
ORDINANCE 25-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, AMENDING TITLE VII – “TRAFFIC CODE,” CHAPTER 73, RECREATIONAL AND OFF-ROAD VEHICLES, ARTICLE I - RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BY AMENDING SECTION 73.04, PARKING; AND AMENDING SECTION 73.99, PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida (“City”) desires to update Chapter 73, of the Port St. Lucie Code of Ordinances (“Code”) by amending Section 73.04 to allow parking of recreational vehicles behind a privacy fence; and by amending Section 73.99 to increase fines, to impose a surcharge, and to allow violations of Chapter 73 to be brought before the Special Magistrate.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. **Ratification of Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Chapter 73, Recreational and Off-Road Vehicles, Article I, Recreational Vehicles, Sections 73.04 and 73.99 are hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 73.04 – Parking.

- (a) *Parking in designated areas.* Recreational vehicles may be parked in designated areas which the city may designate from time to time.
- (b) *Parking of recreational vehicles in residential district.* No recreational vehicle shall be parked or stored in any residential area unless the vehicle is stored inside an enclosed garage or other structure, parked on a paved driveway or parked to the side ~~or rear~~ of the principal structure; Parking to the rear of the principal structure is prohibited unless said recreational vehicle is entirely behind a legally permitted, opaque privacy fence with a minimum height of six (6) feet, provided the applicable a ten-foot rear lot setback is maintained.

Sec. 73.99 – Penalty.

- (a) Violations~~A person violating the provisions~~ of sections 73.01 through 73.04 shall be punishable~~ed~~ by a fine of ~~\$25.00~~\$50.00, ~~up to five days in jail, or both.~~ Each day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense.

- (b) ~~Violations~~~~Whoever shall violate the provisions of sections 73.15 through 73.18 shall, upon conviction, be punishable~~ by a fine not to exceed the sum of \$100.00.
- (c) In addition to all other penalties provided for herein, there is hereby imposed a surcharge of ten dollars (\$10.00) on all parking fines to be used for funding a school crossing guard program. This surcharge shall be paid by the Clerk of the Circuit Court into the School Crossing Guard Trust Fund, maintained by the city. Funds collected from this surcharge shall be distributed quarterly to fund a school crossing guard program as authorized by Sections 316.660(1) and 318.21(11), Florida Statutes.
- (d) Violations of Chapter 73 may be enforced by proceedings brought before the Special Magistrate.

Section 3. Conflict. If any ordinances or parts of ordinances are in conflict herewith, this Ordinance shall control to the extent of the conflicting provisions.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is determined to be void or is declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Codification. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intentions; the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section” or other appropriate word as may be necessary.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after final adoption on second reading.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this
_____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

By: _____
Shannon M. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Richard Berrios, City Attorney