

ORDINANCE NO.: 2003-029

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina,
Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and
Parking, Division 2, Parking Meter Zones, Sec. 12-79*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 7th day of May, 2003, that Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 2, Parking Meter Zones, Sec. 12-79 of the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12-79. Violations; citations; penalty.

(a) It shall be the duty of city police officers, or other city employees, designated by the City Manager, or any other state or federal government agency designated by the City Manager with such responsibility to report:

(1) The number of each parking meter which indicates that the vehicle occupying the parking space adjacent to such parking meter is or has been parked in violation of any of the provisions of this division;

(2) The state license number of such vehicle; and

(3) Any other facts, a knowledge of which is necessary to a thorough understanding of the circumstances attending such violation.

(b) Each such police officer, other city employees designated by the City Manager, or any other state or federal government agency designated by the City Manager shall also attach to such vehicle a notice to the owner thereof that such vehicle has been parked in violation of a provision of this division, stating the bond set by the city court in regard to such violation.

(c) In any parking meter zone, every hour or fraction of any hour of overtime parking shall constitute a separate offense.

(d) Persons who receive a parking ticket may elect to pay the bond amount of the parking ticket or they may invoke the right of trial upon their acceptance of a warrant in substitution of each parking ticket issued. Upon receiving a request for such trial, a warrant shall be issued and a courtesy copy of that warrant will be mailed to the owner's address listed in the vehicle's registration information along with the date and time of the trial. The original warrant will be served at the time of the trial. Service of a warrant vests the municipal court with jurisdiction to

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hear and dispose of the charge for which the warrant was issued and served. Upon conviction after trial, the person shall be punished for each violation in accordance with Sec. 1-5.

This ordinance is effective as of final reading.

Requested by:



MAYOR

Approved by:



City Manager

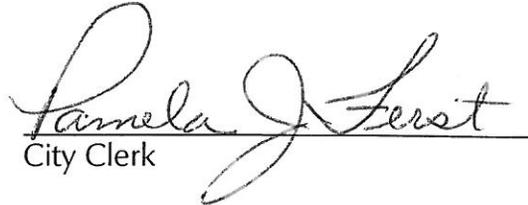
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Approved as to form:

ATTEST:



City Attorney



City Clerk

Introduced: 4/16/2003
Final Reading: 5/7/2003