

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 98-02

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING the stopping, standing and parking of vehicles in Queen Anne's County.

FOR THE PURPOSE of regulating the use of streets, ways and public parking areas in Queen Anne's County, Maryland; regulating the stopping, standing and parking of vehicles and providing penalties for violation of such regulations.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY that a new Title 26 entitled "Parking Regulations" as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto be and is hereby adopted and incorporated into the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect on the forty-sixth day following its passage.

Introduced By: Commissioner Zimmer
Date of Introduction: Jan. 20, 1998
Hearing Scheduled: Feb. 3, 1998 4:00 p.m.
Action: 3 Yea 0 Nay
Date: 2-17-98
Effective Date: April 3, 1998

TITLE 26. PARKING

Subtitle 1. Definitions:

26-101. Definitions.

The terms and phrases used in this Title shall have the same meaning as in the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Subtitle 2. Parking Regulation.

26-201. Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified places.

- (a) *Public Driveway.* - A person may not stop, stand or park a vehicle in front of a public driveway.
- (b) *Sidewalks.* - A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle on a sidewalk.
- (c) *Intersections.* - A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in an intersection.
- (d) *Crosswalks.* - A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle on a crosswalk.
- (e) *Safety zones.* - A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the State Highway Administration or Queen Anne's County Roads Board indicates a different length by signs or markings.
- (f) *Highway excavations or obstructions.* - A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle alongside or opposite any highway excavation or obstruction if to do so would obstruct traffic.
- (g) *Bridges.* - A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle on any bridge or other elevated structure on a highway.
- (h) *Highway tunnels.* - A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in a highway tunnel.
- (i) *Places where stopping is prohibited by signs.* - A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle at any place where stopping is prohibited by an official sign.
- (j) *Entrance or exit ramps of highways.* - A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle on any entrance or exit ramp of any highway with two or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction.

- (k) *Standing or parking.* - A person may not stand or park a vehicle in front of a private driveway without the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises.
- (l) *Fire hydrants.* - A person may not stand or park a vehicle within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- (m) *Standing, etc., within 20 feet of crosswalk at intersection.* - A person may not stand or park a vehicle within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
- (n) *Standing, etc., within 30 feet of approach to flashing signals, etc.* - A person may not stand or park a vehicle within 30 feet on the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway.
- (o) *Driveway entrances to fire stations.* - A person may not stand or park a vehicle within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station or on the side of a highway opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of the entrance, if properly signposted.
- (p) *Standing or parking vehicles where standing prohibited by sign.* - A person may not stand or park a vehicle at any place where standing is prohibited by an official sign.
- (q) *Standing or parking vehicles alongside of other stopped or parked vehicles.* - A person may not stand or park a vehicle on the roadway side of any other vehicle that is stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a highway.
- (r) *Certain curves or hills.* - A person may not stand or park a vehicle on a curve or hill where solid lines on the surface of the roadway indicate a zone in which passing is prohibited.
- (s) *Parking within 50 feet of railroad grade crossings.* - A person may not park a vehicle within 50 feet of the nearest rail in a railroad grade crossing.
- (t) *Handicapped parking spaces.* - A person may not park a vehicles unless for the use of a handicapped individual, in a space or zone marked as restricted for the use of handicapped individuals.
- (u) *Parking at other places where parking prohibited by sign.* - A person may not park a vehicle at any other place where parking is prohibited by an official sign.
- (v) *Moving the vehicle of another into a prohibited area.* - A person may not move a vehicle that he does not lawfully control into any prohibited area.
- (w) *Parking in front of curb ramp.* - A person may not park a vehicle in front of a curb ramp.

- (x) *Fire lanes.* - A person may not stand or park a vehicle in any area marked “Fire Lane” or otherwise designated exclusively for the parking of fire or emergency equipment.

26-202. Towing/Impoundment of Vehicles.

Any vehicle parked in violation of this Title shall be subject to impoundment and towing by any law enforcement agency or personnel. The vehicle owner shall be responsible for all reasonable costs and expenses of impoundment, towing and/or storage.

Subtitle 3. Citations.

26-301. Issuance of Citations.

- (a) Any police officer, including any Deputy Sheriff or member of the Maryland State Police may issue a citation for violation of this Title. In addition, the County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County may, by resolution designate and authorize any individual to issue citations for violation of this Title.
- (b) Any police officer or other person authorized hereunder who discovers a vehicle parked in violation of this Title shall (i) deliver a citation to the driver or if the vehicle is unattended, attach a citation to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, and (ii) keep a copy of the citation, bearing his certification under penalty of perjury that the facts stated in the citation are true.
- (c) In the absence of the driver, the registered owner of the vehicle is presumed to be the person receiving the citation. In any prosecution charging a violation of this ordinance, proof that the particular vehicle described in the citation was parked in violation of this Title, together with proof that the Defendant named in the citation was at the time of such parking or other unlawful act the registered owner of such vehicle, shall constitute a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of such vehicle was the person who parked and placed the vehicle at the point where and for the time during which such violation occurred.
- (d) Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Title shall be subject to a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Citations for violation of Sections 26-201 (l), (t), (w) and (x) will provide a pre-set fine of \$50.00. All other citations issued hereunder shall have a pre-set fine of \$30.00.