

SUBTITLE 3. - PARKING METERS

§ 18-2-301. - DEFINITIONS.

- (a) *In general.* In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) *Operator.*
 - (1) "Operator" means an individual who operates a vehicle as the owner of the vehicle, or as the agent, employer, or permittee of the owner.
 - (2) "Operator" includes an individual who is in actual physical control of a vehicle.
- (c) *Parking.* "Parking" means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, on a street.
- (d) *Parking meter.* "Parking meter" means a device or meter placed or erected for the regulation of parking.
- (e) *Parking meter district.* "Parking meter district" means a separate and distinct geographical area within which one or more parking meter zones may be located.
- (f) *Parking meter space.* "Parking meter space" means a space within a parking meter zone adjacent to a single-space parking meter.
- (g) *Parking meter zone.* "Parking meter zone" means a street on which the parking of vehicles is regulated by parking meters.
- (h) *Street.* "Street" means a public street, avenue, road, alley, highway, lane, path, or other public place established for the use of vehicles.

(1988 Code, § 21-131) (Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004; Bill No. 73-03, § 25, 7-1-2004; Bill No. 75-08, § 1, 8-17-2008)

§ 18-2-302. - OTHER PROVISIONS NOT SUPERSEDED.

The provisions of this subtitle do not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of other ordinances and state law prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.

(1988 Code, § 21-132) (Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004)

§ 18-2-303. - CONVEYANCE OF PARKING METERS TO THE COUNTY REVENUE AUTHORITY.

- (a) *Conveyance.* The county conveys to the county Revenue Authority the right and authority to:
 - (1) Install, inspect, service, supervise, replace, repair, and maintain all parking meters in the county; and
 - (2) Make collections from parking meters consistent with this subtitle.
- (b) *Collection of fees.* Fees collected from parking meters shall be used for the purposes established in subsection (a) of this section and in the financing of off-street parking facilities in the county by and under the administration of the county Revenue Authority.

(1988 Code, § 21-133) (Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004)

§ 18-2-304. - INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND DESIGN OF METERS.

- (a) *Installation - In general.* The county Revenue Authority shall install single-space and multi-space parking meters in the parking meter zones and, as applicable, adjacent to parking meter spaces, as determined and designated

in accordance with the applicable provisions of this subtitle.

(b) *Same - Single-space parking meters.*

- (1) The Revenue Authority shall install single-space parking meters on the curb immediately adjacent to each designated parking meter space.
- (2) There shall be at least one multi-space parking meter installed on each street block in each parking meter zone where multi-space parking meters are installed.

(c) *Design and operation.*

- (1) Each single-space parking meter shall be designed to display upon payment and activation:
 - (i) A signal that indicates legal parking for the duration paid for;
 - (ii) Continuously, the remaining time until the legal parking duration expires; and
 - (iii) An appropriate signal when the legal parking duration has expired.
- (2) (i) On payment and activation, each multi-space parking meter shall:
 1. Display the information specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection; or
 2. Produce and issue a receipt that displays:
 - A. The amount of parking time purchased; and
 - B. The date and time at which the paid parking will expire.
- (ii) The multi-space parking meter shall contain clear instructions on how and where the operator shall display the paid receipt on or in the parked vehicle.
- (iii) Failure to display the receipt in the manner specified as required under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph subjects the vehicle to a parking violation as if the proper parking fee had not been paid.

(d) *Display.* Each parking meter shall contain, in a conspicuous place, a plate or other device that:

- (1) Clearly states the days and hours in which the parking meter is in operation and any exceptions to those days and hours;
- (2) The amount and methods of payment for the legal parking of vehicles, including, at the discretion of the Revenue Authority, coins, bills, credit cards, debit cards, or other approved method of payment; and
- (3) The duration during which parking is allowed on payment of the prescribed amount.

(1988 Code, § 21-134) (Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004; Bill No. 75-08, § 1, 8-17-2008)

§ 18-2-305. - METERS AND RATES.

(a) *Prohibitions.* At any time when any revenue bonds or mortgages issued by the county Revenue Authority for the purpose of financing the construction, acquisition, and improvement of off-street parking facilities in the county are outstanding and unpaid, the county may not:

- (1) (i) Reduce the total number of on-street single-space parking meters installed on the streets of the county as of the date the bonds were issued; or
- (ii) Reduce the size of or eliminate a parking meter zone established as of the date the bonds were issued, if the county replaces single-space parking meters with multi-space parking meters; or
- (2) Reduce the rates charged for the use of parking meters as of the date the bonds were issued.

