

ORDINANCE NO.: 2016-090

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Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 12-43 Parking prohibited during certain hours in designated places; Sec. 12-45 Stopping, Standing or parking in loading zone; Sec. 12-49 Parking for certain purposes prohibited; Sec. 12-51 Use of loading zones; Sec. 12-52 Certain parked vehicles declared nuisance; Division 2 Parking Meter Zones, Sec. 12-72 Location and operation of meters; Sec. 12-73 Marking of spaces; vehicles to be parked within markings; Sec. 12-74 Parking position; Sec. 12-75 Deposit of coin; Sec. 12-76 Overtime parking; Sec. 12-77 Depositing slugs; Sec. 12-78 Defacing or injuring meters; Sec. 12-80 Disposition of revenue; and Sec. 12-81 Exemptions

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 18th day of October, 2016, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 12-43 Parking prohibited during certain hours in designated places; Sec. 12-45 Stopping, Standing or parking in loading zone; Sec. 12-49 Parking for certain purposes prohibited; Sec. 12-51 Use of loading zones; Sec. 12-52 Certain parked vehicles declared nuisance; Division 2 Parking Meter Zones, Sec. 12-72 Location and operation of meters; Sec. 12-73 Marking of spaces; vehicles to be parked within markings; Sec. 12-74 Parking position; Sec. 12-75 Deposit of coin; Sec. 12-76 Overtime parking; Sec. 12-77 Depositing slugs; Sec. 12-78 Defacing or injuring meters; Sec. 12-80 Disposition of revenue; and Sec. 12-81 Exemptions, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12-43. Parking prohibited during certain hours in designated places.

When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no person may park a vehicle as prohibited by such signage between the hours and days so designated.

Sec. 12-45. Stopping, standing or parking in loading zone.

(a) No person may stop, stand or park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers in any place marked as a passenger zone during hours when the regulations applicable to such passenger zone are effective, and then only for a period not to exceed three minutes.

(b) No person may stop, stand or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time other than for expeditious unloading and delivery or pickup and loading of materials in any place marked as a loading zone during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday. In no case shall the stop for loading and unloading of materials exceed 30 minutes. Unless otherwise posted by the traffic engineer, any vehicle may occupy a loading zone on Sunday, or for a period not to exceed 30 minutes after 11:00 a.m. and before 8:00 a.m. on Monday through Saturday.

Sec. 12-49. Parking for certain purposes prohibited.

No person may stand or park a vehicle upon any roadway, city parking garage or city parking lot for the principal purpose of:

- (1) Displaying it for sale; and/or
- (2) Washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

Sec. 12-51. Use of loading zones.

(a) Parking places marked as loading zones may be used only by vehicles actually engaged in loading or unloading, pickup or delivery of merchandise to or from a business which can be served from the loading zone within a period of 30 minutes.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any vehicle, regardless of size or tonnage, to occupy any loading zone unless the owner has first obtained an annual permit from the parking services division, which shall run from July 1 to June 30. The parking services division shall issue permits only for those vehicles which have as their principal business purpose the transporting of goods and merchandise, and he may collect an annual fee of \$5.00 for one vehicle permit, provided that additional vehicles under the same ownership may be issued permits for a fee of \$2.00 each.

(c) The owner of any vehicle found in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable, upon conviction, in accordance with section 1-5, and the permit, if any, issued for the vehicle, shall be revoked in addition to other penalties provided by law.

Sec. 12-52. Certain parked vehicles declared nuisance.

Any vehicle parked continuously in any metered parking space, city controlled parking lot or city parking garage for 24 hours or more or parked on any street or other public property, whether in an authorized or unauthorized zone, which is found to be the subject of \$100.00 or more past due on outstanding bonds under the city parking ordinance, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

Sec. 12-72. Location and operation of meters.

Parking meters installed in the parking meter zones established by the provisions of this division may be placed upon the curb immediately adjacent to the individual parking places described in this division. Each parking meter shall be placed or set in such a manner as to show or display by a signal or through an electronic method that the parking space adjacent to such meter is or is not in use. Each parking meter may be installed and set to display, upon the deposit of coins, prepaid parking card or by an electronic payment method authorized by the city, a signal indicating purchased parking for up to the maximum time allowed by the meter, in such zones as are designated by the city council. Each meter shall also be arranged so that upon the expiration of the purchased parking time, it will indicate by a mechanical operation and the dropping of the proper signal or through an electronic method of notification that that the purchased parking has expired. Parking payment methods such as pay-by-space and pay-and-display may be installed in areas designated by the city manager within parking meter zones to provide convenient methods of payment for parking. Where meters or other devices are not practical in the judgment of parking services, signage may be erected at parking spaces and at the entrance to public off-street parking lots or garages to allow members of the public to use alternative methods of payment. The city may provide a pay-by-phone or other remote payment service to the public for payment of parking fees.

