



ORDINANCE NO. 3442

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING NEW LYNNWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 11.44.101 TO PROHIBIT PARKING OF VEHICLES NEXT TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE MAILBOXES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood (“City”) manages and maintains a public right-of-way for the purpose of motor vehicle travel, residential parking, recreational area parking, and business parking; and

WHEREAS, mailboxes for receiving mail delivered by the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) are primarily located curbside where postal delivery vehicles can pull out of the traveled lane, then stop to insert mail items into mailboxes; and

WHEREAS, pull-out areas for USPS delivery vehicles at mailboxes are often identical to legal curbside parking on at least one side of individual mailboxes; and

WHEREAS, at the discretion of the local USPS Postmaster, delivery may be deferred to the following scheduled delivery day to mailboxes that are blocked by parked vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington does not prohibit parking vehicles where they can block USPS vehicles’ access to mailboxes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt a new section to Lynnwood Municipal Code Chapter 11.44 to prohibit parking of vehicles next to USPS postal service mailboxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. New Lynnwood Municipal Code Section 11.44.101, Adopted. A new Lynnwood Municipal Code Section 11.44.101 (Parking in front of mailboxes prohibited) is adopted to read as follows:

11.44.101 Parking in front of mailboxes prohibited

It is unlawful to park a motor vehicle on a roadway in front of or on a roadway within ten (10) feet of either side of a public or private mailbox or grouping of mailboxes located curbside or roadside within or outside of a public right-of-way

45 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on days the United States Postal
46 Service is scheduled to deliver mail.

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48 **Section 2. Severability.** If any section, subsection, or provision of this ordinance or its
49 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the
50 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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52 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of
53 the City and shall take effect, and be in full force, five (5) days after the date of publication.

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55 PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 24th day of April, 2023.

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