





1 **THE CHARLES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.** [Each of the county  
2 roads listed on the attached Exhibit A is hereby designated as a snow emergency route.]

3 Appropriate signs indicating the designation of a snow emergency route shall be placed along  
4 said county roads.

5 **§ 287-2. Declaration of snow emergency.**

6 A snow emergency shall exist in Charles County during the period of time for which a snow  
7 emergency is declared by the Superintendent of State Police or his representative for state  
8 highways located in Charles County. The snow emergency shall continue in effect until the  
9 Superintendent of State Police or his representative declares it to be no longer necessary for state  
10 highways located in Charles County.

11 **§ 287-3. Driving restrictions.**

12 A person may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, on any  
13 county road that is designated and appropriately signposted as a snow emergency route and for  
14 which a snow emergency has been declared and is in effect unless the vehicle is equipped with  
15 chains or snow tires on at least one (1) wheel at each end of a driving axle.

16 **§ 287-4. Parking during snow emergencies; towing of vehicles.**

17 A person may not park a vehicle on any county road that is designated and appropriately  
18 signposted as a snow emergency route and for which a snow emergency has been declared and is  
19 in effect. The State Police or the Charles County Sheriff's OFFICE [Department] may have any  
20 vehicle parked in violation of this section towed from the highway. The expense of towing shall  
21 be paid by the owner of the vehicle.

22 **§ 287-5. Definitions.**

23 In this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

24 SNOW TIRES -- Those tires that are in a good state of repair and that:

- 25 A. Are normally designated by their manufacturer as snow tires;
- 26 B. Are approved by the State Highway Administrator as meeting the standards of  
27 effectiveness required of normally designated snow tires; or
- 28 C. Have antiskid patterns cut into the treaded surfaces to form bars, buttons or blocks  
29 specially designed to give effective traction on snow or ice-covered highways.

30 **§ 287-6. Snow emergency route schedule.**

31 **A LIST OF SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE**

1 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. THIS LIST WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO**  
2 **THE PUBLIC.**

3 [Snow emergency routes shall be as follows:

4 Name of Street	Location
5 Bannister Circle	Bannister neighborhood
6 Bealle Hill Road	From Route 228 to Prince George's County Line
7 Billingsley Road	From Route 301 to Route 227
8 Hawthorne Drive	From Route 301 to Washington Avenue
9 Huntington Circle	Huntington neighborhood
10 Industrial Park Circle	From Post Office Road to Copley Avenue
11 Lancaster Circle	
12 Marshalls Corner Road	From Route 225 to Route 227
13 Mattawoman-Beantown Road	From ROUTE 232 to Route 301
14 Old Washington Road	From Route 5 to Route 301
15 Pine Cone Circle	Huntington neighborhood
16 Pinefield Road	From Mattawoman-Beantown Road to Pinewood Drive
17 Pinewood Drive	From Pinefield Road to St. Peter's Church Road
18 Post Office Road	From St. Charles Parkway to Route 5
19 Rosewick Road	From Washington Avenue to Radio Station Road
20 St. Charles Parkway	From Demarr Road to Route 5
21 St. Ignatius Drive	From St. Charles Parkway to Bannister Circle
22 St. Mark's Drive	From Wakefield Circle to St. Charles Parkway
23 St. Patrick's Drive	From Route 301 to Smallwood West
24 St. Paul's Drive	From St. Charles Parkway to Piney Church Road
25 St. Thomas Drive	From St. Charles Parkway to Wakefield Circle
26 Shapersville Road	From Route 228 to Prince George's County Line
27 Smallwood Parkway	From St. Charles Parkway to Route 301
28 Smallwood West	From Route 301 to Middletown Road
29 Wakefield Circle	Wakefield neighborhood
30 Western Parkway	From St Patrick's Drive to Route 228]

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2 ARTICLE II

3 Parking Regulations

4 § 287-7. DEFINITIONS:

5 IN THIS ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS  
6 INDICATED:

7 A. BUS – EVERY MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEPT SCHOOL BUSES, DESIGNED  
8 FOR CARRYING MORE THAN TEN (10) PASSENGERS AND USED FOR THE  
9 TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS; AND EVERY MOTOR VEHICLE, OTHER  
10 THAN A TAXICAB, DESIGNED AND USED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF  
11 PERSONS FOR COMPENSATION.

12 B. HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE – ANY MOTOR VEHICLE AND TANDEM  
13 AXLE TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER DESIGNED AND USED FOR CARRYING  
14 FREIGHT OR MERCHANDISE OR USED IN FURTHERANCE OF ANY  
15 COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE THAT HAS:

16 A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT (GVW) OF MORE THAN 10,000  
17 POUNDS;

18 A MANUFACTURER’S RATED CAPACITY OF MORE THAN 1 TON;  
19 A LENGTH OF MORE THAN 21 FEET MEASURED FROM THE  
20 EXTREMES OF THE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ANY OBJECT LOADED  
21 ON THE VEHICLE; OR

22 A HEIGHT OF MORE THAN 8 FEET WITH PROPERLY INFLATED  
23 TIRES, MEASURED FROM THE GROUND TO THE HIGHEST PART  
24 OF THE VEHICLE, INCLUDING RACKS, BUT NOT ANTENNAS.

25 A HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DOES NOT INCLUDE A MOTOR  
26 VEHICLE OWNED BY THE COUNTY OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL  
27 AGENCY OR A FARM MACHINE OR VEHICLE USED FOR  
28 AGRICULTURE.

29 C. PUBLIC CONTRACTOR’S VEHICLE – ANY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE  
30 ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF WORK WITHIN A STREET,  
31 HIGHWAY OR OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY WHEN SUCH WORK IS

1           **CONTRACTED FOR BY ANY STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL AGENCY**  
2           **OR PUBLIC UTILITY.**

3           **D. UTILITY TRAILER – A GENERAL-USE VEHICLE DESIGNED TO BE TOWED**  
4           **BY A MOTOR VEHICLE. A UTILITY TRAILER INCLUDES A:**

- 5                   **HOMEMADE TRAILER;**
- 6                   **SMALL BOX TRAILER;**
- 7                   **FREIGHT TRAILER;**
- 8                   **SEMI-FREIGHT TRAILER;**
- 9                   **BOAT TRAILER;**
- 10                  **CAMPING TRAILER;**
- 11                  **TENT TRAILER;**
- 12                  **TRAVEL TRAILER;**
- 13                  **FLATBED TRAILER; AND**
- 14                  **HORSE TRAILER.**

15           **E. VEHICLE – ANY APPLIANCE MOVED OVER A HIGHWAY ON WHEELS OR**  
16           **TRACTION TREAD, INCLUDING STREETCARS, DRAFT ANIMALS AND**  
17           **BEASTS OF BURDEN, AUTOMOBILES, MOTORCYCLES, MOTORBIKES,**  
18           **MOTOR PROPELLED CARTS AND WAGONS AND EVERY VEHICLE**  
19           **PROPELLED BY AN INTERNAL-COMBUSION ENGINE OR ANY TRAILER.**

20           **§[287-7] 287-8. Restrictions.**

21           It shall be unlawful in Charles County for any person to:

- 22           A. Stop, stand or park a [motor] vehicle:
  - 23                   (1) In front of a public driveway;
  - 24                   (2) On a sidewalk;
  - 25                   (3) Over a sidewalk;
  - 26                   (4) In such a manner as to block a sidewalk;
  - 27                   (5) In an intersection **OR WITHIN 20’ OF AN INTERSECTION RADIUS (WHERE**  
28                   **THE PAVEMENT BEGINS TO CURVE FOR THE CROSS-STREET) OR**  
29                   **OPPOSITE A SIDE STREET AT A T-INTERSECTION;**
  - 30                   (6) On a crosswalk;
  - 31                   (7) On a two-way roadway with the left-hand wheels at the curb or roadway edge of the

1 opposite direction lane; or

2 (8) Where stopping, standing or parking a vehicle is prohibited by an official sign.

