

RESOLUTION NO. 004-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING DIVISION STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND EASEMENTS, BY AMENDING CHAPTER XII, MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, CONSTRUCTION PARKING & CONSTRUCTION SITE MANAGEMENT, TO INCLUDE NFPA 1, CHAPTER 16, SAFEGUARDING CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, AND DEMOLITION OPERATIONS AND THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 38, EMERGENCY SERVICES, SECTION 38-35, CONTRACTOR ACTIVATED FALSE ALARMS.

WHEREAS, the Town Council has adopted the Department of Public Works, Engineering Division Standards Applicable to Public Rights of Way and Easements (aka "Right of Way Manual") by Ordinance 11-94 on July 12, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Right of Way Manual is reviewed from time to time and may be modified by Resolution of the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that Fire Prevention Code violations, relating to construction sites and false alarms, should be added to the Right of Way Manual at Chapter XII, Miscellaneous Provisions, Construction Parking and Construction Site Management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL of the Town of Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. The Right of Way Manual is hereby amended at Chapter XII, Miscellaneous Provisions, Construction Parking & Construction Site Management, as provided on Exhibit "A", attached.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in a regular, adjourned session of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach assembled this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Danielle H. Moore, Mayor

Julie Araskog, Town Council Member

Edward A. Cooney, Town Council Member

Lewis S.W. Crampton, Town Council Member

ATTEST:

Bobbie Lindsay, Town Council Member

Pat Gayle-Gordon, Town Clerk

Margaret A. Zeidman, Town Council Member

EXHIBIT “A”

Town Public Works Right of Way Manual

Chapter XII, Miscellaneous Provisions

Construction Parking & Construction Site Management

Construction parking on public streets and construction site management shall be controlled in order to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. The rules and procedures outlined below are commonly referred to as the Town's "3-Strike Rule".

All vehicles belonging to personnel working on or visiting a construction site from the date of the issuance of a building permit, to the date of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, shall be parked on the construction site at all times. If the site cannot accommodate such vehicles, then the contractor may initiate car and/or truck pooling, apply for up to, but not more than, three (3) right-of-way permits for parking construction vehicles on the street in front of the construction site or, utilize both options in order prevent unnecessary congestion adjacent to the construction site.

The following rules and procedures shall govern the 3-Strike Rule:

1. Owner/contractor may apply for up to, but not more than, three (3) right-of-way permits for the temporary parking of construction-related vehicles.
2. Contractor will be asked if right-of-way parking permits are anticipated at time of initial building permit application. If anticipated at that time, or any subsequent time, a parking plan must be provided on an application form as prescribed by the Town, at a legible scale, as determined by the Town which clearly illustrates the entire construction site.
3. Applications must include a notarized signature from the property owner acknowledging understanding of the 3-strike rule in its entirety. A notarized power of attorney signature will be accepted by the Town, provided it specifies that the owner has been personally informed of the entire 3-strike rule.
4. The Public Works Department will review all such applications upon payment of the following fee(s) (see Appendix C). Public Works shall determine whether or not to approve the application, and if approved, whether 1, 2, or 3 right-of-way permits are issued.
5. The contractor must apply for a permit(s) from Public Works within seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the short-term use of the public right-of-way. Only extreme extenuating circumstances will be considered otherwise.
6. As a condition of approval, contractor is required to provide the Town with tag numbers of all vehicles authorized by the contractor to work at the site and is responsible for updating for any reason that may cause a change in the tag number list for a job site. The Director of Public Works or the Director's designees, which may include code enforcement officers, parking enforcement officers, and police officers, are authorized to enforce all "3-strike rule" provisions and to issue citations for violations of these provisions. Parking permit must be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle. Failure to comply will result in a strike.
7. Owner/contractor must designate a private employee to act as a traffic monitor at each site to enforce Town rules when on-street construction parking is allowed. The traffic monitor must be present whenever work is occurring. Failure to do so constitutes a strike.

8. If the Town finds that there is no dedicated traffic monitor at a construction site, all right-of-way permits shall be immediately revoked and one (1) strike will be assessed.
9. When car or truck pooling is utilized, no substitute on-street parking spaces in the Town can be utilized for said purpose. Failure to comply will result in a strike.
10. Worth Avenue right-of-way permits shall be limited to two (2) vehicles for purposes of loading or unloading and for essential construction activities. Parking of construction vehicles that are not actively involved in the loading and unloading process will not be permitted. Failure to comply will result in a strike.
11. Only original Town-issued permits are valid. Permits may be transferred between vehicles but are valid only for the construction site for which they are issued. Failure to comply will result in a strike.
12. Copying, forging or duplication of a right-of-way permit is prohibited. All right-of-way permits will be immediately revoked if the Town determines that duplication or abuse has occurred.
13. Additional permits may be issued for the three (3) week period prior to the estimated date of issuance of the certificate of occupancy in the event said vehicles cannot be accommodated on site. The number of permits granted shall be determined by the Director of Public Works, or his designee.
14. Property owners and their contractors shall be responsible for the implementation, installation, and maintenance of all required demolition and construction screening, perimeter landscaping, screening of on-job toilet facilities, following the truck logistics and staging plan, and any and all site conditions required by Chapter 18, Buildings and Building Regulations, including Sections 18-2 (Landscaping; maintenance where used for screening), 18-3 (On-job toilet facilities, required), 18-86 (Construction staging and truck logistics plan), 18-111 (Compliance with the Town's right of way manual), and 18-201 (Construction screening). Any Town-documented lack of the required item(s) or lack of maintenance of the item(s) will constitute one (1) strike, and the Town will concurrently prosecute the violation(s) through the Code Enforcement process.
15. Property owners and their contractors shall be responsible for compliance with NFPA 1, Chapter 16, Safeguarding Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations and all provisions found in NFPA 1, Chapter 16. In addition, property owners and their contractors shall be responsible for compliance with the Town of Palm Beach Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Emergency Services, Section 38-35, Contractor Activated False Alarms. Any Town-documented violation of these codes or sections will constitute one (1) strike, and the Town will concurrently prosecute the violation(s) through the Code Enforcement process.
- 14.16. Property owners and their contractors shall be responsible for compliance with the noise regulations and the hours for construction work, found in Chapter 42, Environment, Sections 42-197 through 42-199. Any Town-documented violation of these sections will constitute one (1) strike, and the Town will concurrently prosecute the violation(s) through the Code Enforcement process.
- 15.17. Failure to comply with the aforementioned conditions may result in the suspension, fines, or in the case of repeat offenses, the cancellation of the violator's building permit.
- 16.18. Penalty for parking in the right-of-way in violation of this section shall be \$150 per day/per vehicle for the first offense, \$250 per day/per vehicle for the second offense, and \$500 thereafter.

~~17.~~19. Said penalty may be appealed in writing within seven (7) calendar days of the date of issuance to either the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, or the Director of Public Works (dependent upon the Department issuing the ticket), who shall, thereafter, act on said appeal. If the appeal is upheld, then the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd strike, as applicable, shall be removed from the record. Construction may continue until the appeal has been acted upon.

~~18.~~20. When a 3rd strike has been issued, and if an appeal is denied or is not filed in timely fashion, the Planning, Zoning & Building Department shall issue a Stop Work Order halting all continued activity at the site.

~~19.~~21. All requests to lift the stop work order must be decided by the Town Council, upon written application to the Planning, Zoning & Building Department, no less than seven (7) days prior to a regularly scheduled monthly Town Council (Development Review) meeting.

~~20.~~22. The Town Council shall have the power to admonish the contractor; take such action as deemed necessary to effect the stop work order on a permanent basis by nullifying the existing building permit; cause the contractor and/or property owner to enter into a binding agreement to memorialize the understandings between the Town and the contractor and/or property owner relative to all conditions placed upon the lifting of the stop work order, if applicable; establish penalties for future right-of-way violations the amount for which shall be in the sole discretion of the Town Council; and/or collect any unpaid penalties.

~~21.~~23. If a Stop Work Order is lifted, no additional right-of-way permits for the duration of the work in question shall be issued unless specifically approved by the Town- Council.

All vehicles belonging to personnel working on or visiting a construction site from the date of the issuance of the permit, to the date of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, shall be parked on the construction site at all times. If the site is limited, then the contractor must initiate "car and/or truck pooling." A site plan may be required to illustrate that the site is being fully and efficiently used for construction material storage and parking. Additionally, contractor is required to provide to the Town the tag numbers of all vehicles authorized by the contractor to work at the site. The Director of Public Works or the Director's designees, which may include code enforcement officers, parking enforcement officers, and police officers, are authorized to enforce the provisions of this paragraph on construction parking and to issue citations for violations of these provisions.

All contractor's equipment shall be parked on the construction site. If the contractor cannot park his/her equipment on the site, or in the event all vehicles described herein cannot be parked on the site, a right-of-way permit will be required to park said equipment or vehicles in the public right-of-way. The contractor must apply for a permit or permits from the Public Works Director within seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the short-term use of the public right-of-way. (Only extreme extenuating circumstances will be considered.)

Parking permits will be issued for Worth Avenue for up to two (2) vehicles for purposes of loading or unloading and for essential construction activities. Parking of construction vehicles that are not actively involved in the loading and unloading process will not be permitted.

Parking permits for other areas in the Town will be issued for up to three (3) vehicles to park within the rights-of-way in the event it is determined that said vehicles cannot be accommodated on site. In addition, one permit shall be provided to the owner of the property. Only original permits are valid, no copies are allowed. Permits may be transferred between vehicles but are valid only for the construction site for which they are issued. Additional permits may be issued for the three (3) week period prior to the issuance of the

Certificate of Occupancy in the event said vehicles cannot be accommodated on site. The number of permits granted shall be determined by the Director of Public Works.

Failure to comply with the aforementioned conditions may result in suspension, fines, or in the case of repeat offenses, the cancellation of the violator's building permit. Penalty for parking in the right-of-way in violation of this section shall be \$150 per day/per vehicle for the first offense, \$250 per day/per vehicle for the second, and \$500 thereafter. Said penalty may be appealed in writing within seven (7) calendar days of the date of issuance to the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, or the Director of Public Works (dependent upon the Department issuing the ticket), who shall act on said appeal. If the appeal is upheld, then the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd strike, as applicable, shall be removed from the record. Construction may continue until the appeal has been acted upon.

Once a contractor has accumulated three (3) violations or "strikes" at a single site that have either exceeded the appeal period or the appeal(s) have been adjudicated in favor of the Town, as described in the Town Right of Way Manual, the Director of Planning, Building, and Zoning (PZ&B) shall have issued a "stop work" order as allowed in Section 18-204 of the Town Code.

If after issuing the stop work order and reviewing the case, the Director of PZ&B concludes there are no mitigating circumstances that caused the contractor to receive any of the three (3) strikes, the Director of PZ&B must forward the matter to the Town Council at their next available meeting should the contractor and/or the property owner request in writing that the Town Council give consideration to lifting the stop work order.

If after issuing the stop work order and reviewing the case, the Director of PZ&B is convinced that mitigating circumstances caused the contractor to receive any one of the 3 strikes, the Director of PZ&B may waive that strike causing the contractor to have 2 strikes, but only upon payment of a fine of \$250, plus payment of any outstanding right-of-way fines, accumulated interest, and subject to the Director of PZ&B being satisfied that there will be strict future compliance with the Town regulations and/or the Right-of-Way Manual by the contractor at the job site in question. Periodically, as often as determined appropriate by the Town Manager, the Director of PZ&B shall provide a report to the Town Manager delineating the mitigating circumstance(s) that gave cause for him or her to remove a strike incurred by a contractor under this section.

If there is another strike received by the contractor on the same job site that results in a total of 3 or more strikes at a given job site, the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, or the Director of Public Works (dependent upon the Department issuing the ticket) will notify the Director of PZ&B of the situation upon passage of the time allowed for appeal. The Director of PZ&B must suspend the work activity on the site via issuance of a "stop work" order as allowed in Section 18-204 of the Town Code, subject to reinstatement only by application of the building permit applicant to the Town Council at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

When the Town Council receives a written request to lift a stop work order the Town Council shall have the power to admonish the contractor; take such action as deemed necessary to effect the stop work order on a permanent basis by nullifying the existing building permit; cause the contractor and/or property owner to enter into a binding agreement to memorialize the understandings between the Town and the contractor and/or property owner relative to all conditions placed upon the lifting of the stop work order, if applicable; establish penalties for future right-of-way violations the amount for which shall be in the sole discretion of the Town Council; collect the "3-strike" fine as outlined below, plus payment of any outstanding right-of-way fines and accumulated interest, as referenced herein below and to prohibit the issuance of any additional right-of way permits for the duration of the work in question.

The fine for a third (3rd) strike shall be \$500; the fine and penalty for a fourth (4th) strike shall be a fine of \$2,500 and a mandatory thirty (30) day shutdown of the construction project; the fine and penalty for a fifth strike shall be a fine of \$5,000 and a mandatory thirty (30) day shutdown of the construction project, plus payment of any outstanding right of-way fines and accumulated interest unless the Town Council chooses to invoke the use of a binding agreement memorializing a penalty structure to be paid to the Town for all future right-of-way violations in excess of three (3) to be paid in accordance with the terms and conditions of the binding agreement between the Town and the contractor and/or property owner. All fines and penalties shall be paid in full prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the construction associated with the activity that generated the fines, penalties, and interest.

Before issuance of a building permit, a Power of Attorney or notarized owner's signature is required as the owner's acknowledgement of the "3 strike" rule.