

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, KNOX COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS ADDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR TRAILERS AND MOTOR  
HOMES AND AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING  
THE TOWING OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES

**WHEREAS**, municipalities have the authority to regulate parking within the corporate boundaries and upon their rights of way; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Knoxville has further determined that it is in the best interest of the City to add to the City Code parking restrictions for parking trailers, motor homes and similar oversized vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council further finds that it is in the best interest of the City to amend Sec. 14-4-1 and 14-4-3 of the City Code to address the towing of motor vehicles that are illegally parked.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois as follows:

**Section 1:** The recitals hereinabove set forth are adopted and found to be true.

**Section 2:** Section 28-2-3 of the Knoxville City Code is amended, in part, to include the following additions indicated in *italics* and deletions indicated by ~~strike through~~, such that Section 28-2-3 of the Knoxville City Code shall henceforth provide as follows:

**SEC. 28-2-3: Parking Restrictions**

No person shall stop, stand or park a *motorized vehicle or a non-motorized trailer (or similar, wheeled equipment that is commonly pulled behind a motorized vehicle)*:

- A. Contrary to any law or regulation established by the laws of the State of Illinois, including, but not limited to, the parking prohibitions set forth in 625 ILCS 5/11-1303, including, but not limited to, contrary to that statute's prohibition against stopping, standing or parking a motor vehicle: (i) in front of a public or private driveway; (ii) within 15 feet of a fire hydrant; (iii) within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection; (iv) within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway; (v) within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of such entrance (when properly sign-posted); or
- B. On or in any sidewalk, crosswalk or intersection; or
- C. Wherever parking is prohibited where marked by city-authorized no parking signs; or
- D. Wherever the city has authorized the markings of the curb with yellow paint; or
- E. Along any street improved with finished curb and gutter, upon, over or across a terrace except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic when in compliance with the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device; or

F. *Parking in* any manner on City streets other than parallel parking, except at such enumerated locations, explicitly designated in Section 28-2-3.1, where diagonal parking is allowed; or

G. *In excess of one hour* Parking by trucks with a manufacturer's rated load capacity over six tons, including tractors and/or trailers, ~~for any period in excess of one hour~~ on all City streets and alleys, except on Cross Street between Line and Jefferson Streets and on the south side of East Depot Street for a distance of 350 feet west from Hebard Street; or

H. In an alley right-of-way so as to prohibit another vehicle from freely passing through that alley or in a manner to otherwise obstruct such an alley right-of-way; or

I. ~~Parking a~~At any location where parking is specifically prohibited under Section 28-2-3.1; or

J. *In excess of eight consecutive hours on any public street or alley by any trailer, house trailer, pole trailer, travel trailer, semi-trailer, motor home, mini motor home, van camper, or tractor connected to either a trailer or semi-trailer; or*

K. *On any public street or alley by any trailer or semi-trailer, in excess of 24 feet in length, during any period in excess of the time needed to expeditiously load or unload the same.*

**Section 3:** The definition of "Abandoned Motor Vehicle" included Section 14-1-2 of the Knoxville City Code is amended, to include the following additions indicated in *italics*, such that the definition of "Abandoned Motor Vehicle" in Section 14-1-2 of the Knoxville City Code shall henceforth provide as follows (with all other definitions found in said Section 14-1-2 of the Knoxville City Code to remain unchanged):

Abandoned Motor Vehicle means (i) any operable motor vehicle which is left standing on a City street or other City property for a period of seven (7) consecutive days and for which the owner cannot be located readily; or (ii) *any operable or inoperable motor vehicle which is left standing on a City street in violation of any ordinance of the City after the vehicle is tagged, pursuant to this Article, that it must be moved within seventy-two (72) hours; or (iii) any inoperable motor vehicle which is left on public or private property for a period of seven (7) consecutive days and for which the owner cannot be located readily.*

**Section 4:** Section 14-4-3 of the Knoxville City Code is amended, in part, to include the following additions indicated in *italics* and deletions indicated by ~~strike through~~, such that Section 14-4-3 of the Knoxville City Code shall henceforth provide as follows:

#### **SEC. 14-4-3: Removal of Vehicles Located on Streets or Public Property**

When a motor vehicle or other vehicle is abandoned or left unattended on the streets or other public property of the City for a period of seven (7) days, its removal by a towing service may be authorized by order of the Chief of Police; provided, however, when an abandoned, unattended, wrecked, burned or partially dismantled vehicle, or any part thereof, is creating a traffic hazard because of its position in relation to the streets or because its physical appearance is causing the impeding of traffic, the Chief of Police may authorize immediate removal of the vehicle from the City streets or adjacent private property by a towing service. The towing service shall safely keep the towed vehicle and its contents, maintain a record of the tow (as set forth in. ch. 625 ILCS 5/4-204) until the vehicle is

claimed by the owner or any other person legally entitled to possession thereof or until it is disposed of as provided in this article.

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Article and Section, a vehicle parked on a public street of this City in violation of any restriction on parking or similar ordinance contained in the Knoxville City Code shall be deemed abandoned, and shall be subject to towing per this Article and Section, provided first that the vehicle is first tagged with a notice, informing the owner or operator that the vehicle must be moved within seventy-two (72) hours or it will be subject to towing without further notice. To the extent practical, a copy of the notice shall be hand-delivered or mailed, First Class postage prepaid, to the owner of record of the vehicle within twenty-four hours of the tagging of the vehicle, provided further that the failure of the vehicle owner to receive this copy of the notice shall not invalidate the notice provided through the tagging of the vehicle.

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Article and Section, a vehicle that is towed or tagged because it is parked in violation of any restriction on parking or similar ordinance contained in the Knoxville City Code shall not limit the City's ability to seek additional relief, including, but not limited to, the imposition of any fines authorized by the Knoxville City Code.

**Section 5:** This Ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances on the subject and shall be construed therewith excepting as to that part in direct conflict with any other ordinance, and, in the event of such conflict, the provisions hereof shall govern.

**Section 6:** This Ordinance is hereby ordered to be published in pamphlet form by the Knoxville City Clerk and the City Clerk is hereby ordered to keep at least three (3) copies hereof available for public inspection in the future and in accordance with the Illinois Municipal Code.

**Section 7:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and ten (10) day period of publication in the manner provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois, in regular and public session this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk