



Ratification
Number 2019-111

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, SECTION 71, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO REQUIRE THAT ACCIDENTS OR COLLISIONS INVOLVING INJURY TO OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON OR DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE OR OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGE MUST BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. (AS AMENDED.)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. Chapter 19, Section 71, of the Code of the City of Charleston is hereby amended by adding thereto the following underlined words and phrases and by deleting the stricken text which shall read as follows:

“Sec. 19-71. – Report of accident or collision required.

(a) The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident or collision resulting in injury to or death of any person or damage to any vehicle driven or attended by a person or other device driven or attended by a person in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, including devices moved by human power, immediately shall stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or collision or as close to it as possible, but shall return to and in every event shall remain at the scene of the accident or collision until law enforcement arrives and he or she has given information and rendered aid consistent with what is required by South Carolina Code § 56-5-1230. ~~after such accident make a written report of such accident to the police department on forms furnished by the department.~~

~~(b) The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in property damage shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after such accident, make a written report of such accident to the police department on forms furnished by the department.~~

(b) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable when the accident or collision has been investigated at the scene by a police officer while such driver was present there at.”

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratified in City Council this 12th day of
November in the Year of Our Lord, 2019, in the
244th Year of Independence of the United States
of America.

By:



John J. Tecklenburg
Mayor, City of Charleston

ATTEST:



Vanessa Turner Maybank
Clerk of Council



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