

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA, AT CHAPTER 90, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE IV, DOWNTOWN PARKING, BY REPEALING THE EXISTING CHAPTER IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING A NEW ARTICLE IV, PARKING; RESTATING THE CODE OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA, AS MODIFIED HEREIN; REPEALING CONFLICTING CODE PROVISIONS AND ORDINANCES, OR PARTS THEREOF; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA, AND IT IS ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Code of Griffin, Georgia, is hereby amended at Chapter 90, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, Article IV, DOWNTOWN PARKING, by repealing the current article in its entirety and adopting a new Article IV, PARKING, to provide as follows:

“Article IV. PARKING.

Sec. 90-81. Limitations on street parking.

- (a) The use of public streets and rights-of-way for the purpose of parking motor vehicles is a privilege and not a right, and the privilege of parking must be accepted with such reasonable burdens as the city may impose as a condition for the enjoyment of that privilege. The city manager, upon recommendation of the chief of police, shall, by a written administrative order, cause to be properly marked or designated with appropriate signage those areas of public streets and rights-of-way, including those properties owned or leased by the city for parking of motor vehicles, on which the stopping, standing, or parking of motor vehicles shall be allowed, prohibited, or restricted.
- (b) It shall be within the sound discretion of the city manager, in determining those areas where on-street parking shall be allowed, prohibited, or restricted, to take into consideration any special needs or requirements of the business community, property owners, and residents, such as designating specific spaces for deliveries, loading or unloading, or similar accessibility requirements, including specifying the days and hours thereof during which parking may be limited, or other conditions thereon.
- (c) Furthermore, it shall be within the discretion of the city manager to establish a system for issuing parking permits, upon the payment of a reasonable fee or charge, for parking either on-street or off-street on properties owned or leased by the city, and to establish the regulations governing such usage.

Sec. 90-82. Enforcement of parking restrictions.

- (a) It shall be a violation of this article for any operator to park, stop, or stand a motor vehicle on the public streets and rights-of-way of the city, including on any properties owned or leased by the city for parking, in a manner inconsistent with the markings or signage designating those areas where parking is allowed, prohibited, or restricted.
- (b) It shall be a violation of this article to park, stop, or stand a motor vehicle in a parking space designated for a specific use or purpose, or restricted to parking by permit, in any manner inconsistent with the specified use or purpose, or without first meeting permit requirements.
- (c) Enforcement of parking shall be the responsibility of the city police department; provided, however, issuance of parking citations shall not require a certified law enforcement officer. Any person receiving a parking citation shall have ten (10) business days, excluding the day the ticket was issued, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays observed by the city, in which to pay the face amount thereof by cash, cashier's check, or money order, at the Customer Service Office, One Griffin Center, 100 South Hill Street, Griffin, GA 30223, or by mail, in the envelope provided, addressed to the City of Griffin, P.O. Drawer T, Griffin, GA 30224. All checks shall be payable to the "City of Griffin".
- (d) Any parking citation not paid within ten (10) business days of its issuance shall be returnable to the next regular term of Municipal Court and bench warrants may issue for the appearance of any person to whom an unpaid parking citation has been issued. Persons wishing to contest parking citations shall file written request with the Municipal Court Clerk within ten (10) business days of the issuance of the citation in order to receive an appearance date; payment of the parking fine shown on the citation shall be suspended until such court appearance.
- (e) Motor vehicles parked, stopped or standing on public streets and rights-of-way, including properties owned or leased by the city for parking, in a manner inconsistent with the markings or signage designating those areas where parking is allowed, prohibited, or restricted, are subject to being impounded by the city. Persons whose vehicles are impounded should contact the Griffin Police Department to ascertain the location where the vehicle may be reclaimed and the costs associated with release of an impounded vehicle.

Sec. 90-83 – 90-99. Reserved.”

Section 2. Except for Art. V, HEAVY VEHICLE PARKING, and Art. VI, NO PARKING ZONES, of Chapter 90, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, which are expressly

saved from repeal, all ordinances and Code sections, or parts thereof, in conflict with the foregoing are expressly repealed.

Section 3. Except as modified herein, The Code of Griffin, Georgia, is hereby reaffirmed and restated. The codifier is hereby granted editorial license to include this amendment in future supplements of said Code by appropriate section, division, article or chapter.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption on second and final reading.

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Second Reading: January 25, 2011