

ARTICLE 517
City Parking Lots

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517.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this article the terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Commonwealth Vehicle Code and City ordinances, except as herein otherwise defined.

- (a) "Parking lot" means a portion of land owned by or leased to the City and set apart by Council for the purpose of parking vehicles, upon payment of the fees hereinafter prescribed and compliance with the conditions contained in this article.
- (b) "Parking meter" means a device mechanically capable, when properly operated, of recording the length of time a vehicle remains legally parked in an adjacent parking meter space, and displaying a signal when such vehicle remains parked beyond the legal limit.
- (c) "Parking meter space" means a portion of land within a parking lot, sufficient to accommodate a vehicle when the same is parked and which such portion of land has been marked by paint or other means as a parking meter space.
(Ord. 55-1951 §1.)
- (d) "Parking garage" means any structure or portion of a structure owned by or leased to the City and set apart by Council for the purpose of parking vehicles upon payment of the fees hereinafter prescribed and compliance with the conditions contained in this article. (Ord. 17-1988 §1. Passed 10-4-88.)

517.02 PARKING LOTS.

- (a) In all parking lots a parking meter shall be installed for each parking meter space. All parking meter spaces shall be plainly designated by lines or markings on the parking lot.

(b) Parking meters shall be placed upon the parking lot immediately adjacent or next to each designated parking meter space and in such manner as to show or display by a signal that the parking meter space controlled by such parking meter is or is not legally occupied. Each parking meter shall indicate by a proper legend the established legal parking time, the fees or charge therefor and when in operation, shall also indicate on or by its dial or pointer the duration of the period of legal parking, any illegal or overtime parking.

(c) Every vehicle parked in any parking lot shall be entirely within the lines of the designated parking meter space with the end of such parked vehicle at or immediately adjacent to the parking meter controlling such parking meter space.

(d) Upon parking any vehicle in a parking lot at any time during which the provisions of this article are in effect, the operator thereof shall upon entering the designated parking meter space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited a coin or coins of United States currency in the designated slot of the parking meter controlling such parking meter space, and, in a manually operated parking meter, operate any handle or other mechanical device necessary to start operation of the parking meter. Upon the deposit of such coin or coins and the placing of the parking meter in operation such parking meter space may be lawfully occupied by any vehicle during the period of time as indicated on the parking space. Each parking meter shall indicate by a proper legend the established legal parking and the monetary fee payable for such parking. The minimum fee to be charged for parking shall be five cents (5¢) for the first half-hour, then five cents (5¢) for each half hour thereafter as designated on the parking meter controlling the parking meter space.

(e) The coin or coins required by this article to be deposited in the parking meters are hereby levied and assessed as fees to provide for the cost of supervising and regulating the space, supervision, protection, inspection, installation, operation, maintenance, enforcement and control and use of the aforesaid parking meters.

(f) No owner or operator of any vehicle shall cause, allow or permit such vehicle to be parked overtime or beyond the period of the legal parking time established for any parking lot.

(g) No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter a coin for the purpose of increasing or extending the parking time of any vehicle beyond the legal parking time established for any parking lot.

(h) No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device or metallic substitute for a coin of the United States.

(i) No person shall deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the provisions of this article.

(j) No person shall drive any vehicle in such parking lots or parking garages on any other than the designated driveways, and then drive in the direction only as indicated by signs.

(k) No person shall drive a vehicle on any roadway in such parking lots and parking garages at a speed greater than five miles per hour.

(l) No vehicle shall be parked and left unattended on any roadway in any of such parking lots and parking garages.

(m) No person shall enter or leave any parking lots and parking garages at other than the designated entrances and exits either with a motor vehicle or as a pedestrian.

(n) No person shall use any portion of any parking lots and parking garages in a manner as to endanger the person or property of another.

(o) No person shall use any of such parking lots and parking garages as a place for the buying or selling of merchandise of any kind.

(p) No person shall distribute literature or throw handbills in any parking lots and parking garages or into any vehicle while parked in such parking lots and parking garages.

