

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PARKING IN A PARKING SPACE RESERVED FOR THE HANDICAPPED

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County, Virginia, that the following ordinance is hereby adopted:

a) Declared unlawful: It shall be unlawful for any nonhandicapped operator of a motor vehicle to park any motor vehicle in a parking space reserved for the handicapped, on public property or at privately owned shopping center and business offices.

b) Designation of reserved parking space: A parking space shall be considered reserved for the handicapped if it is so clearly designated by sign or otherwise, and whether by words, by the symbol consisting of stylized wheelchair and occupant which appears within a square, or in any other appropriate manner, or if parking by those not handicapped is indicated as prohibited.

c) Exceptions: The prohibition set forth in this section shall not, however, apply to the following:

1) A person who is chauffeuring the owner of a special vehicle parking permit issued pursuant to Section 46.2-1238 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended; provided that the permit is displayed in the window of the vehicle; or

2) A person is chauffeuring the handicapped owner of special motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant to Section 46.2-713 or 46.2-739 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended; provided that such plates are attached to the vehicle as required by law; or

3) The operator of any passenger car, pickup or panel truck, or any vehicle specially equipped and used for the transportation of groups of physically handicapped persons; provided that a removable decal issued pursuant to Section 46.2-713 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, is displayed on such vehicle and such vehicle is being used at the time in the transportation of a group of handicapped persons.

d) Penalty of violation: Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). A summons for such offense may be issued by the sheriff or any deputy sheriff or any other police officer who has such authority by law.

State law reference - Authority for adoption of above section, Code of Virginia 46.2-1237.

Adopted this 19th day of September 1995. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

Voting in Favor: Jerry Bray, Fred Crittenden, Kenneth Williams, Lenora Weber, Frank Jessie

Voting in Opposition: None