COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Transportation and Environment Committee

AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

(1) allow motorcycles to park in a public parking facility in certain no-parking zones and in areas not designated as spaces; and
(2) generally amend the law governing parking of motor vehicles.

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 31, Motor Vehicles and Traffic
Section 31-26

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:
Sec. 1. Section 31-26 is amended as follows:

31-26. [Parking regulations —] Public parking facilities.

Except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers or for emergency repairs when the vehicle cannot be driven, [no] a person [shall] must not park any vehicle on a public parking facility:

(1) [[In]] in violation of an official sign[[.]]; 

(2) [[In]] in a no-parking zone when posted by sign or indicated by yellow painted curb or yellow painted lines on the parking surface, except for a motorcycle where motorcycle parking is permitted by an official sign[[.]]; 

(3) [[In]] in any place that is not [designed] designated as a parking space by painted lines, except for a motorcycle where motorcycle parking is permitted by an official sign[[.]]; 

(4) [[In]] in or on any driving [[aisles, driveways, sidewalks, landscaped areas, islands, or devices]] aisle, driveway, sidewalk, landscaped area, island, or device for channeling traffic[[.]]; 

(5) [[In]] in an area where parking is temporarily prohibited when marked off by temporary signs or barricades, or when an official cover or hood is placed over a parking meter[[.]]; 

(6) [[So as to prevent]] in a way that prevents another vehicle already stopped or otherwise legally parked in a designated parking space[[.]] from moving away[[.]]; 

(7) [[For a period]] for longer than [[twenty-four (24)]] 24 hours, except when otherwise authorized by [[executive]] Executive order[[.]]; 

(8) [[When such]] when the vehicle is unregistered or inoperative or otherwise not capable of being operated legally or safely [[upon the]] on
County or state highways, roads, [[and]] or streets [[of the county or state]];

(9) [[By]] by backing [[said]] the vehicle into a parking space when posted by front-in only signs[[.]]; 

(10) [[In such a manner as to cause said]] in a way that causes the vehicle to straddle the painted lines marking a parking space or otherwise [[cause the vehicle]] to be parked not wholly [[within the area of]] in one designated parking space[[.]];

(11) [[By]] by leaving the vehicle unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key, and effectively setting the brake [[thereon]]; or 

(12) [[In such a manner so as to impede or obstruct]] in a way that impedes or obstructs the free flow of traffic or [[to cause]] causes a hazard to public safety.

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Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date. The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date when it becomes law.

Approved:

George L. Leventhal, President, County Council 11/29/06

Approved:

Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive Date
This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

12/7/06

Date