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# County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 2

Bill No. 7 -2016

Introduced by: Jennifer Terrasa and Calvin Ball

AN ACT authorizing the Howard County Police Department to enforce parking restrictions related to plug-in vehicle recharging stations; and generally related to parking control in Howard County.

Introduced and read first time February 1, 2016. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.  
By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, 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 February 16, 2016.  
By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on March 7, 2016 and Passed , Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.  
By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 at 2 a.m./p.m.  
By order Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive March 11, 2016  
Allan H. Kittleman  
Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL 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:

3 *By amending:*

4 *Title 21 - Traffic Control and Transportation*

5 *Subtitle 1. - Definitions; General Provisions*

6 *Section 21.207. - Parking restrictions.*

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8 **Title 21 - Traffic Control and Transportation**

9 **Subtitle 1. - Definitions; General Provisions**

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11 **Sec. 21.207. - Parking restrictions.**

12 (a) Department of Public Works. Except as provided in section 21.105 of this title, on property  
13 that is under the County's jurisdiction, the Department of Public Works may:

14 (1) Prohibit or establish a time limit on parking on any highway; and

15 (2) Designate each parking space where a plug-in vehicle may be recharged.

16 (b) Signs. The Department of Public Works shall place and maintain appropriate signs  
17 indicating a parking restriction under subsection (a) of this section.

18 (c) Plug-in vehicle recharging stations.

19 (1) In this section, plug-in vehicle means a vehicle that:

20 (i) Is made by a vehicle manufacturer;

21 (ii) Is manufactured primarily for use on a public street, road, and highway;

22 (iii) Has a rated unloaded gross vehicle weight of no more than 8,500 pounds;

23 (iv) Has a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles per hour; and

24 (v) Is propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor that draws electricity  
25 from a battery that:

26 (A) For a four-wheeled vehicle, has a capacity of at least four kilowatt-hours;

27 (B) For a two-wheeled or three-wheeled vehicle, has a capacity of at least 2.5  
28 kilowatt-hours; and

29 (c) Can be recharged from an external source of electricity.

1 (2) Plug-in vehicle includes a qualifying vehicle that has been modified from the  
2 original manufacturer's specifications.

3 (3) Except as provide in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a person may not stop, stand,  
4 or park a vehicle in a space that is posted for the exclusive use of plug-in vehicles:

5 (i) Under subsection (b) of this section for County property; or

6 (ii) By the property owner for private property.

7 (4) A plug-in vehicle may be parked in a space that is posted for the use of plug-in  
8 vehicles.

9 (5) A sign that designates a space under this subsection must meet be at least 12 inches  
10 by 18 inches and meet any applicable State or Federal standards for parking control  
11 signs.

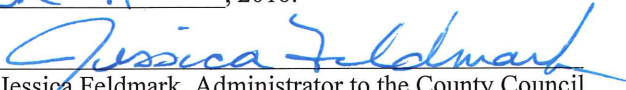
12 (D) (1) THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY ENFORCE THIS SECTION ON PUBLIC PROPERTY OR PRIVATE  
13 PROPERTY.

14 (2) THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY IMPOUND A VEHICLE THAT IS PARKED IN VIOLATION OF  
15 THIS SECTION.

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17 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that Section*  
18 *1 of this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on March 11, 2016.

  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council