AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2000-11-140 REGARDING PARKING ON UNAPPROVED SURFACES AND ASSOCIATED FINES

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana has experienced repeated violations with vehicles parking in the required front yard and/or on unimproved surfaces in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, these violations are currently regulated by the Urbana Zoning Ordinance and not the Urbana Local Traffic Code; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that for more effective enforcement of these regulations, the Urbana Local Traffic Code should be amended to prohibit parking on unapproved surfaces; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-10(j)(1) of the Urbana City Code provides that the fines for violation of the Urbana Local Traffic Code shall be established by the City Council and set forth in a schedule to be maintained by the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned that although the reasonable fine level of \$25.00 should deter such conduct, an escalated fine needs to be provided to deter repeat violations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

Section 1. That the Urbana Local Traffic Ordinance is amended to add the following section:

"Sec. 23-160. Parking on Unapproved Surfaces.

Parking of motor vehicles and motorcycles as defined in the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 1/-146 and 625 ILCS 5/1-147 on private property shall be restricted to parking on an approved form of hard surface, including oil-and-chip, concrete, asphalt or brick.

Unapproved surfaces include grass, dirt and wood chips. Approved gravel driveways and parking areas may be utilized as long as they are properly maintained, as set forth in the Urbana Zoning Ordinance."

Section 2. That the Schedule of Fines set under Section 1-10(j)(1) of the Urbana City Code is hereby amended to add the following under a new Section entitled "Parking on Unapproved Surfaces."

"Article XII, Section 23-160 \$25.00 for the first offense occurring on or after August 1st up to and including July 31st of each 12 month period; \$50.00 for the second offense occurring on or after August 1st up to and including July 31st of each 12 month period; \$100.00 for each offense after the second offense. Upon the issuance of a ticket for the first offense, tickets for subsequent offenses shall not be issued less than 24 hours from the time of the previous ticket.

Section 3. Repeal of Prior Ordinance. Ordinance No. 2000-11-140, passed by the Urbana City Council on the 15th day of December, 2000, is the same as this Ordinance in every respect except for the erroneous reference in that Ordinance to Section 23-159 of the Urbana Local Traffic Ordinance; Ordinance No. 2000-11-140 is hereby repealed.

The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a special meeting of said Council.

AYES:

Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Whelan, Wyman

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

APPROVED by the Mayor this

2001 .

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Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor



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