

ORDINANCE NO. 710

INTRODUCED BY: Lester Branson

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF DENTON TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 120 OF THE DENTON TOWN CODE WITH RESPECT TO RELOCATING A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE, PARALLEL PARKING ON ONE-WAY STREETS AND CLARIFYING THE LANGUAGE OF §120-27.

WHEREAS, the Town of Denton is authorized by the Maryland Annotated Code, including but not limited to MD CODE ANN Transportation Article §21-1004, to enact ordinances regulating the use of and parking on public streets; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Denton wishes to amend and modify provisions of the Denton Town Code Section 120-17, 120-20 and 120-27; and

WHEREAS, the Denton Town Council has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to amend the Town Code to provide for the relocation of a handicap parking space, for parallel parking on one-way streets and for language correcting and clarifying a portion of Section 120-27;

NOW THEREFORE, the Denton Town Council hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1: §17 - Special Purpose Parking Zones, contained in Chapter 120 of the Denton Town Code is hereby modified and reenacted as follows:

Name of Street	Side	Authorized Purpose of Vehicle	Location
First Street	North East	Licensed handicapped vehicles	1 parking space directly in front of 7 North First Street first parking space immediately south of Gay Street
First Street	East	Police vehicles Public Safety Vehicles	the northern 4 parking spaces immediately south of Gay Street beyond the licensed handicap space

SECTION 2: §20 Additional Parking Regulations, contained in Chapter 120 of the Denton Town Code, is hereby modified and reenacted with amendments as follows:

(B) Manner of parallel parking. Every vehicle parked or stopped **on a two-way roadway** shall do so with the right hand wheels parallel to and within 12 inches of the right hand curb or edge of the roadway. **Every vehicle parked or stopped on a one-way roadway shall do so parallel to and within 12 inches of the curb or edge of the roadway in the direction of authorized traffic movement.**

SECTION 3: §27 - Operation of Parking Meters contained in §120 of the Denton Town Code is hereby modified and reenacted with amendments as follows:

Except in a period of emergency as determined by an officer of the Fire or the Police Department, or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control signal or sign or signal, when any vehicle shall be parked in any parking space alongside or next to which a parking meter is located or within a space controlled by a parking kiosk, the operator of such vehicle shall, upon entering the said parking meter/parking kiosk space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited in said meter/kiosk such proper coin or currency of the United States or other form of electronic payment as is required for such parking meter/parking kiosk and as is designated by proper direction on the meter/kiosk; and when required by the directions on the meter/kiosk, the operator of such vehicle, after the deposit of the proper coin, coins, currency or other form of electronic payment, shall also set in operation the timing mechanism on such meter/kiosk in accordance with directions properly appearing thereon; and failure to deposit such proper coin, currency or other form of electronic payment and to set the timing mechanism in operation when so required shall constitute a violation of this section. Upon the deposit of such coin, currency or other form of electronic payment (and the setting of the timing mechanism in operation when so required), the parking space may be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period of time **for** which said parking space **has been prepaid** ~~is located~~, provided that any person placing a vehicle in a parking meter/kiosk space, adjacent to a meter or space controlled by a parking kiosk which indicates that unused time has been left in the meter by the previous occupant of the space, shall not be required to deposit a coin so long as his occupancy of said space does not exceed the indicated unused parking time. If said vehicle shall remain parked in any such parking space beyond the parking time limit set for such parking space, and if the meter shall indicate such illegal parking, then, and in that event, such vehicle shall be considered as parking overtime and beyond the period of legal parking time, and such parking shall be deemed a violation of this section.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Denton Town Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. In accordance with § C3-12 of the Town Charter, this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders, and matters established and adopted

hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect seven (7) days from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

ENACTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

DENTON TOWN COUNCIL:

Abigail McNinch, Mayor

Lester L. Branson, Councilperson

Doncella Wilson, Councilperson

Keith Johnson, Councilperson

Dallas Lister, Councilperson

ATTEST:

Karen L. Monteith

Approved for legal sufficiency this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Christopher F. Drummond

Date Introduced 2/4/2021

Date Amendments Introduced _____

Date Passed _____

Effective Date _____

Text that is ~~stricken out~~ reflects language omitted from the Town Code
Text in **bold** reflects additions to the Town Code