(b) *Authority.* Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the county may:

- (1) Increase the total number of on-street parking meters installed on the streets of the county;

- (2) Move on-street parking meters from location to location; and
- (3) Increase the rates charged for the use of on-street parking meters.

(1988 Code, § 21-135) (Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004; Bill No. 75-08, § 1, 8-17-2008)

§ 18-2-306. - PERIODS AND RATES.

- (a) *Recommendation.* The County Administrative Officer shall recommend to the County Council the establishment or change in the lawful parking time period, hours, days of operation, location, or rate for any parking meter zone.
- (b) *Authority.* Based upon the recommendation of the County Administrative Officer, the Traffic Engineer may, by regulation, establish and change the lawful parking time period, hours, days of operation, or rate for any parking meter zone, unless, within 14 days of the receipt of the recommendation under subsection (a) of this section, any member of the County Council requests that the matter be forwarded to the County Council for approval or disapproval by the Council at a legislative meeting.
- (c) *Requirement.* The Traffic Engineer shall have the plate or device required under § 18-2-304(d) of this subtitle altered to reflect any change made under subsection (b) of this section.

(1988 Code, § 21-136) (Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004; Bill No. 75-08, § 1, 8-17-2008; Bill No. 73-14, § 1, 3-19-2015)

§ 18-2-307. - PARKING METER DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED.

- (a) *In general.* Parking meter districts are established as provided in this section.
- (b) *Towson District.* The Towson District is that area bounded by the following sets of lines proceeding in a clockwise direction starting at the intersection of York Road and Burke Avenue, proceeding south along the east property line of York Road, west along the south property line of Cross Campus Drive, north along the west property line of Osler Drive, east along the north property line of Townsontown Boulevard, north along the west property line of the 200 block of Bosley Avenue, west along the south property line of Chesapeake Avenue, north along the centerline of Highland Avenue, east along the north property line of Joppa Road, northeast along the northwest property line of Bosley Avenue, southeast along the northeast property line of Fairmount Avenue, west along the south property line of Townsontown Boulevard, south along the west property line of Maryland Avenue, and west along the south property line of Burke Avenue back to the point of beginning.
- (c) *Stoneleigh-Anneslie District.* The Stoneleigh-Anneslie District is that area bounded on the west by the east property line of Heathfield Road, on the north by the north property line of Dumbarton Road and Stoneleigh Road, on the east by the east property line of the York Road Service Road and Locust Drive, and on the south by the south property line of Overbrook Road.
- (d) *Baynesville District.* The Baynesville District is that area bounded on the west by a line 500 feet west of Loch Raven Boulevard, on the north by the north property line of Joppa Road, on the east by a line 500 feet east of Loch Raven Boulevard, and on the south by the south property line of White Oak Road.
- (e) *Catonsville District.* The Catonsville District is that area bounded on the west by a line 150 feet west of Sanford Avenue, on the north by the north property line of Frederick Road, on the east by the east property line of Bishops Lane, and on the south by a line 225 feet south of Frederick Road.
- (f) *Dundalk District.* The Dundalk District is that area bounded on the west by the west property line of Dundalk Avenue, on the north by the north property line of St. Helena Avenue, on the east by the east property line of Dundalk Avenue, and on the south by the south property line of Center Place.

- (g) *Essex District.* The Essex District is that area bounded on the west by the west property line of Mace Avenue and Ri Drive, on the north by the south property line of Dorsey Avenue, on the east by the east property line of Woodward and on the south by a line 50 feet south of Maryland Avenue.
- (h) *Overlea District.* The Overlea District is that area bounded on the west by the Baltimore City - Baltimore County boundary line, on the north by a line 250 feet north of Belair Road, on the east by the east property line of Willow Avenue, and on the south by a line 225 feet south of Belair Road.
- (i) *Parkville District.* The Parkville District is that area bounded on the west by the west property line of Harford Road, on the north by the north property line of Parktowne Avenue and Onyx Road, on the east by the east property line of Harford Road, and on the south by the Baltimore City — Baltimore County boundary line.
- (j) *Pikesville District.* The Pikesville District is that area bounded on the west by a line 500 feet west of Reisterstown Road, on the north by the north property line of Old Court Road Relocated, on the east by a line 500 feet east of Reisterstown Road, and on the south by the Baltimore City — Baltimore County boundary line.
- (k) *Reisterstown District.* The Reisterstown District is that area bounded on the west by the west property line of Main Street and Hanover Pike, on the north by a line 250 feet north of Westminster Pike, on the east by the east property line of Main Street and Hanover Pike, and on the south by a line 100 feet north of Chatworth Avenue.

