

Ordinance No. 16-09

ORDINANCE:

To amend Chapter 23 entitled "Traffic" of the Rockville City Code by amending Section 23-22 entitled "Notice of violation; payment of penalty; failure to pay penalty; issuance of summons" so as to reduce the fines for expired parking meters/stalls located in City-owned parking garages in the Town Center

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 23 entitled "Traffic" be amended by amending Section 23-22 entitled "Notice of violation; payment of penalty; failure to pay penalty; issuance of summons" to read as follows:

Sec. 23-22. Notice of violation; payment of penalty; failure to pay penalty; issuance of summons.

(a) Every duly authorized police officer of the City or the County, or parking enforcement officer of the City, shall attach to any vehicle found to be in violation of sections 23-24, 23-25, 23-26, 23-27, [or] division 3 or division 4 of this article or parking restriction signs authorized or provided for in section 23-3, a notice to the owner thereof that such vehicle has been in violation of such provisions.

(b) Within fifteen (15) days of the posting of such notice, each such owner may pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of such violation the sum of:

(1) Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) for expired parking meters/stalls located in City-owned parking garages in Town Center; or

[(1)] (2) Forty Dollars (\$40.00); or

[(2)] (3) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for violations of parking restriction signs designating handicapped parking only; or

[(3)] (4) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for violations of parking restriction signs and/or lane markings designating a fire lane.

~~[(4)]~~ (5) One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violations of snow emergency parking restrictions.

In the alternative such owner may elect to stand trial in the District Court for the County. Such election shall be made in accordance with the procedure established by section 26-303 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, presently existing, and as it may hereafter be amended.

(c) The notice of violation shall contain the requirements outlined in section 26-302 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, presently existing, and as it may hereafter be amended.

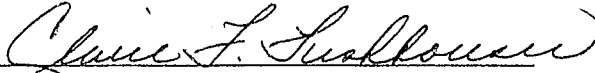
(d) If the owner fails to pay the penalty set forth in subsection (b) hereof within the time therein provided, or if the owner fails to elect to stand trial within the time therein provided, the penalty provided in subsection (b) shall be increased by an additional ten dollars (\$10.00).

(e) The Chief of Police shall, in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the State Motor Vehicle Administration and State law, give or cause to be given notice to the Administration of all vehicles registered by the State and the subject of any outstanding and past due parking violation of this chapter and request that the Administration refuse registration or transfer of registration of the subject vehicle, until notified by the City that the violation has been satisfied. In such cases, the Chief of Police shall impose an additional cost of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each registration withheld and the owner of the vehicle shall be subject to payment of such costs, and all other fines, penalties, and charges before notice is given to the Administration that the subject violation has been satisfied and the registration is released.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on June 1, 2009.

NOTE: [Brackets] indicate material deleted.
Underlining indicates material added

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true a correct copy of
an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its
meeting of May 18, 2009.


Claire F. Funkhouser, CMC, City Clerk