Sec. 12-73. Marking of spaces; vehicles to be parked within markings.

Parking services may have lines, markings or signage painted or placed upon the curb or upon the street adjacent to each parking meter, parking control device or spaces controlled by a parking payment program, for the purpose of designating the parking space. Each vehicle parked within the space shall park within the lines or markings so established. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this division to park any vehicle across any such line or marking or to park such vehicle in such position that the vehicle shall not be entirely within the area so designated by such lines or markings or to park a vehicle in a partially obstructed space, which would prevent the vehicle from parking within the designated lines or markings.

Sec. 12-74. Parking position.

When a parking space in any parking meter zone is parallel with the adjacent curb or sidewalk, any vehicle parked in such parking space shall be parked so that the foremost part of such vehicle shall be alongside of and nearest to the parking meter or sign. When a parking space in any parking meter zone is diagonal to the curb or sidewalk, any vehicle parked in such parking space shall be parked with the foremost part of such vehicle directed at and nearest to such meter or sign. The total length of any vehicle parked in a designated compact space shall not extend beyond the designated lines or markings.

Sec. 12-75. Deposit of payment.

When any vehicle shall be parked in any space alongside or next to which a parking meter, parking control device or space controlled by a remote payment method is located in accordance with the provisions of this division, the operator of such vehicle shall, upon entering the parking space, immediately deposit a coin of the United States or prepaid parking card in such parking meter or other parking control device, or purchase time by other designated electronic method, and the parking space may then be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period provided. If such vehicle shall remain parked in any such parking space beyond the parking time limit, the parking meter shall display a sign or signal showing expired parking or the operator shall be notified by electronic means, and in that event such vehicle shall be considered as parked overtime and beyond the period of purchased parking time, and the parking of a vehicle overtime or beyond the period of purchased parking time in any such part of a street where any such meter is located shall be a violation of this division.

Sec. 12-76. Overtime parking.

It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name, or which he has leased or rented from another person, to be parked longer than the maximum period of purchased parking time established for any parking meter zone as described in this division, as shown on the face of the meter or through other established parking control devices or approved electronic methods. The provisions of this section apply whether or not additional parking time is purchased by an electronic method or by depositing additional coins in the meter after the vehicle has remained parked longer than the maximum period shown on the meter face or parking control device.

Sec. 12-77. Depositing slugs and alteration of payment methods.

It shall be unlawful to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device or metallic substitute for a coin of the United States or to use any method to alter any device or software to avoid paying parking fees.

Sec. 12-78. Defacing or injuring meters.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter, parking device, signage or parking payment software installed or authorized under the provisions of this division.

Sec. 12-80. Disposition of revenue.

The funds derived from parking meters, parking control devices and alternative parking payment methods as provided in this division, are hereby levied and assessed as fees to provide for the proper regulation and control of traffic upon the public streets, and to cover the cost of the supervision, inspection, installation, operation, maintenance, control and use of the parking spaces and regulating the parking of

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vehicles in the parking meter zones created by this division.

Sec. 12-81. Exemptions.

- (a) All commercial trucks while actually loading and unloading are required to pull in to the curb without charge in metered spaces.
- (b) Any commercial truck parked in a meter space longer than while actually loading and unloading will be in violation of this division.
- (c) Disabled operators of vehicles bearing license plates issued by the state highway department indicating that the operator is disabled shall be exempt from the requirements of this division pertaining to the payment of parking fees. All other parking and meter regulations, except timed parking, shall apply to such operators.
- (d) Witnesses who testify or are subpoenaed to testify in criminal cases in the circuit court, while in attendance at court, shall not be subject to parking meter requirements for deposit of coins or overtime parking, and parking meter tickets certified by the clerk of court as exempt under this subsection shall be cancelled.

Requested by:

Mayor Benjamin



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Approved by:



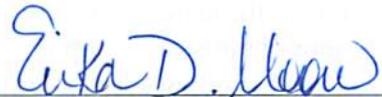
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City Clerk

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