ARTICLE II. - STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

Sec. 14-6. - Method of parking generally.

(a) Except when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or ordinances or to official signs or signals, the driver of a vehicle shall not stop, stand or park any vehicle in a roadway within the city other than parallel with the edge of the roadway and with the right wheels of the vehicle within twelve (12) inches of the edge of the roadway; except, that a passenger vehicle may stop parallel and as near as practicable to parked vehicles only long enough to take on or discharge passengers and a commercial vehicle may likewise stand while actually engaged in loading and unloading merchandise if no curb space is available within a reasonable distance; provided, that such vehicle while so parked shall not unreasonably impede or interfere with orderly two-way traffic and that on one-way streets, one lane shall be kept open for moving traffic.

(b) No vehicle shall be parked on a roadway or on a public parking facility in such a position as to prevent another vehicle already legally parked or stopped from moving away.

(c) No vehicle shall be parked on a roadway within two (2) feet of the front or rear of another vehicle parked at or parallel to the curb unless otherwise designated.

(d) No vehicle shall be parked so that the vehicle is within five (5) feet of any entrance to any public or private driveway or so as to obstruct any such established entrance; except, that an owner may obstruct his own private residence driveway or permit others to do so.

(e) No person shall drive or park any vehicle on or over any curb, sidewalk or drainage structure, except over driveways constructed for such purpose; provided, that this paragraph shall not apply in emergencies where suitable provision is made, by the laying of planking or otherwise, for the bridging of such curb, sidewalk or drainage structure in such a way that no damage will be done thereto.

(Ord. No. O-2-79)

Sec. 14-7. - Parking prohibited at specified places.

Except as necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic control device, no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle in any of the following places:

(a) On or over any curb or sidewalk.

(b) Within an intersection.

(c) Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk or on a crosswalk.

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

(e) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.

(f) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station.

(g) At any place where stopping, standing or parking is prohibited by an official sign.

(h) At any place designated as a fire lane by an official sign.

(i) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.

(j) On any entrance or exit ramp of any highway.

(k) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure or within a highway tunnel.
(l) Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad grade crossing.

(m) 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, unless the state highway administration or local authority indicates a different length by signs or markings.

(n) In a space or zone marked as restricted for the use of handicapped individuals unless the vehicle displays special registration plates for disabled or handicapped persons or a special permit for such person issued by the county, the state, or any other state, county or city.

(o) On any property owned by the board of education of the county where parking is prohibited by an official sign.

(Res. No. R-30-65, § 1-1.04; Ord. No. O-2-79; Ord. No. O-14-01, 8-6-01; Ord. No. O-4-14, 3-17-14)

Sec. 14-8. - Posted time limit restriction.

It shall be unlawful for any person to leave parked any vehicle in excess of a posted time limit restriction on any city street or city owned or leased parking facility unless the vehicle displays a plate or permit for disabled or handicapped persons described in subsection (1) of section 14-7.

(Ord. No. O-2-79)


It shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle in any parking lot in such a manner that the vehicle would occupy more than one lined and designated parking space or in such a manner that the vehicle does not occupy a lined and designated parking space, provided that the parking lot does display lined and designated parking spaces.

(Ord. No. O-2-79)

Sec. 14-10. - Parking of commercial vehicles or buses on public roadways.

It shall be unlawful to park any commercial vehicle on any roadway except when such a vehicle is actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers, merchandise or materials or when the owner or operator of such vehicle is actively engaged in work on property within a reasonable distance thereof. At authorized terminal stands of bus routes operating under a permit from the state, county or city, stops may be made for a sufficient period of time, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, for the purpose of maintaining schedules. This section shall not apply to a vehicle involuntarily parked because of a mechanical failure or another emergency, provided such a vehicle is removed within a reasonable period of time.

For the purposes of this subsection, a commercial vehicle shall be defined as:

(a) Any truck-trailer combination vehicle, or any component thereof; or

(b) Any vehicle constructed with, or modified to accommodate, more than two (2) axles; or

(c) Any vehicle, equipment attached thereto, and load carried thereupon, that exceeds an overall length of twenty-one (21) feet; or

(d) Any vehicle, equipment attached thereto, and load carried thereupon that exceeds an overall height of seven (7) feet six (6) inches; or

(e) Any tow truck that is designed or used for transporting other cars or trucks.
Sec. 14-11. - Parking restrictions during snow emergencies.

