

CITY OF CAPE MAY, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 563-2025

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING MINIMUM PARKING LIMITATIONS AND
REGULATIONS FOR ALL VEHICLES IN THE CITY OF CAPE MAY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197, a municipality may adopt ordinances regulating the parking of vehicles on streets and portions thereof, including angled parking; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that its public right of ways constitute a valuable resource, finite in nature, and which exists as a common right of the public to pass and repass freely over and across said lands without unreasonable obstruction or interference, and which therefore must be managed carefully; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the City Code provides for various regulations concerning parking in the City of Cape May; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Section 194-3 of the City Code provides for short-term parking of construction equipment in public subject to the required permit application and provided applicable criteria are met by the applicant; and

WHEREAS, having considered the matter, the Cape May City Council finds that the long-term storing, leaving, or parking of vehicles constitutes an unsightly, unsafe and unhealthful condition, and is detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare and has determined that it is appropriate to amend the code to provide certain minimum standards for the duration of use of all public streets for parking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cape May as follows:

Section 1. Section 7 of the City of Cape May Code is amended as follows to include the following **NEW SECTION**:

§ 7-58 Minimum Parking Limitations and Regulations for All Vehicles.

- A. Any vehicle that has been parked or left standing upon any public street April 1 through December 31 for twenty-one (21) calendar days or more may be deemed abandoned, and the person found to be in violation may be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 7-4. This provision shall be interpreted as a minimum limitation. To the extent a narrower duration or specific permit limitation is set forth in the City Code for a specific type of vehicle or location, the narrower duration or specific permit limitation shall be applicable.

Any vehicle found to be in violation of this Section may be subject to removal pursuant to Section 7-3. However, no vehicle will be removed or towed pursuant to

Section 7-58(A) before first attempting to contact the owner regarding the status of the vehicle, unless the Police Department finds emergent circumstances warrant immediate removal of a vehicle related to public health, safety, or necessary flow of traffic.

- B. No inoperable or unregistered vehicles may be parked in any public street, right-of-way, or on public lands for longer than 24 hours. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the owner of any such vehicle from storing same on private lands, provided that the vehicles are stored within a roofed building and out of public view.
- C. Any vehicle parked or left standing upon a public street, right-of-way, or public lands that is found to be seeping, leaking, or draining any oil, grease, paint, other petroleum products, hazardous materials, volatile chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, or waste (solid, liquid or gaseous) and that is determined by the Police Department, or the Fire Department to constitute a fire or environmental hazard, or is otherwise detrimental to human life, health, or safety.

Section 2. All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. Should any portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or repeal the remainder of this Ordinance.


Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after passage and publication, according to law.

ATTEST:



Erin C. Burke, City Clerk


CITY OF CAPE MAY, a municipal corporation of
the State of New Jersey

BY: 

Zachary M. Mullock, Mayor

NOTICE

Ordinance 563-2025 was introduced at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cape May, held on June 3, 2025 and was further considered for final passage during a Regular meeting of the City Council, held at the Cape May City Hall Auditorium, 643 Washington Street, Cape May, New Jersey, on July 1, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at which time a Public Hearing was held.



Erin C. Burke, City Clerk

| Roll Call | Ayes | Nays | Absent | Abstain | Motion | Second |
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| Meier | | | X | | | |
| McDade | X | | | | X | |
| Bodnar | X | | | | | X |
| Baldwin | X | | | | | |
| Mullock | X | | | | | |

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cc: Code Enforcement
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