

ORDINANCE #697

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OR REPEALING AND REPLACING VARIOUS SUBSECTIONS OF SECTION 120 OF THE TOWN OF DENTON CODE, GENERALLY OUTLINING PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR PUBLIC STREETS WITHIN THE TOWN OF DENTON AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, THE DENTON TOWN COUNCIL has the authority, pursuant to its Charter, to regulate parking on streets within the Town of Denton; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that the long-term parking of vehicles, oversized vehicles and trailers on streets causes safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, residential streets are not designed to accommodate vehicle storage.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE DENTON TOWN COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. **Section 120-1. Definitions and Interpretation** is hereby amended as follows:

A. Words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Vehicle Law), as now in force or as hereafter amended, enacted or reenacted, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. *Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following words and phrases shall mean:*

- (1) **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE** – *is any type of motor vehicle used for transporting goods or paying passengers for the profit of an individual or business.*
- (2) **INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLE** – *a vehicle which cannot be driven upon the public streets for reason including but not limited to be unlicensed, wrecked, abandoned, in a state of disrepair, or incapable of being moved under its own power.*
- (3) **OVERSIZED VEHICLE** – *a vehicle that is over 18 feet (216 inches) in length or is over 8 feet (96 inches) in width, or both.*
- (4) **TRACTOR TRAILER** – *a transport vehicle consisting of a tractor unit with coupling that carries much of the weight of the attached semi-trailer.*
- (5) **TRAILER** – *an unpowered vehicle towed by a powered vehicle commonly used to transport goods and materials.*

B. The term "legal holidays," as used in this chapter, shall mean and include New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, or days celebrated as such.

C. In this chapter, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular; the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

SECTION 2. Section 120-20 Additional Parking Regulations is amended to add Subsection G as follows:

(G) A person shall not cause or knowingly permit:

- (1) An inoperable motor vehicle to be parked on any street within the corporate boundaries of the Town.***
- (2) A trailer, boat trailer, camping trailer, mobile home or oversized vehicle to park or remain parked on any street within the corporate boundaries of the Town for a period exceeding 72 hours.***
- (3) A six or more tire, commercial vehicle to be parked on any street within the corporate boundaries of the Town overnight, except state, municipal, or service vehicles.***
- (4) A vehicle to stand or be parked within 30 feet of any flashing signal, stop sign, stop line or traffic control signal located at the side of a street.***
- (5) A motor vehicle or trailer to be parked in the front yard, side yard or backyard if it blocks access or causes damage to any public utility, violates any setback requirements of the Town of Denton Zoning, and/or to stand or be parked blocking another vehicle or the use of a public or private driveway.***
- (6) A motor vehicle or trailer to be parked or driven on any sidewalk except to directly access a property at a driveway.***
- (7) A vehicle or trailer to be used as a temporary or permanent living quarters while parked on any street, or private property within the town except as permitted in §128-71 Temporary Emergency, Construction or Repair Residences.***

SECTION 3. Section 120-31 is amended as following:

~~(C) The initial charges for parking violation are:~~

- ~~(1) Overparked, parking meter: \$20~~
- ~~(2) Doubled parked: \$20~~
- ~~(3) Parked at fire hydrant: \$20~~
- ~~(4) Blocking/obstructing driveway: \$20~~
- ~~(5) Parked where official signs erected: \$20~~
- ~~(6) Improper parking: \$20~~
- ~~(7) Yellow (line) curb: \$20~~
- ~~(8) Parked in designated fire lane: \$20~~
- ~~(9) Unauthorized truck parking: \$20~~
- ~~(10) Unauthorized parking in designated handicap parking: \$40~~
- ~~(11) Each additional hour or fraction thereof: \$20~~


(C) Fee's for violations shall be established by the Mayor and Town Council from time to time by duly adopted Resolution.

SECTION 4. POSTED SIGNS. The Police Department of the Town of Denton shall post appropriate signs in accordance with this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effected at the expiration of seven (7) calendar days following passage.

ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 2019

DENTON TOWN COUNCIL:



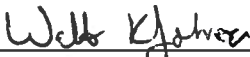
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Approved for legal sufficiency this 7th day of March, 2019



Christopher Drummond, Town Attorney

Date Introduced 2/3/2019

Date Amendments Introduced _____

Date Passed 3-7-2019

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Text that is stricken reflects language omitted from the Town Code

Text in **bold** and *italicized* reflects additions to the Town Code