



The Mayor and Commissioners  
of the Town of Elkton

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BY: Mayor and Commissioners

INTRODUCTION: January 21, 2015

ADOPTION: February 4, 2015

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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

**The Code of the Town of Elkton  
Title 10  
Chapter 10.12**

**FOR THE PURPOSE of amending the Code of the Town of Elkton, Title 10, Chapter 10.12, eliminating metered parking zones on South Street and the municipal parking lot behind 107 North Street.**

**WHEREAS**, Article XI-E., Constitution of the State of Maryland; Section 4-103(b)(3), Subtitle 1, Title 4, Division II, Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; and the Charter and Code of the Town of Elkton provide the authority under which the Board of Commissioners may adopt, repeal, and/or amend the ordinances of the Town of Elkton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Commissioners have determined that certain metered parking zones in the downtown business district shall be eliminated from the street(s) and other municipal property as hereinafter indicated.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Elkton hereby ordains that:

Section 1. The Code of the Town of Elkton, Title 10, Chapter 10.12, Parking Meter Zones, shall hereby be repealed; and

Section 2. The Code of the Town of Elkton, Title 10, Chapter 10.12, Parking Meter Zones, shall hereby be re-enacted to read as follows:

**PARKING METER ZONES**

**Sections:**

- 10.12.010 Designation of parking spaces.**
- 10.12.020 Installation of meters- Operation.**
- 10.12.030 Manner of parking.**
- 10.12.040 Deposit of coins.**
- 10.12.050 Suspension of provisions.**
- 10.12.060 Parking meter zones established - On-highway parking zones.**
- 10.12.070 Parking meter rates.**
- 10.12.080 Violations.**

## **10.12.090 Citations for parking violations.**

### **10.12.010 Designation of parking spaces.**

A. The police department is authorized to provide for marking off individual parking spaces in the parking zones as they are designated and described in Section 10.12.060, and at each space so marked off, it is unlawful to park any motor vehicle in such a way that said motor vehicle shall not be parked entirely within the limits of the designated space.

B. Erection of Signs. The Mayor and Commissioners authorize the police department to erect appropriate signs notifying the operators of motor vehicles of the provisions of this chapter.

### **10.12.020 Installation of meters - Operation.**

A. In said parking meter zones, parking meters shall be installed upon the curb, sidewalk or pavement immediately adjacent to the parking spaces provided in Section 10.12.060 of this chapter. The police department shall be responsible for the regulation, control, operation, maintenance and use of such parking meters.

B. Each device shall be so set as to display a signal showing legal parking upon the deposit of the appropriate coin for the period of time hereinafter prescribed. Each device shall be so arranged that upon the expiration of the lawful time limit it will indicate by a proper visible signal that the lawful parking period has expired and in such case the right of such motor vehicle to occupy such space shall cease and the operator, owner, possessor, or manager thereof shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided.

### **10.12.030 Manner of parking.**

A. When a parking space in any parking meter zone is parallel to the adjacent curb or sidewalk, any motor vehicle parked in such parking space shall be parked so that the front of such motor vehicle shall be nearest to the parking meter; provided, however, that where double parking meters are installed upon one standard so as to serve two parking spaces, any motor vehicle parked in the space just beyond the parking meters shall be parked so that the rear bumper of such motor vehicle shall be nearest to the parking meters. When a parking space in any parking meter zone is diagonal to the curb or sidewalk, any motor vehicle parked in such parking space shall be parked with the front of such motor vehicle nearest to such meter.

B. Where lines or markings painted or placed on the curb, sidewalk, highway and/or paved surface adjacent to each parking meter provided for parking at an angle and not parallel or perpendicular to the curb, it is unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to cross the center line of the highway to enter or leave said parking area.