3 B. Stand or park a [motor] vehicle:

4 (1) At a curb indicated to be a fire lane, if properly signed;

5 (2) In front of a private driveway without the consent of the owner or occupant of the  
6 premises;

7 (3) Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;

8 (4) Within thirty (30) feet of the approach to any stop sign, yield sign, flashing signal or  
9 traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway;

10 (5) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station or within seventy-  
11 five (75) feet on the highway opposite to the driveway entrance, if properly signed;

12 (6) On the roadway side of any other vehicle that is stopped or parked at the edge or curb  
13 of a highway;

14 (7) On a curve or hill where solid lines on the surface of the roadway indicate a zone in  
15 which passing is prohibited;

16 (8) On a one-way roadway with its right hand wheels more than twelve (12) inches from  
17 the right hand curb or edge of the roadway **OR WITH ITS LEFT HAND WHEELS**  
18 **MORE THAN TWELVE (12) INCHES FROM THE LEFT HAND CURB OR**  
19 **EDGE OF THE ROADWAY; [or]**

20 (9) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant[.]; **OR**

21 **(10) WITHIN 10' OF A DRIVEWAY (MEASURED FROM THE NEAREST**  
22 **EDGE OF THE DRIVEWAY FLARE OR WHERE THE PAVEMENT**  
23 **BEGINS TO CURVE FOR THE DRIVEWAY).**

24 C. Park a [motor] vehicle:

25 (1) Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail in a railroad grade crossing; or

26 (2) On any property owned by the Charles County Commissioners, Charles County  
27 Board of Education or the [Charles County Community] College **OF SOUTHERN**  
28 **MARYLAND** where parking is prohibited by an official sign.

29 **(3) PARK HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, UTILITY TRAILERS, OR**  
30 **BUSES ON A PUBLIC ROADWAY WHERE TRUCK, TRAILER AND BUS**  
31 **PARKING IS PROHIBITED BY OFFICIAL SIGNS UNLESS IT IS:**

1 A VEHICLE ENGAGED IN LOADING OR UNLOADING PASSENGERS,  
2 MERCHANDISE OR MATERIALS;

3 A VEHICLE USED BY THE OWNER OR OPERATOR WHEN  
4 ENGAGED IN WORK ON THE PROPERTY ABUTTING THE STREET;

5 A BUS THAT STOPS FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, NOT TO EXCEED 30  
6 MINUTES, TO MAINTAIN A SCHEDULE AT AN AUTHORIZED

7 TERMINAL STAND FOR A BUS ROUTE OPERATING UNDER A  
8 PERMIT FROM THE STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION;

9 A VEHICLE THAT IS INVOLUNTARILY PARKED BECAUSE OF  
10 MECHANICAL FAILURE OR OTHER EMERGENCY FOR 48 HOURS  
11 OR LESS; OR

12 A PUBLIC CONTRACTOR'S VEHICLE AS DEFINED IN § 287-7.

13 THE COUNTY MAY PROHIBIT PARKING OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL  
14 VEHICLES, UTILITY TRAILERS AND BUSES ON A COUNTY PUBLIC  
15 ROAD OR A PORTION THEREOF WHEN:

16 (a) REQUESTED IN WRITING BY EITHER A MAJORITY OF  
17 PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG THE ROAD OR PORTION OF ROAD  
18 TO BE POSTED OR BY THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FOR  
19 THE NEIGHBORHOOD, PROVIDED THAT THE ROAD ALSO  
20 MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- 21 1. ROAD CLASSIFICATION OF EITHER A LOCAL ROAD OR A  
22 MINOR COLLECTOR; AND
- 23 2. ROAD LOCATED WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT,  
24 PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) OR WATERFRONT  
25 PLANNED COMMUNITY (WPC) ZONES; AND
- 26 3. ROAD WITH ONE OR BOTH SIDES ABUTTING PROPERTY  
27 ZONED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE.

28 (b) OR WHEN DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COUNTY  
29 COMMISSIONERS.