(q) No person shall drive a vehicle through any parking lots and parking garages as a thoroughfare from one highway to another.

(r) No person other than the lessees or person designated by them shall park any vehicle in any leased parking spaces.

(s) No person shall throw, deposit or place in or on any parking lots and parking garages any nails, tacks, crockery, scrap iron, glass, tin, wire or any other article or things liable to cause puncture to the tires of vehicles.

(Ord. 55-1951 §2; Ord. 14-1967 §1; Ord. 30-1966 §1; Ord. 17-1988 §2. Passed 10-4-88.)

(t) Except for persons parking vehicles lawfully bearing a handicapped or severely disabled veteran registration plate or displaying a handicapped or severely disabled veteran parking placard when such vehicles are being operated by or for the transportation of a handicapped person or a severely disabled veteran, no person shall park a vehicle on public or private property reserved for a handicapped person or a severely disabled veteran which property has been posted with a sign indicating that vehicles parking in violation of this subsection may be towed and stating the penalty amount for violation hereof. The designation of areas within the City parking lots for posting shall be by executive order signed by the Mayor which shall state the penalty amount for violation thereof.

(Ord. 9-1995 §B. Passed 6-6-95.)

517.03 HOURS AND DAYS APPLICABLE.

(a) Parking on any parking lot is hereby exempted from the provisions of this article on Sundays and on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and such other holidays as may hereafter be designated by the Mayor.

(b) On all days except as provided in subsection (a) hereof, parking of vehicles on parking lots, except those for which a specific parking time has been designated by the Mayor or which are in continuous operation for a twenty-four hour period and have signs posted in the entrances to each such parking lot to advise motorists, is hereby limited to the period of time designated in Section 517.02(d). (Ord. 55-1951 §3; Ord. 15-1971 §1.)

517.04 LEASED SPACES.

The Mayor may designate any areas on any parking lots and parking garages affected by this article as spaces for the parking of vehicles by lease on a time basis without installation of parking meters immediately adjacent or next to such parking spaces. (Ord. 17-1988 §3. Passed 10-4-88.)

517.05 RENTALS.

The Mayor shall have the authority to determine the rentals charged for all nonmetered parking spaces on all City parking lots and parking garages. (Ord. 25-1983 §1. Passed 8-16-83.)

517.06 ENFORCEMENT.

(a) The duty of enforcing the provisions of this article shall be upon the Police Chief or Police Commissioner acting through the Police Department. (Ord. 1-2009. Passed 1-6-09.)

(b) Regular police officers of the Police Department shall be empowered to enforce the provisions of this article and to issue citations and parking tickets for violations thereof. Uniformed employees of the Police Department who are not regular police officers shall be empowered upon authorization by the Police Commissioner or Chief of Police to issue citations and parking tickets for parking violations only. (Ord. 23-1978 §3. Passed 9-19-78.)

517.07 GENERAL AUTHORITY PARKING LOTS.

As to all parking lots transferred by the City to the City General Authority, the fee to be charged for parking as well as the designation of nonmeter rental spaces and the hours of operation shall be the schedule of rates and charges for the use of meters and the schedule of hours of operation adopted by the Authority which may be amended thereafter on or before the first day of each fiscal year of the Authority. (Ord. 23-1995. Passed 12-5-95.)

517.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates Sections 517.02 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g) shall upon conviction thereof be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned for not more than ten days (10-days). Whoever violates Sections 517.02 (h), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q) or (r) shall upon conviction thereof be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned for not more than ten days (10 days). Whoever violates Section 517.02 (t) shall upon conviction thereof be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned for not more than ten days (10 days) and may subject the vehicle to towing. Whoever violates Section 517.02 (i) and (s) shall upon conviction thereof be fined not less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs of prosecution, or imprisoned for not more than ninety days (90 days) or both. Whoever violates any other provisions of this article shall upon conviction thereof be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned for not more than ten days (10-days). (Ord. 1-2009. Passed 1-6-09.)