### **10.12.040 Deposit of coins.**

When any motor vehicle shall be parked in any space adjacent to which a parking meter is located in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the operator shall, upon entering the said parking space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited such coin or coins of the United States as is required for such parking meter and as is designated by proper instructions on the parking meter, and failure to deposit such coin or coins shall constitute a breach of this chapter and shall subject each person to the penalty prescribed hereafter. Upon the deposit of such coin or coins and placing said meter in operation, the parking space may be lawfully occupied by such motor vehicle during the period of parking time which has been prescribed for the zone in which said parking space is located and for which a coin or coins is or are deposited, as indicated on the parking meter. If said motor vehicle shall remain parked in any such parking space beyond the parking time limit so fixed for such parking space, the parking meter shall, by its violation signal, dial or pointer, indicate such illegal parking, and in that event such vehicle shall be considered as parked overtime and beyond the parking time limit so fixed for such parking space, the parking meter shall, by its violation signal, dial or pointer, indicate such illegal parking, and in that event such motor vehicle shall be considered as parked overtime and beyond the period of legal parking time. The parking of a motor vehicle overtime or beyond the period of legal parking time in any such space where any such parking meter is located shall be in violation of this chapter and punishable as hereinafter set forth.

**10.12.050** Suspension of provisions.

A. Temporary Suspension of Provisions. The provisions of this chapter may be temporarily suspended by a resolution of the Mayor and Commissioners, and they may prescribe temporarily such other rules and regulations as traffic conditions may require.

B. Suspension of Provisions on Designated Holidays. The use of parking meters throughout the town shall be suspended on holidays as designated and set forth by a resolution of the Mayor and Commissioners.

**10.12.060** Parking meter zones established - On-highway parking zones.

Parking meter zones are established upon the streets, parts of streets, or parking lots described below, with maximum parking time periods as indicated on all days, except Sundays and holidays, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

Name of Highway	Side	Time Limit	Location
Bow Street	Both	2 Hours	From Railroad Avenue to Cathedral Street
Bow Street	East	2 Hours	From Cathedral Street to Main Street
Cathedral St	South	2 Hours	From Bow Street to Singerly Avenue
High Street	Both	2 Hours	From Grooms Lane to Singerly Avenue
Main Street	Both	2 Hours	From South Street to Grooms Lane
Singerly Ave	West	2 Hours	From West High Street to Cathedral Street

**10.12.70** Parking meter rates.

Parking meter rates shall be established by a resolution of the Board of Commissioners.

**10.12.080** Violations.

It is unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this chapter for any person:

A. To cause, allow, permit or suffer any motor vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to be parked overtime or beyond the period of legal parking time established for any parking meter zone as herein described or to deposit in any parking meter any coin for the purpose of parking beyond the maximum legal parking time for the particular parking meter zone;

B. To permit any motor vehicle to remain or be placed in any parking space adjacent to any parking space has already been parked beyond the period prescribed for such parking space;

C. To park any motor vehicle across any line or marking of a parking meter space or in such position that the motor vehicle shall not be entirely within the area designated by such lines or markings;

D. To deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the provisions of this chapter;

E. To deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device or metal substances or other substitute for lawful coins;

F. To park or permit the parking of any motor vehicle in any parking meter space where the meter does not register lawfully parking.

**10.12.090** Citations for parking violations.

A. *Issuance of citation.* An officer, or other person designated by the Chief of Police, who discovers a motor vehicle parked in violation of this chapter shall: 1) Deliver a citation to the driver or, if the motor vehicle is unattended, attach a citation to the motor vehicle in a conspicuous place; and 2) Keep a copy of the citation, bearing his certification under penalty of perjury that the facts stated in the citation are true.

B. *Owner presumed to be recipient.* In the absence of the driver, the registered owner of the motor vehicle is presumed to be the person receiving the citation. (Ordinance 6-2005, effective 9/27/2005)

\*\*\* END OF SECTION \*\*\*

**DATE OF EFFECT**

**THIS ORDINANCE** shall be effective on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

Commissioner Charles H. Givens, Sr.

Commissioner Mary Jo Jablonski

Commissioner Earl M. Piner, Sr.

Commissioner Daniel R. VanReenen, Jr.