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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2014 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. 36-2014

Introduced by Jen Terrasa

AN ACT prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not a plug-in vehicle in a parking space that is designated in a certain manner for the use of plug-in vehicles and provides access to a plug-in vehicle recharging station; establishing certain standards for signage designating reserved parking for certain plug-in vehicles; authorizing a certain property owner to have a vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked in violation of this Act towed or removed under certain circumstances, subject to certain standards and requirements; and generally relating to reserved parking spaces for plug-in vehicles.

Introduced and read first time July 7, 2014. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on July 14, 2014.

By order Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on July 25, 2014 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .

By order Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 28th day of July, 2014 at 12:30 a.m./p.m.?

By order Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive July 30, 2014

Ken Ulman
Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 *Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard*
2 *County Code is amended as follows:*

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4 *By amending:*

5 *Title 21 - Traffic control and transportation.*

6 *Subtitle 2. - Standing, stopping, and parking of vehicles; automated enforcement.*

7 *Part I. Parking zones and enforcement; automated enforcement.*

8 *Section 21.207. Parking restrictions.*

9 *Part II. In general.*

10 *Section 21.221. Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified*
11 *places.*

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14 **Title 21 - Traffic control and transportation.**

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16 **Subtitle 2. - Standing, stopping, and parking of vehicles; automated enforcement.**

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18 **Part I. Parking zones and enforcement; automated enforcement.**

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21 **Sec. 21.207. Parking restrictions.**

22 (a) *Department of Public Works [may establish].* Except as provided in section 21.105 of
23 this title, ON PROPERTY THAT IS UNDER THE COUNTY'S JURISDICTION, the Department of Public
24 Works may:

25 (1) prohibit or establish a time limit on parking on any highway [under the
26 County's jurisdiction]; AND

27 (2) DESIGNATE EACH PARKING SPACE WHERE A PLUG-IN VEHICLE MAY BE
28 RECHARGED.

29 (b) *Signs.* The Department of Public Works shall place and maintain appropriate signs [on a
30 highway that is subject to] INDICATING a parking restriction under SUBSECTION (A) OF this section.

31 (c) *PLUG-IN VEHICLE RECHARGING STATIONS.*

32 (1) IN THIS SECTION, PLUG-IN VEHICLE MEANS A VEHICLE THAT:
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- 1 (I) IS MADE BY A VEHICLE MANUFACTURER;
2 (II) IS MANUFACTURED PRIMARILY FOR USE ON A PUBLIC STREET, ROAD,
3 AND HIGHWAY;
4 (III) HAS A RATED UNLOADED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF NO MORE THAN
5 8,500 POUNDS;
6 (IV) HAS A MAXIMUM SPEED CAPABILITY OF AT LEAST 55 MILES PER HOUR;
7 AND
8 (V) IS PROPELLED TO A SIGNIFICANT EXTENT BY AN ELECTRIC MOTOR THAT
9 DRAWS ELECTRICITY FROM A BATTERY THAT:
10 (A) FOR A 4-WHEELED VEHICLE, HAS A CAPACITY OF AT LEAST 4
11 KILOWATT-HOURS;
12 (B) FOR A 2-WHEELED OR 3-WHEELED VEHICLE, HAS A CAPACITY OF
13 AT LEAST 2.5 KILOWATT-HOURS; AND
14 (C) CAN BE RECHARGED FROM AN EXTERNAL SOURCE OF
15 ELECTRICITY.

16 (2) PLUG-IN VEHICLE INCLUDES A QUALIFYING VEHICLE THAT HAS BEEN MODIFIED
17 FROM THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS.

18 (3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDE IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON MAY
19 NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK A VEHICLE IN A SPACE THAT IS POSTED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF
20 PLUG-IN VEHICLES:

- 21 (I) UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION FOR COUNTY PROPERTY; OR
22 (II) BY THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY.

23 (4) A PLUG-IN VEHICLE MAY BE PARKED IN A SPACE THAT IS POSTED FOR THE USE
24 OF PLUG-IN VEHICLES.

25 (5) A SIGN THAT DESIGNATES A SPACE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MUST MEET BE AT
26 LEAST 12 INCHES BY 18 INCHES AND MEET ANY APPLICABLE STATE OR FEDERAL STANDARDS
27 FOR PARKING CONTROL SIGNS.

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29 **Part II. In general.**
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1 **Sec. 21.221. Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified places.**

2 (a) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or
3 directions of a Police Officer or traffic control device, an individual may not stop, stand, or park a
4 vehicle:

5 (1) In front of or within five feet of a public driveway, or within a private driveway,
6 without the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises;

7 (2) Within an intersection;

8 (3) Within a tee or modified tee turnaround;

9 (4) On a sidewalk or pathway;

10 (5) On a pedestrian or school crosswalk;

11 (6) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb;

12 (7) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping,
13 standing or parking would obstruct traffic;

14 (8) Upon any bridge (or other elevated structure);

15 (9) Within a highway tunnel;

16 (10) On any ramp entering onto or exiting from any highway;

17 (11) On any property of the Howard County Board of Education where an official sign or
18 curb markings prohibit or restrict such parking;

19 (12) At any place where an official sign or curb markings prohibit stopping, standing or
20 parking;

21 (13) Within 30 feet to the approach to any official regulatory signal, sign or traffic-control
22 device located on the side of the roadway, with the exception of parking signs;

23 (14) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

24 (15) On the traveled portion of any roadway;

25 (16) Within 100 feet to the approach of an intersecting street, highway or commercial
26 private property driveway, except in any residentially zoned district;

27 (17) In any hazardous or congested parking area posted as a no-parking, tow-away zone;

28 [or]

29 (18) Adjacent to the center island of a cul-de-sac; OR

1 (19) EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY § 21.207 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IN A SPACE
2 POSTED FOR A PLUG-IN VEHICLE.

3 (b) The Police Department may impound a vehicle for a violation of subsection (a)(1), (2), (3),
4 (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), (10), (14), (15), [or] (17), OR (19) of this section.

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7 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that*
8 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

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