

Ordinance No. 11-21

ORDINANCE: To amend Chapter 23 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Traffic" so as to increase the fine amount for violations of parking restrictions within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant; parking restrictions within the lane markings, or signs, designating a fire lane; and parking restrictions in designated handicapped parking spaces

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, that Chapter 23 of the Rockville City Code entitled "Traffic" is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 23 "TRAFFIC"

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ARTICLE II. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

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Sec. 23-22. Notice of violation; payment of penalty; failure to pay penalty; issuance of summons.

- (a) Every duly authorized police officer of the City or the County, or parking enforcement officer of the City, shall attach to any vehicle found to be in violation of sections 23-24, 23-25, 23-26, 23-27, division 3 or division 4 of this article or parking restriction signs authorized or provided for in section 23-3, a notice to the owner thereof that such vehicle has been in violation of such provisions.
- (b) Within fifteen (15) days of the posting of such notice, each such owner may pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of such violation the sum of:
 - (1) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for expired parking meters/stalls located in City-owned parking garages in Town Center;
 - (2) Forty dollars (\$40.00);
 - (3) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for violations of parking restriction signs designating handicapped parking only; or
 - (4) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for violations of parking restriction signs and/or lane markings designating a fire lane.
 - (5) One hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violations of snow emergency parking restrictions.
 - (6) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for parking within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.

In the alternative such owner may elect to stand trial in the District Court for the County. Such election shall be made in accordance with the procedure established by Section 26-303 of

the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, presently existing, and as it may hereafter be amended.

- (c) The notice of violation shall contain the requirements outlined in Section 26-302 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, presently existing, and as it may hereafter be amended.
- (d) If the owner fails to pay the penalty set forth in subsection (b) hereof within the time therein provided, or if the owner fails to elect to stand trial within the time therein provided, the penalty provided in subsection (b) shall be increased by an additional ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (e) The Chief of Police shall, in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the State Motor Vehicle Administration and State law, give or cause to be given notice to the Administration of all vehicles registered by the State and the subject of any outstanding and past due parking violation of this chapter and request that the Administration refuse registration or transfer of registration of the subject vehicle, until notified by the City that the violation has been satisfied. In such cases, the Chief of Police shall impose an additional cost of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each registration withheld and the owner of the vehicle shall be subject to payment of such costs, and all other fines, penalties, and charges before notice is given to the Administration that the subject violation has been satisfied and the registration is released.

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Sec. 23-26. Stopping, standing, or parking prohibited in specified places.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic control device in any of the following places:

- (1) On a sidewalk;
- (2) Within five (5) feet of any opening or entrance to any public or private driveway;
- (3) In front of any opening or entrance to a public or private driveway, except that an owner or occupant may park in front of his or her private residential driveway;
- (4) Within an intersection;
- (5) On a crosswalk, or within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection, except for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers or merchandise;
- (6) Within thirty (30) feet of any beacon, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway;

- (7) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, except for the period necessary to take on or discharge passengers, freight, or merchandise;
- (8) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire department station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire department station within seventy-five (75) feet of the entrance when signposted;
- (9) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;
- (10) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street except for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers or merchandise;
- (11) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure or within a highway tunnel;
- (12) At any place where an official sign or painted curb of the County, the State, or the City prohibits stopping, parking or standing wherever a curb is painted yellow that there shall be no parking, standing or stopping parallel to the painted curb;
- (13) On curves, at the brow of a hill, where the State Highway Administration or the City has painted lines on the surfaces of the roads;
- (14) Upon any road, highway, alley or public parking facility in such a manner so as to impede the movement of traffic or constitute a threat to public safety;
- (15) On a drainage structure, planting strip, grass strip, median strip, or dirt strip which is located behind the curb of a public roadway except upon driveways constructed for such purpose. Where curbs do not exist along a public road, the provisions of this paragraph shall apply only to drainage structures. This paragraph does not apply in emergencies, or for inspection, repair or construction work performed by governments, public agencies, or public utility companies;
- (16) Upon that portion of a street on which there are painted lines on the surface of the street to indicate a designated bikeway.

NOTE: Underlining indicates material added

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates material deleted

Asterisks * * * indicate material unchanged by this ordinance

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of June 21, 2021.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk, Director of Council
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