



**Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Ordinance No. 2020-0006**

AN ORDINANCE, NO. 2020-0006

An Ordinance Amendment to the Amherst County Code Comprehensive Parking Ordinance.

Approved as to form and legality by the Amherst County Attorney

**FIRST READING: Board of Supervisors, June 2, 2020
PUBLIC HEARING: Board of Supervisors, June 16, 2020**

THE COUNTY OF AMHERST HEREBY ORDAINS:

I. That Section 9-7 of the Code of Amherst County, 1987, as amended, is amended, reenacted, and recodified as follows:

Sec. 9-7. - Comprehensive parking ordinance.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for a vehicle not displaying a license plate, decal or special parking permit, issued under Code of Virginia, § 46.2-731, 46.2-739 or 46.2-1238 to park in a parking space reserved for the handicapped on public property or on privately owned parking areas open to the public. Parking spaces reserved for the handicapped shall be identified by above-grade signs and other markings as may be required by state law.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to park his vehicle in any shopping center parking lot or other parking area open to the public except in those locations designated by signs or by painted lines, and in no case shall any person park his vehicle so as to interfere with designated fire lanes. This subsection shall apply to any property designed to accommodate more than fifty (50) vehicles which is open to the public for parking including, but not limited to, county owned property.
- (c) The Treasurer of Amherst County is designated as the local administrative official to administer the collection of fines and costs. The issuance of parking violation citations or charges shall be reported forthwith to the treasurer, the treasurer will notify the person charged by first class mail at his or her last known address of the charge and of the fact that the person charged must pay any fine within ten (10) days of the date of the issuance of notification hereunder or state his or her intent to contest the charge. Thirty (30) days after notification or upon receipt of a statement by the person charged that he or she intends to contest the charge, the treasurer shall return the citation to the issuing officer for further

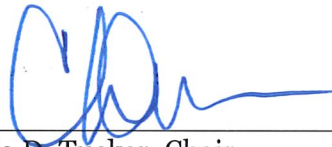
proceedings upon a civil complaint, summons, or warrant in the Amherst County General District Court.

- (d) A summons or citation for parking offenses may be issued by law enforcement officers without the necessity of a warrant being obtained by the owner of a private parking area.
- (e) In the collection of fines and the prosecution of violations of this section, proof that the vehicle described in the summons or citation was parked in violation of the ordinance, together with proof that the defendant was at the time the registered owner of the vehicle shall create a prima facie presumption that the owner was the person who committed the violation.
- (f) Any person violating subsection (a) of this section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense. Any person violating subsection (b) of this section shall be fined ~~ten~~ one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense.

(Ord. of 4-19-05(2))

II. This ordinance is in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of June, 2020.



Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Member

	Vote
Claudia D. Tucker, Chair.....	<u>AYE</u>
Jennifer R. Moore, Vice-Chair.....	<u>AYE</u>
David W. Pugh, Jr.	<u>AYE</u>
Tom Martin	<u>AYE</u>
L. J. "Jimmy" Ayers III	<u>AYE</u>

ATTEST:



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors