover, but only for the first two-hundred (200) feet on major principal arterials, minor arterials, and urban collectors and one-hundred (100) feet on the urban local street system as defined in the City's currently adopted Comprehensive Plan, measured along the center lines at the designated painted stop bars where the two rights-of-way intersect. Boundaries will be defined by appropriate marking or signage, but such is not required where impractical. Failure to mark a boundary does not limit the enforcement of this ordinance.**

**F. Violators may be charged a fine as specified in Appendix F. A law enforcement officer shall have discretion to consider reasonable defenses to this Section, such as mechanical breakdown, etc.**

**G. This ordinance shall not apply to sidewalks, private property, or other pedestrian walkways not within a vehicular lane of travel.**

**Secs. 106-~~139~~ 140 – 106-160. – 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**

<b>Chapter 106. Traffic and Vehicles</b>	<b>Fees and Fines</b>
<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

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	\$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
<i>Article II. Bicycles</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. 106-55. Penalties for violation	Not to exceed \$100.00 and not less than \$10.00
<i>Article III. Stopping, Standing and Parking</i>	
Sec. 106-135. Residential parking	
Subsec. (i)(1) Expiration; Two-hour parking	\$20.00 fine or \$15.00 if paid within 72 hours of issuance of such fine
Subsec. (i)(2) Expiration; change of residence, etc.	\$20.00 fine or \$15.00 if paid within 72 hours of issuance of such fine
Subsec. (m) Violations; penalties	Any violation of this section not having a stated, specified

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	penalty will result in a \$20.00 fine or \$15.00 if paid within 72 hours of issuance of such fine
Sec. 106-137. Parking areas for persons with disabilities	
Subsec. (c)(3) Signage; fines	Failure to achieve compliance within 30 calendar days of the issuance of the notice of violation shall be subject to the fines set forth in subsection (f) of this section
Subsec. (f) Penalties	Whoever violates this section shall be fined not less than the minimum fine as defined in 21 Del. C. § 4183 at the time the violation occurred
<b>Sec. 106-139. Pedestrian Safety</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
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<b>First Offense</b>	<b>Written Warning</b>
<b>Second Offense</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Third Offense within a twelve (12) month period</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
Sec. 106-163. Use of meters required	
Subsec. (a) Failure to make the required payment in the parking meter	\$20.00 fine or \$15.00 if paid within 72 hours of issuance of such fine
Subsec. (b) Payments accepted	
Each \$0.25 coin	Permits the vehicle to be parked for a period of one hour
Each \$1.00	Permits the vehicle to be parked for the duration of the enforcement period of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sec. 106-164 Violations; penalties	
Subsec. (a) Generally; each violation if paid within 24 hours from time summons giving notice of violation is issued	A fine of not less than \$1.00 for each violation

Subsec. (a) Generally; each violation if paid after expiration of 24 hours from time summons giving notice of violation is issued	\$2.00 for each violation, if payment is made voluntarily prior to the time and date set forth in the summons
Subsec. (a) Fourth violation; each violation if paid within one hour from time summons giving notice of violation is issued	\$1.00 for each such violation
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Subsec. (a) Fifth violation, etc.; any person committing more than four violations within any 30-day period of the provisions of this division	\$5.00 for each such violation, if payment is made voluntarily prior to the time and date set forth in the summons.
Subsec. (b)(4) Any person who unlawfully removes a device for immobilization of a vehicle	\$500.00 fine for each violation
Subsec. (b)(5) Any person who tows or otherwise moves an immobilized vehicle without authorization by the chief of police or his designee	\$500.00 fine for each violation
Subsec. (c) Cost. No cost will be assessed if payment of the penalty as hereinbefore imposed is voluntarily paid without the necessity of a hearing before the proper official.	

ADOPTED: \*

#### SYNOPSIS

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

(SPONSORS: \* and \*)

#### Action History

01/26/2026 – Scheduled for Final Reading – City Council

12/08/2025 – First Reading – City Council

11/25/2025 – Staff Substitute Scheduled for Reintroduction – Council Committee of the Whole/Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee

10/25/2025 - Introduction – Council Committee of the Whole/ Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee (referred back to staff)