

AN ORDINANCE No. 12-59

To amend Spotsylvania County Code Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Parking, Section 12-116(a), General prohibitions to add (12) to prohibit blocking a mailbox or otherwise obstructing mail delivery and Section 12-127, Reserved, to include Exemption for Public Safety Personnel which would authorize County public safety personnel to act when in the performance of their lawful duties.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** November 14, 2023

**WHEREAS**, staff has reviewed the code amendments and recommends approval as stated in the executive summary dated November 14, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors held a public hearing, duly advertised in a local newspaper for a period of two weeks, on October 31, 2023, and November 7, 2023, and interested citizens were offered an opportunity to be heard; and

**WHEREAS**, the general welfare is served by approval of the code amendment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF SPOTSYLVANIA HEREBY ORDAINS:**

§ 1. That Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Parking, Section 12-116, General prohibitions, be and is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 12-116. General prohibitions.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle:
  - (1) On a sidewalk.
  - (2) In front of a public or private driveway located adjacent to a highway or without the permission of the owner of the property.
  - (3) Within an intersection.
  - (4) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant, fire department connection, the entrance to a fire station, or the entrance to a building plainly designated as housing rescue squad equipment or ambulances, or in any manner so as to obstruct a fire hydrant, fire department connection, the entrance to a fire station, or the entrance to a building plainly designated as housing rescue squad.
  - (5) On a crosswalk.
  - (6) Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
  - (7) Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway.

- (8) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by official signs or markings.
  - (9) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such parking would obstruct traffic.
  - (10) On the roadway side of any vehicle parked at the edge or curb of a street.
  - (11) At any place where signs prohibit parking.
  - (12) So that it blocks a mailbox or otherwise obstructs mail delivery.
- (b) This section shall apply to the parking of vehicles in or along sidewalks, highways, streets and roads and also on parking lots and travel lanes open to the public, as well as any privately owned road or street serving as access to the actual parking area and connecting thereto, provided the road or street is also open to the public.

(Code 1980, § 10-23; Ord. of 4-12-88(3); Ord. No. 12-10, 5-25-93; Ord. 12-14, 8-24-93; Ord. No. 12-15, 6-28-94; Ord. No. 12-41, 1-10-06; Ord. No. 12-51, 1-28-14, Ord. No. 12-59, 11-14-23)

**Editor's note(s)**— Ord. No. 12-41 provided for an effective date of Jan. 1, 2007.

**State law reference(s)**— General authority of county to regulate parking, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-1220.

**Sec. 12-127. – Exemption for Public Safety Person.**

The parking regulations set forth in Spotsylvania County Code Chapter 12, Article IV, do not apply to Spotsylvania County public safety personnel when in the performance of their lawful duties.

**Secs. 128—12-145. Reserved.**

(Ord. No. 12-59, 11-14-23)

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.