

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 114-476 A Removal of vehicles not displaying a distinguishing license plate or placard.≡ of the Joplin City Code by adding language necessary to comply with State Statutes.

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

Section 1. That Section 114-476 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Joplin, Missouri, is hereby amended to read as follows:

ASec. 114-476. Removal of vehicles not displaying a distinguishing license plate or placard.

(a) The owner or person in lawful possession of a public off-street parking facility may, after notifying the Joplin Police Department, cause the removal of any vehicle not displaying a distinguishing license plate, or distinguishing placard issued pursuant to Section 301.142, or Section 301.071 RSMo (Supp. 1997) as may hereafter be amended from time to time, or placard issued by any other state which has reciprocity with the State of Missouri, from a space designated for physically handicapped persons if there is posted immediately adjacent to, and readily visible from, such space, or in a conspicuous place at each entrance to the public off-street parking facility, a sign upon which shall be inscribed the international symbol of accessibility and which shall be not less than seventeen (17) by twenty-two (22) inches in size and lettering not less than one inch in height, which clearly and conspicuously states the following;

>Unauthorized vehicles parked in space reserved for physically disabled persons and not displaying distinguishing license plates or distinguishing placards issued for physically disabled persons will be towed away at the owner=s expense. Towed vehicles may be reclaimed at (address) or by telephoning (telephone number).=

The sign described in this section shall also state, or an additional sign shall be posted below or adjacent to the sign stating the following: >\$50 to \$300 fine.=

(b) Any nonconforming signs or spaces in use prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall not be in violation of this section and shall remain in effect during the useful life of such signs or spaces.

State law reference --- RSMo 301.143 (Supp. 1997)"

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 1st day of June
1998

Earl Carr
Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Chuck Brown,