Upon declaration of a snow emergency by the city manager by press release and such other public notice within the discretion of the city manager as it is practical to give under the circumstances, the following traffic regulations shall be in effect and shall continue in effect until the end of the emergency as determined and declared by the city manager. These regulations shall also apply upon declaration of a snow emergency for the county by the appropriate county official unless the city manager shall declare that such emergency does not exist in the city.

(a) No person shall operate any vehicle upon a snow emergency route unless one wheel at each end of a driving axle of such vehicle is equipped with tire chains or snow tires as defined in the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Each set of chains (including clip-on chains) shall have a minimum of eight chains (series of cross links) crossing the traction surface of each tire.

(b) No person shall park and leave unattended any vehicle within the right-of-way of any snow emergency route or any cul-de-sac.

(c) Any vehicle parked and left unattended on a snow emergency route in violation of this section may be impounded and removed by the city police as provided in section 14-4.

Sec. 14-12. - Parking of vehicles during periods of snow accumulation.

(a) During periods of snow accumulation, the city manager is authorized, by declaration in the manner provided in section 14-11, to restrict as hereinafter provided, the parking of any vehicle on the streets and highways of the city, for the purposes of facilitating snow removal. On the day following the giving of notice by press release, the following restrictions shall be in force:

(1) No parking shall be permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays on the side of any street where the buildings situated thereon bear even street numbers.

(2) No parking shall be permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays on the side of any street where the building situated thereon bear odd street numbers.

(3) In any block wherein parking is otherwise prohibited on one side of the street for the entire block, such parking prohibition shall be suspended during such periods as the other restrictions of this section are operative.

(b) Any vehicle parked and left unattended in violation of the provisions of this section or any order or declaration of the city manager issued pursuant to this section may be removed and impounded as provided in section 14-4.

Sec. 14-13. - Parking for advertising purposes prohibited.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of advertising.

Sec. 14-14. - Parking for sale purposes prohibited.
No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of displaying it for sale.

(Res. No. R-30-65, § 1-1.06; Ord. No. O-2-279)

Sec. 14-15. - Parking for repairs, washing, etc., prohibited; exception.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon any roadway or public parking facility for the principal purpose of washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle, except for repairs made necessary by an emergency.

(Res. No. R-30-65, § 1-1.06; Ord. No. O-2-79)

Sec. 14-16. - Parking for more than forty-eight hours prohibited.

No person shall park any motor vehicle or other vehicle upon any street, avenue, road, highway, public parking lot or vacant lot for a continuous period of more than forty-eight hours at any one time.

(Res. No. R-30-65, § 1-1.06; Ord. No. O-2-79)

Sec. 14-17. - Parking of trailers and unregistered motor vehicles prohibited.

(a) No person shall park any trailer, camper trailer or boat trailer, or any unregistered motor vehicle, upon any highways, roads, streets or other public property in the city at any time.

(b) No person shall park or leave unattended any unregistered motor vehicle or trailer upon private property in the city. This subsection shall not apply to the following persons or circumstances:

1) To any automobile dealer, service station or towing operator, or operator or owner of any junkyard, salvage yard or scrapper or shredder operation, or any other commercial enterprise holding a valid use and occupancy permit authorizing the storage of vehicles or trailers upon the property upon which the vehicles are located.

2) To any governmental storage or impoundment yard.

3) To any vehicle or trailer which is undergoing active repair or restoration in a completely enclosed garage or building.

4) Vehicles or trailers registered in another state, to persons in the armed forces of the United States, diplomats of foreign nations, or to vehicles or trailers of nonresident students.

(c) For the purposes of this chapter, the following words shall have the meaning hereafter ascribed to them:

Private property means any lot, parcel or tract of land or improvements thereon, not in public ownership or control, and also shall include the parking areas of residential development and common element or limited common element areas of condominium regimes and homeowners associations.

Unregistered motor vehicle means any motor vehicle which, for more than a thirty-day period, is not registered with the appropriate motor vehicle agency of the State of Maryland and displaying evidence of such current registration.

Unregistered trailer means any trailer of any type or size designed for use upon a street, road or highway which, for more than a thirty-day period, is not registered with the appropriate motor vehicle agency of the State of Maryland, and displaying evidence of such current registration.
(d) For the purposes of this chapter, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the owner of an unregistered vehicle or trailer is the owner of the private property or tenant or custodian of said property upon which the unregistered vehicle or trailer is parked or otherwise located.

(Ord. No. O-2-79; Ord. No. O-17-91)

Sec. 14-17A. - Resident parking permit areas.