(1988 Code, § 21-137) (Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004; Bill No. 73-03, § 26, 7-1-2004; Bill No. 73-04, § 16, 9-25-2004; Bill No. 75-08, § 1, 8-17-2008)

§ 18-2-308. - PARKING METER ZONES.

Subject to the requirements of § 18-2-306, the Traffic Engineer may, by regulation, establish and change the location of parking meter zones within each of the parking meter districts if the Traffic Engineer determines, on the basis of engineering and traffic investigations, that the establishment or changing of parking meter zones is necessary to aid in regulating the movement and parking of vehicles.

(1988 Code, § 21-138) (Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004; Bill No. 73-14, § 1, 3-19-2015)

§ 18-2-309. - PARKING METER SPACES.

- (a) *In general.* The Traffic Engineer shall designate parking meter zones.
- (b) *Length and width.* A parking meter space shall be of appropriate length and width to be accessible from the traffic lanes of the street.
- (c) *Residential property.* The Traffic Engineer may not designate a parking meter zone in front of or adjacent to a property that is zoned residential under the county zoning regulations.

(1988 Code, § 21-139) (Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004; Bill No. 75-08, § 1, 8-17-2008)

§ 18-2-310. - USE OF PARKING METER.

- (a) *Payment required.* An operator may not park a vehicle in a parking meter space or a parking meter zone controlled by a multi-space parking meter during the regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone unless payment has been made as provided in § 18-2-304(c) of this subtitle.
- (b) *Maximum period.*
 - (1) The maximum period of time that a vehicle may be parked in any parking meter space or a parking meter zone controlled by a multi-space parking meter is that period specified on the plate or device required under

§ 18-2-304(d) of this subtitle and which may be secured by payment into the parking meter on a single occasion.

(2) (i) On the expiration of the maximum period, the operator shall remove the vehicle from the parking meter space or a parking meter zone controlled by a multi-space parking meter, as applicable.

(ii) The operator may not extend the maximum period by the deposit of additional payment.

(c) *Violation.* A vehicle parked in a parking meter space or a parking meter zone controlled by a multi-space parking meter, as applicable, for a duration longer than designated on the plate or device required under § 18-2-304(d) of this subtitle is in violation of the parking provisions of this subtitle and subject to the penalties provided in this title.

(1988 Code, § 21-141) (Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004; Bill No. 75-08, § 1, 8-17-2008)

§ 18-2-311. - PARKING WITHIN DESIGNATED SPACES.

(a) *Parking outside a parking meter space - Prohibited.* Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an operator may not park a vehicle in a parking meter zone during the regulated time applicable to a parking meter zone in a manner that causes the vehicle to occupy more than one parking meter space.

(b) *Same - Exception.* When a vehicle is too large to fit into a single parking meter space, the operator may park the vehicle within more than one space if the appropriate payment is deposited in the parking meters for each parking meter space occupied.

(c) *Parking inside designated area required.* If only a portion of a street is designated for multi-space parking meter parking, an operator may not park outside of the designated area using a multi-space parking meter.

(1988 Code, § 21-140) (Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004; Bill No. 75-08, § 1, 8-17-2008)

§ 18-2-312. - TAMPERING WITH PARKING METERS.

An unauthorized person may not deface, injure, tamper with, open, or willfully break, destroy, or impair the usefulness of a parking meter.

(1988 Code, § 21-142) (Bill No. 66-01, § 2, 7-1-2004)

§ 18-2-313. - PARKING IN SPACES OR ZONES WITH EXPIRED, INOPERABLE OR DEFECTIVE METERS.

(a) *Meter in active operation.* If the parking meter is in active operation, a person may not allow a vehicle to park or remain in any parking meter space or a parking meter zone controlled by a multi-space parking meter:

(1) Beyond the period during which vehicles are allowed to remain in the parking meter space or a parking meter zone controlled by a multi-space parking meter;

(2) In any manner except as specified in this subtitle;

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, without paying the applicable parking fee; or

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, without displaying a multi-space parking meter receipt when and in the manner required by this subtitle.

(b) *Inoperable or defective meters.* An operator may not park a vehicle in a parking meter space or a parking meter zone controlled by a multi-space parking meter during the regulated time applicable to a parking meter zone if the adjacent parking meter is inoperable or defective or, if applicable, if a receipt cannot be obtained from another multi-space parking meter within the parking meter zone.

(Bill No. 75-08, § 2, 8-17-2008)