

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

2019 Legislative Session

BILL NO. 2019-03

Introduced by: Charles County Commissioners

VEHICLES PARKING RESTRICTIONS

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Commissioners Action: 09 / 10 / 2019

Commissioner Votes: RBC: Y, BR: Y, GB: Y, TC: Absent, AS: Y

Pass/Fail: Pass

Effective Date: 10 / 25 / 2019

Remarks: _____

NOTE: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing text.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1 BUS

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

5 HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE

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

- 8 A. A gross vehicle weight (GVW) of more than 10,000 pounds;
- 9 B. A manufacturer's rated capacity of more than one ton;
- 10 C. A length of more than 21 feet measured from the extremes of the vehicle,
11 including any object loaded on the vehicle; or
- 12 D. A height of more than eight feet with properly inflated tires, measured from the
13 ground to the highest part of the vehicle, including racks, but not antennas. A
14 heavy commercial vehicle does not include a motor vehicle owned by the County
15 or other governmental agency or a farm machine or vehicle used for agriculture.

16 STOP

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

22 STAND

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

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

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

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31 § 287-8 Restrictions.

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

- 33 A. Stop, stand or park a vehicle.

- 1 (1) In front of a public driveway;
- 2 (2) On a sidewalk;
- 3 (3) [~~Over a sidewalk;~~
- 4 ~~(4) In such a manner as to block a sidewalk;~~
- 5 (5)] In an intersection or within 20 feet of an intersection radius (where the pavement begins
- 6 to curve for the cross-street) or opposite a side street at a T intersection;
- 7 ~~[(6)] (4) On a crosswalk;~~
- 8 ~~[(7) On a two-way roadway with the left-hand wheels at the curb or roadway edge of the~~
- 9 ~~opposite direction lane; or~~
- 10 ~~(8)] (5) Where stopping, standing or parking a vehicle is prohibited by an official sign[-];~~
- 11 (6) IN FRONT OF A CURB RAMP DESIGNED FOR THE USE OF INDIVIDUALS
- 12 WITH DISABILITIES;
- 13 (7) ON ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY NOT OWNED BY THE OWNER OR DRIVER OF
- 14 THE VEHICLE UNLESS THE PERSON HAS EXPRESS OR IMPLIED PERMISSION OF
- 15 THE PROPERTY OWNER, HIS TENANT, OR HIS AGENT TO STOP, STAND, OR PARK
- 16 THE VEHICLE;
- 17 (11) WHETHER ATTENDED OR UNATTENDED, ON THE TRAVEL PORTION OF THE
- 18 ROADWAY AS DEFINED IN MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE 11-151.
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- 20 B. Stand or park a vehicle.
- 21 (1) At a curb indicated to be a fire lane, if properly signed;
- 22 (2) In front of a private driveway without the consent of the owner or occupant of the
- 23 premises;
- 24 (3) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
- 25 (4) Within 30 feet of the approach to any stop sign, yield sign, flashing signal or traffic
- 26 control signal located at the side of a roadway;
- 27 (5) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station or within 75 feet on the
- 28 highway opposite to the driveway entrance, if properly signed;
- 29 (6) On the roadway side of any other vehicle that is stopped or parked at the edge or curb of
- 30 a highway;
- 31 (7) On a curve or hill where solid lines on the surface of the roadway indicate a zone in

1 which passing is prohibited;

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

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

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

9 C. Park a vehicle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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40 E EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A VEHICLE THAT IS
41 STOPPED OR PARKED ON A TWO-WAY ROADWAY SHALL BE STOPPED OR
42 PARKED PARALLEL TO THE RIGHT HAND CURB OR EDGE OF THE ROADWAY,
43 WITH ITS RIGHT HAND WHEELS WITHIN 12 INCHES OF THAT CURB OR EDGE OF
44 THE ROADWAY.


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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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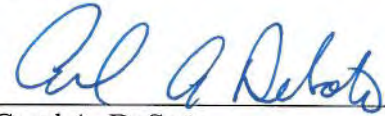


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