

AN ORDINANCE amending the Joplin City Code by repealing Section 114-126 'Enforcement of parking regulations by appointed conservators of the peace' and enacting in lieu thereof, a new section 114-126 'Conservator of the Peace – parking enforcement'; dealing generally with the appointment of Conservators of the Peace to assist in the enforcement of various parking provisions of the Joplin City Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI as follows:

Section 1. That the Joplin City Code be amended by repealing Section 114-126 Enforcement of parking regulations by appointed conservators of the peace. and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 114-126 'Conservator of the Peace – parking enforcement' to read as follows:

“Sec. 114-126. Conservator of the peace – parking enforcement.

(a) *Handicapped parking and public lot parking-appointment.* The city manager is hereby authorized to appoint handicapped parking control officers to act as conservators of the peace, and may in addition appoint certain other persons as conservators of the peace provided such other persons are employed on behalf of any private corporation empowered by contract or lease to regulate any municipal lot. Handicapped parking control officers shall have authority to issue citations and enforce rules, regulations and ordinances pertaining to handicapped parking within the corporate limits of the city. Persons employed as security guards of any private corporation empowered by contract or lease to regulate any municipal parking lot shall upon appointment have the authority to issue citations for any parking violations of this Code that occur on any municipal parking lot regulated by such private corporation, and shall also have the authority to issue citations for any public on-street metered parking violations and upon such public streets or alleys as designated from time to time by the city manager.

(b) *Parking upon public ways - appointment:* In addition to any authority described in subsection (a) above, the city manager is further authorized to appoint parking control officers to act as conservators of the peace. Such officers shall be employed by the city but shall not be certified police officer and shall be trained through a course of instruction as determined by the Chief of Police to identify any and all parking violations. Any conservator of the peace appointed under the provisions of this subsection shall have the authority to issue citations for any parking violation occurring upon the streets, alleys, public parking lots and other public ways of the city.

(c) *Authority:* Any conservator of the peace appointed under the provisions of this section shall have the authority to testify on behalf of the City in any court of competent jurisdiction with regard to any such violation but shall have no power of arrest nor any other police powers whatsoever not belonging to a private person.

(d)*Procedure upon finding illegally parked vehicle.* Upon finding an illegally parked vehicle, the designated conservators of the peace shall take its registration number, and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a traffic citation on a form provided by the city for the driver or registered owner to answer the charge against him during the hours and at the place specified in the citation.

(e)*Restrictions.* The city manager shall have the power to place appropriate restrictions upon such persons with respect to enforcement of these laws.”

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1999.

Earl S. Carr  
Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Chuck Brown, City Attorney

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