

Proposed Local Law Number 19 Of 2024

County Of Ulster

A Local Law Regulating The Use Of County Parking Lots

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Ulster as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This local law shall be known as the “The Ulster County Parking Enforcement Act”

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND FINDINGS.

The County of Ulster recognizes that employees of the County and those individuals with business at County facilities should be afforded a place to park their vehicle.

The County recognizes that parking spaces at County facilities are often used by individuals for reasons unrelated to County business.

This Local Law is being enacted to restrict the use of County parking spaces at County facilities to those individuals employed by the County or with business at a given County facility.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.

The following words when used in this Local Law, shall have the meaning indicated herein:

A. COUNTY: Shall mean the County of Ulster.

B. COUNTY FACILITY: Shall be any real property owned or leased by the County of Ulster.

C. OPERATOR: Shall be the operator of a motor vehicle, including, but not limited to, the person in physical control of a vehicle.

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D. PARK: Shall mean the parking of a motor vehicle and letting said vehicle to remain for any period of time in or upon County-owned or County-leased property.

E. PERSON: Shall mean any natural person.

F. SHERIFF: Shall mean the Sheriff of the County of Ulster and any and all deputies, designees or subordinates as designated by him from time to time in and about the operation and policing of the parking areas hereafter described.

G. VEHICLE: Any device in, upon or which a person or property is or may be transported or carried upon a highway, except devices moved by human power. (See Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 125).

H. BUSINESS: to engage in an activity at a County Facility that is associated with the administration of a County service or function.

Unless otherwise indicated above or by the context in which they might be used, all words used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them by the General Construction Law of the State of New York.

SECTION 4. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF COUNTY FACILITIES PROHIBITED.

The following County-owned or County-leased lands and areas are designated as restricted parking areas to be used and controlled as follows:

A. Parking Prohibited. Between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM, Monday through Friday, parking at County Facilities shall be restricted to individuals employed by Ulster County or individuals with business at Ulster County facilities. The foregoing prohibition shall not apply during days expressly designated as a holiday by the County of Ulster.

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B. Validation of Parking Is Required. County employees and individuals with business at a given County facility shall have their parking receipts validated by the County department at which they are employed or doing business.

C. Winter Parking Restrictions. Commencing on the 1st day of November and continuing through May 1st of each calendar year hereafter, parking of vehicles shall be prohibited in all County parking lots between the hours of 12:00 A.M. midnight and 6:00 A.M.

D. Parking Restriction Must Be Posted. The parking restriction(s) set forth in this Local Law shall be posted at each County Facility, in a manner sufficient to provide the public with notice of same.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT.

- A. If the operator of a vehicle violates any provision of this Local Law, the Sheriff or other municipal police officer, shall be empowered to issue a summons to such operator to appear at a time indicated before the Local Justice Court having jurisdiction to answer for such violation in accordance with this Local Law. Jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon and granted to such court to hear, try and determine all questions of law or fact herein provided.
- B. If a vehicle is determined by the Sheriff, or their designee, to be parked in a manner inconsistent with this Local Law, the Sheriff or their designee is hereby authorized to remove and tow said vehicle to another location within the geographical borders of Ulster County.
- C. A vehicle towed and stored pursuant to this section shall not be released to the owner of said vehicle unless and until all towing and storage fees associated with the vehicle's tow and storage have been paid in full by the operator or their designee.

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SECTION 6: PENALTIES.

- A. Any operator found to be in violation of any provision of this Local Law shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100.

- B. All fines paid to a Justice Court in accordance with this Local Law shall be retained by the municipality in which the court with jurisdiction is located.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.

In the event any section, part of section, sentence, clause or phrase of this article shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment will not affect the validity of any other provision of this article.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall become effective upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York.