

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY
AMENDING CHAPTER 175, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,
TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS, PROHIBITING LEAVING
MOTORS AND REFRIGERATION UNITS RUNNING, PROHIBITING
ENTERING A PUBLIC STREET OR WAY BY BACKING INTO THE SAME,
AND BY CREATING A MECHANISM FOR LOADING AND
UNLOADING CARGO TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES IN DESIGNATED SPOTS**

Sponsored by _____.

**BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF
RIDGELY:**

SECTION 1. That ' 175-1 of the Code of the Town of Ridgely is amended by the addition of new subsections F through P as follows:

'175-1 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

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F. Restrictions on Parking Commercial Vehicles.

1. Except in residential zones as such are designated in the Ridgely Zoning Ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any individual or person or organization to park any of the following vehicles on any private or public property in the Town of Ridgely:
 - a. Commercial-registration vehicles (Classes E, F and G under Subtitle 9 of Title 13 of the Transportation Article);
 - b. Heavy or large truck of three or more axles,
 - c. Vehicles with gross vehicle weights more than 5 ton,
 - d. Any over-the-road tractor trailer, or any uncoupled trailer.
2. In Residential Zones as such are designated in the Ridgely Zoning Ordinance, it shall be unlawful to park more than one of any of the vehicles described in paragraph 1 of this subsection F.
3. Whenever the parking of any of the above-regulated vehicles is permitted, in all such instances except for local deliveries, such vehicles must be parked and left either on the owner=s property or land leased to the owner of the vehicle, or immediately adjacent to and on the public street to which the property so owned or leased is adjacent.
4. The provisions of this section F shall not apply to apply to "pick-up" trucks rated for a cargo capacity of less than one ton that are are devoted to commercial use, nor to panel vans that have extended cabs or an additional drive axle, and shall not apply to such vehicles when making local deliveries.

G. Restrictions on leaving engines or motors running: It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle except when such vehicle is in motion, and whether such

vehicle is on public or private property,

1. To cause or permit the engine, motor, refrigeration unit or auxiliary motor of such vehicle to run continuously for a period of time longer than 15 minute.
2. To cause or permit the engine, motor, refrigeration unit or auxiliary motor of such vehicle to run from 10:00 PM until 7:00 AM of the following day.
3. The provisions of this subsection G shall not apply to emergency backup generators in use during an emergency, emergency vehicles on call, and utility vehicles while being used to make utility repairs, nor to any vehicle, auxiliary motor, generator, or refrigeration unit used for any special event sponsored by the Town or for which the Town has issued a permit, so long as such vehicles or devices are being operated in compliance with any and all permit requirements.

H. It shall be unlawful:

- 1, To park any vehicle in any public alleyway.
2. To park a vehicle in such close proximity to any intersection or curve of a street or streets that the view of other drivers is obstructed. All vehicles must be parked out of the traveled portion of the roadway.

I. It shall be unlawful to leave a commercial trailer of any type uncoupled on a public street or alleyway at any time.

J. All vehicles not in motion shall stand, or be parked with their right side as near to the right-hand side of the street as practicable and not more than twelve (12) inches from any curb, except in streets where traffic is permitted, or may hereafter be permitted, to move in one direction only, in which case they shall stand with their right side as near as practicable to the right-hand side, or their left side as near as practicable to the left-hand side of said street and not more than twelve (12) inches from any curb; provided, however, that where a series of three (3) or more lines are painted in a diagonal direction extending from the curb toward the center of any street, on either one or both sides of said street, parking of vehicles on the side of said street so marked or painted shall be in the general direction of and between said lines and at the angle indicated by said lines; and the vehicle shall face the curb with the right-hand front wheel against the curb, and, in moving away from said parking place the vehicle shall be driven in the direction prescribed for traffic. Emergency vehicles on call, and utility vehicles, strictly during the course of repairs, are exempt.

