

**NORTH CAROLINA
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE PARKING ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-170, Rockingham County is authorized to regulate the parking of motor vehicles on county-owned property and to remove vehicles in violation of such regulation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-132, Rockingham County may treat as abandoned and remove any vehicle left on county-owned property in violation of an ordinance prohibiting parking; and

WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners desires to establish reserved parking areas at certain county-owned facilities for exclusive use by designated officials and employees, by persons who qualify for handicapped parking privileges, and by others for whom assigned parking is deemed necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Commissioners of Rockingham County:

SECTION 1.

That the Code of Ordinances, Rockingham County, North Carolina, Chapter 13, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Sec. 13-1. Courthouse Parking restrictions" as adopted March 2, 1992 be amended and replaced to read as follows:

"Sec. 13-1. Parking Restrictions on County-Owned Property

- (a) The Board of Commissioners hereby delegates to the County Manager the authority to designate any parking lot, driveway, roadway, or part thereof, located on County-owned property as a restricted parking area.
- (b) The County Manager may regulate or restrict the parking of motor vehicles in restricted parking areas by requiring permits for parking, by setting time limits on parking, by designating spaces for certain individuals or categories of individuals such as court officials, employees, or visitors, or by any other means.
- (c) Restricted parking areas shall be clearly marked as to the restrictions imposed.
- (d) It shall be unlawful to park in any manner contrary to posted or marked restrictions or in any manner so as to impede or hinder the free flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Sec. 13-2. Enforcement and Penalties

- (a) The Sheriff's Department shall enforce the provisions of this section and shall issue citations for parking in violation of the posted regulations.
- (b) This ordinance shall be enforced against the person actually operating or in control of the vehicle at the time it is parked in violation of this ordinance; provided, however, that proof of ownership of any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance shall constitute presumptive evidence that the registered owner of the vehicle parked the vehicle and shall be responsible for payment of any penalties imposed.
- (c) The Sheriff may have removed or towed away any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance. Vehicles may be removed by a commercial towing service to a storage area or garage.
- (d) If a vehicle is removed or towed away pursuant to this section, the operator or owner of such vehicle, as a condition of regaining possession of the vehicle, shall be required to pay all reasonable costs incidental to the removal and storage of the vehicle and any fine or penalty due for the violation.
- (e) In accordance with G.S. 14-4, if any person shall violate the provisions of this ordinance or fail to comply with any of its requirements, such person shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be required to pay a penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SECTION 2.

This ordinance shall become effective on March 8, 2011.

At the March 8, 2011 regular session of the Rockingham County Commissioners, upon motion of Commissioner W. Keith Mabe seconded by Commissioner Harold A. Bass, the foregoing ordinance passed by the following vote:

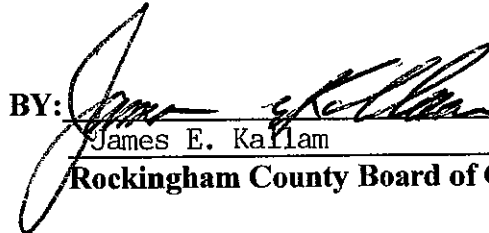
Ayes: Commissioners Kallam, Mabe, Bass, Flynt, Travis
Noes: None
Absent: None

I, Pamela M. McLain, Clerk of the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the governing body of Rockingham County after lawful public notice and at a regular meeting thereof, a quorum being present.

This the 8th day of March, 2011.



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

BY:  _____
James E. Kallam, _____ Chairman
Rockingham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Pamela M. McLain, MMC/NCCCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners