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AN ACT concerning

VEHICLE PARKING RESTRICTIONS

FOR the purpose of

Amending the Code of Charles County to achieve consistency with language provided in the Annotated Code of Maryland.

BY amending:

CHAPTER 287- VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE II PARKING REGULATIONS

Section 7: Definitions.

and

Section 8: Restrictions.

Code of Charles County, Maryland
(2013 Edition)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Charles County, Maryland read as follows:

§ 287-7 Definitions.

In this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

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Every motor vehicle except school buses, designed for carrying more than 10 passengers and used for the transportation of persons; and every motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, designed and used for the transportation of persons for compensation.

**HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE**

Any motor vehicle and tandem axle trailer or semitrailer designed and used for carrying freight or merchandise or used in furtherance of any commercial enterprise that has:

A. A gross vehicle weight (GVW) of more than 10,000 pounds;

B. A manufacturer's rated capacity of more than one ton;

C. A length of more than 21 feet measured from the extremes of the vehicle, including any object loaded on the vehicle; or

D. A height of more than eight feet with properly inflated tires, measured from the ground to the highest part of the vehicle, including racks, but not antennas. A heavy commercial vehicle does not include a motor vehicle owned by the County or other governmental agency or a farm machine or vehicle used for agriculture.

STOP

TO HALT EVEN MOMENTARILY A VEHICLE, WHETHER OR NOT IT IS OCCUPIED, EXCEPT WHEN NECESSARY TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH OTHER TRAFFIC OR IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIRECTIONS OF A POLICE OFFICER OR A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE.

STAND

TO HALT A VEHICLE, WHETHER OR NOT IT IS OCCUPIED, OTHER THAN TEMPORARILY:

(1) WHEN NECESSARY TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH OTHER TRAFFIC OR IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIRECTIONS OF A POLICE OFFICER OR A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE; OR

(2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF AND WHILE ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN RECEIVING OR DISCHARGING PASSENGERS.

§ 287-8 Restrictions.

It shall be unlawful in Charles County for any person to:

A. Stop, stand or park a vehicle.
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(1) In front of a public driveway;

(2) On a sidewalk;

(3) [Over a sidewalk;

(4) In such a manner as to block a sidewalk;

(5) In an intersection or within 20 feet of an intersection radius (where the pavement begins
to curve for the cross-street) or opposite a side street at a T intersection;

(6) On a crosswalk;

(7) On a two-way roadway with the left-hand wheels at the curb or roadway edge of the
opposite direction lane; or

(8) Where stopping, standing or parking a vehicle is prohibited by an official sign;

(9) In front of a curb ramp designed for the use of individuals
with disabilities;

(10) On any private property not owned by the owner or driver of
the vehicle unless the person has express or implied permission of
the property owner, his tenant, or his agent to stop, stand, or park
the vehicle;

(11) Whether attended or unattended, on the travel portion of the
roadway as defined in Maryland Transportation Article 11-151.

B. Stand or park a vehicle.

(1) At a curb indicated to be a fire lane, if properly signed;

(2) In front of a private driveway without the consent of the owner or occupant of the
premises;

(3) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;

(4) Within 30 feet of the approach to any stop sign, yield sign, flashing signal or traffic
control signal located at the side of a roadway;

(5) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station or within 75 feet on the
highway opposite to the driveway entrance, if properly signed;

(6) On the roadway side of any other vehicle that is stopped or parked at the edge or curb of
a highway;

(7) On a curve or hill where solid lines on the surface of the roadway indicate a zone in
which passing is prohibited;

(8) On a one-way roadway with its right-hand wheels more than 12 inches from the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway or with its left-hand wheels more than 12 inches from the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway;

(9) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant; or

(10) Within 10 feet of a driveway (measured from the nearest edge of the driveway flare or where the pavement begins to curve for the driveway) WITHIN A SPEED ZONE OF 35MPH OR HIGHER.

C. Park a vehicle.

(1) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail in a railroad grade crossing; or

(2) On any property owned by the Charles County Commissioners, Charles County Board of Education or the College of Southern Maryland where parking is prohibited by an official sign.

(3) Park heavy commercial vehicles, utility trailers, or buses on a public roadway where truck, trailer and bus parking is prohibited by official signs unless it is:

(a) A vehicle engaged in loading or unloading passengers, merchandise or materials;

(b) A vehicle used by the owner or operator when engaged in work on the property abutting the street;

(c) A bus that stops for a period of time, not to exceed 30 minutes, to maintain a schedule at an authorized terminal stand for a bus route operating under a permit from the State Public Service Commission;

(d) A vehicle that is involuntarily parked because of mechanical failure or other emergency for 48 hours or less; or

(e) A public contractor's vehicle as defined in § 287-7.

(4) The County may prohibit parking of heavy commercial vehicles, utility trailers and buses on a County public road or a portion thereof when:

(a) Requested in writing by either a majority of property owners along the road or portion of road to be posted or by the homeowners' association for the neighborhood, provided that the road also meets the following criteria:

(1) Road classification of either a local road or a minor collector;

(2) Road located within the Development District, Planned Unit Development (PUD) or Waterfront Planned Community (WPC) Zones; and

(3) Road with one or both sides abutting property zoned for residential use.

(b) Or when deemed appropriate by the County Commissioners.

D. Stop, stand or park a vehicle in a parking space for use of an individual with disabilities or otherwise reserved for the handicapped, unless the vehicle bears a special registration plate, windshield placard or other valid permit issued by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, another state or the District of Columbia.

E. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A VEHICLE THAT IS STOPPED OR PARKED ON A TWO-WAY ROADWAY SHALL BE STOPPED OR PARKED PARALLEL TO THE RIGHT HAND CURB OR EDGE OF THE ROADWAY, WITH ITS RIGHT HAND WHEELS WITHIN 12 INCHES OF THAT CURB OR EDGE OF THE ROADWAY.
SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

ADOPTED this 10th day of September, 2019.

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