

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2213

INTRODUCED BY: _____

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OXFORD TO AMEND THE
OXFORD TOWN CODE TO INCREASE VARIOUS FINES FOR SPECIFIC
VIOLATIONS OF THE TOWN CODE**

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on _____ at 6:00 p.m. at the Oxford Town Meeting Room, Market Street, Oxford, Maryland 21654.

By Order _____
Town Manager

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance Number 2203 of the Town of Oxford was duly read, advertised, and enacted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Charter of the Town of Oxford on this ___ day of _____, 2022.

Attest: _____

Cheryl Lewis, Town Manager
Town of Oxford

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WHEREAS, the Town of Oxford is authorized by the Maryland Code Ann. Local Government Article § 5-202 to adopt such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution of Maryland, public general law, or public local law as it deems necessary to assure the good government of the municipality, to preserve peace and order, to secure persons and property from damage and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Local Government §6-102, authorizes the Commissioners of Oxford to provide, by law, that a violation of a municipal ordinance is a municipal infraction, which is a civil offense; and

WHEREAS, Local Government §6-102 authorizes the Commissioners of Oxford to classify a municipal infraction a violation of an ordinance or regulation concerning zoning or land use and authorizes a fine not exceeding \$1,000 may be imposed for each municipal infraction; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Article §§25-102 and 21-1001 authorize the Commissioners of Oxford to regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section C4-1 of the Charter of the Town of Oxford, the Commissioners have the power to pass all such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maryland or this Charter as it may deem necessary for the good government of the Town; for the protection and preservation of the Town's property, rights, and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger or destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of the Town and visitors thereto and sojourners therein; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined that it is desirable and in the public interest

to increase the fines for repeat municipal infractions and for certain parking violations to promote the health, safety and welfare of the public and further protect the property rights and liberty of the residents, businesses, visitors, and sojourners.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners of Oxford hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. The Oxford Town Code, Chapter 1, Section 1.10.B. is hereby amended as follows:

B. Municipal Infractions. The Commissioners of Oxford shall by official act declare the violation of which Code provisions or ordinances shall be an infraction or infractions, and for each such violation a fine shall be set. This fine shall never exceed the maximum allowable fine for each municipal infraction as set forth in Article 23A, § 3 of the Maryland Annotated Code. Unless this Code or any ordinance of the Town sets forth a different fine amount for the particular infraction, the penalty for the first infraction shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), ~~and~~ Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the second violation, ***and Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the third and subsequent violations.*** Where this Code or any ordinance sets forth a specific fine for a particular municipal infraction, that fine amount shall apply. Each day that such a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

Section 2. The Oxford Town Code, Chapter 8, Section 8.2.B. is hereby amended as follows:

B. Violations and Penalties.

1. The municipal infraction civil penalty for parking, or permitting a vehicle to park, in a designated “no parking” area, or in a marked restricted parking or reserved parking area without lawful authority, shall be ***\$50.00*** ~~\$30.00~~. The municipal infraction civil penalty for parking, or permitting a vehicle to park in a designated “handicapped parking” area without displaying a handicapped parking tag or notice issued by a state motor vehicle administration, or for parking so as to block or impede access to a fire hydrant, shall be \$100.00.

Section 3. The Oxford Town Code, Chapter 8, Section 8.3 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 8.3 Violations of Parking Regulations; Signs.

Any person who violates any parking regulation, or any sign erected by the authority of the Commissioners of Oxford that regulates parking, shall be guilty of a municipal infraction and shall be subject to a fine of ~~Twenty Dollars (\$20.00)~~ ***Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)*** for each offense.

Section 4. The Oxford Town Code, Chapter 8, Section 8.5.E. is hereby amended as follows:

E. Violations. A violation of this section shall constitute a municipal infraction pursuant to Chapter 1, Section 1.10.B of the Town Code, in the amount of ~~\$50.00~~ **\$100.00**. Each period of 24 consecutive hours in which an infraction exists shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days from its enactment.

COMMISSIONERS OF OXFORD

James Jaramillo, President

Brian Wells, Commissioner

Tom Costigan, Commissioner

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance Number 2203 of the Town of Oxford was duly read, advertised, and enacted with the applicable provisions of the Charter of the Town of Oxford on this ____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

Cheryl Lewis
Town Manager

