

ORDINANCE 1527

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES; ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL BEACH PARKING PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE OF RESIDENTIAL PARKING LOT DECALS; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO PARK IN A DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL PARKING LOT WITHOUT A DECAL AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR REVOCATION OF DECALS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH:

SECTION 1. From and after the effective date of this ordinance, Article III, Chapter 22 of the City's Code of Ordinances related to Residential Beach Parking Program, is created to read as follows:

Article III. Residential Beach Parking Program.

Section 22-31. Parking in "Controlled Residential Parking Areas".

a) The holder of a valid residential parking decal that is properly displayed shall be permitted to stand or park a motor vehicle in the appropriately designated parking area. While a vehicle for which a residential parking decal has been issued is so parked, such decal shall be displayed to be clearly visible to enforcement personnel. A residential parking decal shall not guarantee or reserve to the holder a parking space within a designated parking area.

b) A residential parking decal shall not authorize the holder of the decal to park in spaces or areas designated by law as restricted or prohibited parking (loading zones, fire

hydrants, disabled, or other such regulated areas), nor shall it exempt him from the observance of any traffic regulations.

c) A residential parking decal does not relieve its holder of the obligation to pay for parking in the designated parking areas. Rates for parking in each controlled parking residential area shall be posted in plain view and shall be strictly enforced.

### **Section 22-32. Issuance of Decals.**

a) A decal shall be issued once the resident has completed the Residential Parking Decal application, provided the required documentation, and paid the decal fees. No more than one Residential Parking Decal shall be issued per household.

b) Application fees, if any, shall be approved by Resolution of the City Council. The fees shall be based on the actual cost of manufacture and installation of pertinent signs, applications, decals and administrative costs in connection with the issuance of decals.

c) The application for a decal shall contain the name of the owner or operator of the motor vehicle, the VIN of the motor vehicle for which a decal is sought, a copy of the owner's driver's license, and a copy of the vehicle registration which must be registered to the address on the owner's driver's license. The applicant must also provide a current form of residency which can include a utility bill, lease agreement, property deed, voter's registration or any other form of documentation with the name of the applicant and the address they are applying for. The applicant shall apply in person for the decal and shall present all required documentation. Unless otherwise specified by Resolution of the City Council, decals will be available as of March 1. Decals shall expire on February 28 next following issuance, regardless of the date of issuance.

d) The decal must be displayed on the lower left corner of the outside rear window. For the decal to be valid it must be affixed on the vehicle listed on the completed application. Decals not displayed properly or on a vehicle other than listed will be null and void.

### **Section 22-33. Enforcement.**

When an area has been approved, designated and posted as a "controlled residential parking area", it shall be unlawful to park a vehicle in an area restricted to residential parking only without having a valid residential parking decal properly affixed on the vehicle. Vehicles found within a controlled parking residential area without a valid decal

shall be issued a civil penalty not to exceed \$100, and may be towed pursuant to this article.

**Section 22-34. Parking Permit Violations.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to represent that he is entitled to a residential parking decal when he is not entitled, or to hold or display such a decal at any time when he is not entitled.

**Section 22-35. Revocation of Permits and Penalties.**

- a) The City Manager or his designee is authorized to revoke the residential parking decal of any individual found to be in violation of the provisions of this article.
- b) If a violator fails to surrender a revoked decal within ten working days of written notification from the City, the violator shall not be allowed to reapply for another decal.

**Section 22-36. Removal of "Controlled Parking Residential Area."**

The City Manager or his designee is authorized to temporarily remove or suspend the application of a controlled parking residential area when necessary, upon consultation with the Police and Fire Chiefs, to accommodate circumstances reasonably anticipated or warranted by a special event or natural disaster.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. The appropriate officers and agents of the City are authorized and directed to codify, include and publish in electronic format the provisions of this Ordinance within the Panama City Beach Code of Ordinances, and unless a contrary ordinance is adopted within ninety (90) days following such

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publication, the codification of this Ordinance shall become the final and official record of the matters herein ordained. Section numbers may be assigned and changed whenever necessary or convenient.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
CITY CLERK *(Inkerin)*

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

  
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MAYOR

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