(a) The mayor and city council find that the health, safety and welfare of many residents of the city are adversely affected by burdens placed on residents by virtue of major public and private facilities and programs created or authorized by governmental action. Frequently, the use of streets within residential areas for the parking of vehicles by persons using adjacent commercial, industrial, recreational and transit areas and other areas, facilities, programs and activities emanating from planning, zoning, permit approvals and other decisions by the government results in hazardous traffic conditions, the overburdening of existing streets, roads and other facilities, air and noise pollution, conditions hazardous to pedestrians, interference with the use and enjoyment of private property and the inability of residents of certain areas to obtain adequate parking adjacent to or close by their places of residence. In order to reduce to the extent possible the aforementioned conditions, to foster the use of public transit facilities and alternative methods of transportation and to promote the safety, peace, good order, comfort, convenience, health and welfare of the residents of the city, the mayor and city council deem it essential that the permit parking authorization provided for in this section be enacted.

(b) The city manager or his designee is hereby authorized to designate by written order roads, streets, public ways and other areas within the city in which the parking of vehicles may be restricted, in whole or in part during certain specified times, to holders of valid parking permits issued pursuant to this section. The city manager or his designee shall consider the institution of a permit parking system and restrictions upon petition by the residents of a given area or upon the city manager's own initiation.

(c) The designation or withdrawal of a parking permit area shall take into account, among other things:

1. The effect on the health, safety or welfare of residents of the area under consideration from intensive use by nonresidents for parking of vehicles.

2. The need of residents of the area to obtain adequate on-street parking adjacent to or close by their places of residence and the availability of adequate off-street parking to those residents.

3. The difficulty or inability of residents of the area to secure adequate on-street parking adjacent to or close by their places of residence because of widespread use of available parking spaces in that area by nonresident, transient motorists.

4. The impact of major public facilities and programs or other governmental actions on the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the area and any unreasonable or disproportionate burdens placed on those residents in securing adequate on-street parking and gaining access to their places of residence by virtue of such facilities, programs and governmental actions.

5. The need for safe and convenient pedestrian access or the encouragement of alternative forms of transportation.

6. The likelihood of alleviating, by use of a permit parking system, any problem associated with or attributed to the nonavailability of residential parking spaces.

7. The fact that the residents of a contemplated parking permit area have contributed to the costs of construction and/or improvement of streets and roads in such area to the extent such costs are reflected in purchase or rental prices paid by those residents.

8. The need for some parking spaces to be available in the area under consideration for use by visitors, service and delivery vehicles and the general public.

9. The desire of the residents in the area for the institution of a parking permit system or a determined public need for such a system in a given area.
(10) The average number of vehicles parked on such streets on the weekdays of any weekly or monthly period, compared to the total number of spaces on such streets.

(11) Such other factors as may be deemed relevant.

(d) Following the designation of a permit parking area, the city manager or his designee shall issue appropriate parking permits and shall cause parking signs to be posted in the area indicating the times, locations and conditions under which parking shall be by permit only. Permits shall be issued only to persons residing on or owning property immediately adjacent to a street, road or other public way within the permit parking area. A permit shall remain valid for such time as the holder thereof continues to reside or owns property in the area for which the permit is issued. Parking permits issued under this section are nonassignable and nontransferable.

(e) Upon approval of an area as a permit parking area, any resident residing or property owner within the designated area who wishes to apply for a parking permit shall file an application with the city manager or his designee on forms provided for this purpose. The applicant's motor vehicle registration and valid operator's license must be presented at the time of application. The city manager or his designee may require other proof of resident or property ownership within a permit parking area in lieu of a motor vehicle registration and valid operator's license.

Residents or property owners who have permits for their vehicles may request additional permits to accommodate guests or other visitors.

(f) The parking permit shall be displayed through either the windshield or rear window of the vehicle in plain view and legible from exterior of the vehicle.

(g) In the event that the motor vehicle on which the permit is displayed is sold, transferred, demolished or stolen and the permit is not removed from the vehicle, the person to whom the permit was issued may request and shall be issued a duplicate permit.

(h) There will be no fee for permits issued under this section.

(i) The following vehicles are exempted from the provisions of this section:

   (1) Emergency or governmental vehicles.

   (2) Delivery or service vehicles being used for those purposes in connection with deliveries or services rendered to residents.

(j) The parking of any vehicle or the use of any parking permit in a manner contrary to the provisions of this section is prohibited and shall be subject to the provisions of sections 14-4 and 14-5.

(Res. No. R-88-79; Ord. No. O-8-79)