K. ~~It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on the streets of the Town in a manner as to obstruct traffic or to obstruct the normal flow of traffic within any legally established travel lane. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any street within 15 feet of a fire plug or as established by the State or County, the most restrictive shall apply. (See amendment to existing ' 175-1, C, below.)~~ It shall be unlawful for any truck or vehicle to stand upon or be driven over, along, or upon any sidewalk in the Town, except at regularly established driveways or entrances from street roadways or private driveways, at which locations, the vehicle may not block or protrude into the public sidewalk. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle at or along any area located in the Town, whether publicly or privately owned, which has been designated as a

"Fire Lane Area", and which has been posted by signs or designated by markings on the curb setting forth that fact. Emergency vehicles on call, and utility vehicles, strictly during the course of repairs, are exempt.

- L. No vehicle may enter onto a non-residential street by backing, except for those locations already established within the Town for such entrance. No vehicle may enter onto a residential street by backing if the use of the property from which such vehicle is entering the street or other public way is other than residential use.
- M. **Loading and Unloading; designated areas.** Loading and unloading from vehicles may not occur on the street or on the side of the street and must occur completely on the property owned or leased by the person or entity to whom delivery is being made, except in areas designated for loading and unloading. The Planning Commission shall recommend to the Commissioners the establishment of two areas to be devoted to common loading and unloading areas for businesses within the Central Business District. Once such common loading and unloading areas have been designated, it shall be the responsibility of the business owners to coordinate deliveries in such an manner as to avoid conflicts
- N. No over-night parking shall occur in or on any of the established parks or park property within the Town limits.
- ~~O. Within all zones not Residential, all vehicles and vehicle parts, inoperative or in need of repair, alteration, disassembly, assembly or refinishing shall be parked and stored inside of a building or behind a privacy fence and hidden from public view. All vehicles and vehicle parts shall be repaired, altered, disassembled, assembled, or refinished within a building or behind a privacy fence and hidden from public view and as required elsewhere within all of the Town of Ridgely codes.~~
- ~~P. All utility vehicles and equipment used in the operation of a business must be stored overnight within a building or behind a privacy fence and hidden from public view. This includes, but is not limited to, forklifts, loaders, tractors, graders, dozers, utility trailers, and hoes.~~
- ~~Q. No trailers, P.O.D.S., or shipping containers, temporary or permanent, on wheels or not, shall be used for storage of materials or equipment, unless the trailer has received an approved and legal building permit, occupancy permit for its use from the Town of Ridgely and Planning Commission approval prior to installation and is hidden from public view behind a privacy fence. Any vehicle or trailer used for any special event issued a permit or sponsored by the Town shall be exempt and shall be required to comply with any and all permit requirements. Any empty trailer shall be properly stored on the owners property or leased property behind a privacy fence and hidden from public view, unless the business use of the property is a trucking company which will only require the stored trucks and trailers to be behind a privacy fence hidden from view from any residential zone, and any other requirements set forth by any other Town codes, and any requirements by the Planning Commission.~~
- O. The provisions of this '175-1 shall not apply to emergency vehicles on call, nor to utility vehicles, strictly during the course of repairs.
- P. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this '175-1 and the provisions of any County, State, or Federal regulation, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

SECTION 2. That Subsection C of '175-1 is hereby repealed in its entirety and re-enacted as follows:

- C. It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle, as such is defined by '11-176 if the Transportation Article of the Maryland Code, or future corresponding provision thereof, within fifteen feet of any fire plug, or in front of any driveway, firehouse entrance, garage entrance or alley entrance, or in any manner to park a vehicle so as to obstruct traffic or impede pedestrian crossing.

SECTION 3. That if any section, subsection, sentence, calls or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Commissioners of Ridgely hereby declares it would have passed this ordinance, any section, subsection, calls or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its final passage and adoption or _____, whichever is later.

Yea or Nay

Linda Jo Epperly-Glover, Commissioner

Dale R. Mumford, Commissioner

Louis E. Hayes, Commissioner

Read and enacted passed by the Commissioners _____, 2010