- 30 D. Stop, stand or park a [motor] vehicle in a parking space for use of an individual with  
31 disabilities or otherwise reserved for the handicapped, unless the vehicle bears a special

1 registration plate, windshield placard or other valid permit issued by the Maryland Motor  
2 Vehicle Administration, another state or the District of Columbia.

3 **§ [287-8] 287-9. Violations and penalties.**

4 A. Any person who violates any provision of §[287-7] 287-8 of this Article is guilty of a  
5 misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine:

6 (1) Of twenty dollars (\$20.) for each violation of any of the provisions in §[287-7] 287-8  
7 A, B, or C of this Article; and

8 (2) Of [one] **FIVE** hundred dollars (\$[1]500.) for each violation of the provisions of §  
9 287-[7]8 D of this Article.

10 B. Each day a violation of this Article continues shall constitute a separate offense.

11 **§ [287-9] 287-10. Removal of vehicles.**

12 The Office of the Sheriff or any other duly authorized law enforcement agency may remove and  
13 impound a [motor] vehicle that is left unattended on a public road, highway, alley or parking lot  
14 in violation of a law, ordinance or order regarding the parking of [motor] vehicles or on a public  
15 road, highway, alley or parking lot for an unreasonable length of time so as to impede the  
16 movement of traffic or constitute a threat to public safety and shall charge the owner of the  
17 [motor] vehicle that is impounded the costs of towing, storage and other charges incurred in  
18 connection with the removal and impoundment of the vehicle.

19 **§ [287-10] 287-11. Enforcement.**

20 Sworn members of the Office of the Sheriff are authorized to issue citations for violations of this  
21 Article.

22 A. Whenever an officer discovers a vehicle in violation of this Article, the officer shall:

23 (1) Attach a citation to the vehicle in a conspicuous place if the operator of the vehicle is  
24 not present; or

25 (2) Deliver the citation to the operator if present.

26 B. The officer shall retain a copy of the citation which shall include the officer's certification  
27 under penalty of perjury that the facts stated in the citation are true.

28 C. Whenever an unattended [motor] vehicle is found in violation of the provisions of this  
29 Article, the registered owner of the vehicle is presumed to be the person receiving the  
30 citation.

31 D. The person receiving a citation under this Article shall:

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- (1) Pay for the parking violation directly to the Charles County Treasurer; or
- (2) Elect to stand trial for the violation.

- E. Failure to pay the fine or stand trial or to otherwise obey the citation shall result in the vehicle registration renewal being withheld and additional handling and delinquent fees imposed until the required payment is made.
- F. Every citation issued under this Article shall contain a notice to the recipient how to pay the fine or elect to stand trial and the effect of failure to pay the fine or failure to appear for trial.
- G. If a person elects to stand trial and desires the presence at trial of the officer who issued the citation, the person must notify the [Office of the County Treasurer] **CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**, in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the citation. If proper written notification is not given, the officer need not appear at the trial, and the copy of the citation bearing the certification of the officer is prima facie evidence of the facts stated in it.

**§ [287-11] 287-12. Authority; conflict with other laws.**

It is the intent of this Article to implement and exercise those powers authorized by Subtitle 3 of Title 26, Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, which are not self-executing. Accordingly, the provisions of this Article are additional to and not a substitution for any and all of the provisions of Subtitle 3 of Title 26 which are hereby incorporated herein by reference. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Article and the incorporated provisions of Subtitle 3 of Title 26, the provisions of this Article shall control.

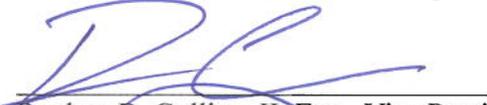
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**SECTION 2.** BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect FORTY-FIVE (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

ADOPTED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

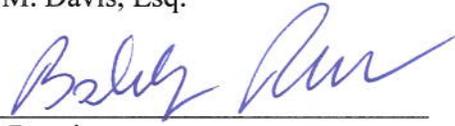
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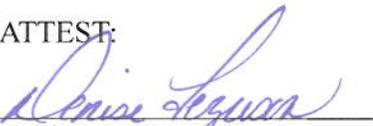
  
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