

**CITY OF HYATTSVILLE
ORDINANCE 2025-02**

**An Ordinance whereby the City Council Amends the City Code
to Increase the Fine for Parking Unlawfully in a Handicapped
Parking Space.**

WHEREAS, the Maryland Code, Local Government Article, Section 5–202, as amended, authorizes the legislative body of each municipal corporation in the State of Maryland to pass ordinances that such legislative body deems necessary to assure the good government of the municipality, to protect and preserve the municipality’s rights, property and privileges, to preserve peace and good order, to secure persons and property from danger and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort, and convenience of the citizens of the municipality;

WHEREAS, Section C3-1 of the City Charter states that the Council has the power to pass all such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland as it may deem necessary for the good government of the City, for the protection and preservation of the City’s property, rights, and privileges, for the preservation of peace and good order, for securing persons and property from violence, danger or destruction, and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of and visitors in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, have determined that it is in the public interest to increase the fine for violations associated with parking unlawfully in designated handicapped spaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville in regular session assembled that Chapter 114 of the City Code be amended as follows:

Chapter 114 Vehicles and Traffic

- Article I General Provisions**
- Article II Traffic Regulations**
- Article III Stopping, Standing and Parking**
- Article IV Residential Permit Zones**
- Article V Trucks and Commercial Vehicles**
- Article VI Metered Parking**
- Article VII Miscellaneous Provisions**
- Article VII Penalty Provisions; Impoundment**

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- Article VII Miscellaneous Provisions**
- § 114-70 Storage or service of vehicles upon streets or public spaces prohibited.**
- § 114-71 Riding on portions of vehicles not designed for passengers restricted.**
- § 114-72 Handicapped parking regulations; penalty.**
- § 114-72.1 Parking on unpaved or unprepared surfaces.**

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§ 114-72 Handicapped parking regulations; penalty.

A. No person shall stand or park a vehicle in any parking space on public or private property designated as parking reserved for the physically handicapped with the proper signs or markings posted in conformance with the sign standards in the Maryland Manual, unless said vehicle displays a special registration plate or permit issued by the State of Maryland or Prince George's County with a "handicapped" or other appropriate designation.

B. ~~The fine for v~~Violations of this subsection 114-72 shall be ~~punishable as misdemeanors, and the fine for each violation shall be \$250~~ **500**.

C. Nothing in this subsection is meant to relieve persons with proper signs re handicaps from paying the fees unless they can demonstrate the inaccessibility of the meter for payment.

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AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or applications, and to this end, all the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect on _____, 2025;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a fair summary of this ordinance shall forthwith be published twice in a newspaper having general circulation in the City and otherwise be made available to the public.

INTRODUCED by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a regular public meeting on _____, 2025.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a regular public meeting on _____, 2025.

Adopted: _____.

Attest: _____
Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor

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Asterisks * * * Indicate matter retained in existing law but omitted herein.

