

Office of Consumer Protection

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE REGULATION

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Subject	Number
Regulation Relating to Motor Vehicle Towing from Private Property	21-19
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Montgomery County Regulation on:

MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY

OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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Supersedes: Executive Regulation 48-90

SUMMARY: This regulation updates the authority defining MasterCard and Visa to be the two most widely used major credit cards that now must be accepted by those trespass towing services companies that opt to accept credit cards pursuant to Section 30C-9(b)(2) of the Montgomery County Code.

ADDRESS: Copies of the regulation may be obtained from the Office of Consumer Protection, 100 Maryland Avenue, Suite 330. Rockville, MD 20850

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Executive Regulation 48-90 referred to Section 30C-8(c)(2) as the authorizing chapter permitting that each trespass towing business to accept as full payment a credit card for the amount of all valid charges relating to the towing and storage of a vehicle. However, Section 30C-9(b)(2) now requires that each trespass towing business to accept the two most widely used major credit cards as defined by regulations of the Office of Consumer Protection. Accordingly, this regulation addresses that change and makes accepting credit cards mandatory, and otherwise makes a



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ministerial change in terms used.		
<u>SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS</u> . The terms used in this regulation have the same meaning as in Chapter 30C, Montgomery County Code.		
SECTION 2. CREDIT CARDS. The two most widely used major credit cards, which must be accepted by trespass towing [services] <u>businesses</u> [opting] under Montgomery County Code Section 30C-[8] <u>9</u> [(c)(2)] (<u>b</u>)(2) [to accept credit cards,] are MasterCard and Visa.		
SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This regulation takes effect 30 days after after the date of adoption by the County Council.		
Approved: Date:		
Approved as to Form and Legality Office of the County Attorney By: Date: 4/22/19		