

ORDINANCE NO. 585

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX B – FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR TO REFLECT AN INCREASE IN FINES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town is empowered by general law to issue tickets and impose fines for non-criminal traffic infractions, including but not limited to those concerning parking; and

WHEREAS, the fines imposed by the Town for such violations have not increased for many years; and

WHEREAS, many homes in the area of Town known as “the fingers” (Sunset Bay Drive, Winston Drive, and North Pine Circle) sustained damaged from Hurricanes Helene and Milton in fall 2024 which has created the need for remediation, construction, and renovation, resulting in substantially increased traffic and issues with traffic flow in and out of that area and throughout Town; and

WHEREAS, the present amount of fines imposed for non-criminal traffic violations are not effective in dissuading motorists from committing such violations; indeed, the Belleair Police Department reports that violators have indicated that such fines can be tolerated as the cost of doing business, resulting in blocked driveways and congested roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that it is in the best interests of the Town, and its citizens, property owners, and businesses to increase the amount of such fines as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair, Florida, that:

Section 1. The parking fine schedule set forth in Appendix B – Fee Schedule of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Belleair, is hereby amended as attached on **Exhibit A** hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2. For purposes of codification of any existing section of the Town Code herein amended, words **underlined** represent additions to original text, words **~~stricken~~** are deletions from the original text, and words neither underlined nor stricken remain unchanged.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, provision or word of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or otherwise legally invalid, same shall be severable and the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity, such that any remainder of the Ordinance shall withstand any severed provision, as the Town Commission would have adopted the Ordinance and its regulatory scheme even absent the invalid part.

Section 4. The Codifier shall codify the substantive amendments to the Belleair Town Code contained in Exhibit A to this Ordinance as provided for therein, and shall not codify the exordial clauses or any other sections not designated for codification.

Section 5. Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 166.041(4), this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING by the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair, Florida, at the meeting held on the 20th day of May, 2025.

PUBLISHED on the 4th day of June, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING by the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair, Florida, at the meeting held on the 17th day of June, 2025.

Mike Wilkinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Nicole, CPM, MMC, Town Clerk