CONTROL OF TRAFFIC IN PARKING AREAS

Act 235 of 1969

AN ACT authorizing local units of government to regulate and control traffic in parking areas; and to provide a penalty for a violation of this act.

History: 1969, Act 235, Imd. Eff. Aug. 11, 1969 ;-- Am. 1978, Act 630, Imd. Eff. Jan. 8, 1979

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

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257.941 Definitions.

Sec. 1.

As used in this act:

(a) "Parking area" means an area used by the public as a means of access to and egress from, and for the free parking of motor vehicles by patrons of a shopping center, business, factory, hospital, institution, or similar building or location.

(b) "Shopping center" means a minimum area of 3 acres of land on which there is located 1 or more stores or business establishments, and where there is provided a parking area.

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257.942 Local ordinances.

Sec. 2.

The governing body of a city or village, or the board of a township, may, upon the request of either the owner or the person in charge of the general operation and control of the parking area, by local ordinance:

(a) Order stop signs, yield signs, or other traffic control devices erected at specified entrance or exit locations to a parking area or at an intersection in the parking area.

(b) Regulate traffic in the parking area, including regulation by means of traffic control signals.

(c) Prohibit or regulate the turning of vehicles or specified types of vehicles at intersections or other designated locations in the parking area.

(d) Regulate the crossing of a roadway in the parking area by pedestrians.

(e) Designate a separate roadway, drive, or lane in the parking area for 1-way traffic.

(f) Prohibit, regulate, restrict, or limit the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles in specified areas of the parking area.

(g) Designate safety zones, loading zones, and other restricted area in the parking area.

(h) Provide for the removal and storage of vehicles parked or abandoned in the parking area during snowstorms, floods, fires, or other public emergencies, or found unattended in the parking area, if the vehicles constitute an obstruction to traffic or if stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited, and for the payment of reasonable charges for the removal and storage by the owner or operator of the vehicle.

(i) Adopt additional reasonable rules with respect to traffic and parking in a parking area as local conditions may require for the safety and convenience of the public or of the users of the parking area.

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257.942a Designation of parking spaces for persons with disabilities; ordinance.

Sec. 2a.

The governing body of a city or village, or the board of a township, shall provide, by local ordinance, for parking spaces specifically designated for persons with disabilities in numbers to conform with the requirements of section 2 of 1966 PA 1, MCL 125.1352, in each shopping center parking area within its jurisdiction. If on the effective date of this section a shopping center is in compliance with a local ordinance relating to the number of parking spaces that the shopping center is required to provide, the shopping center shall not be held in violation of that ordinance if the designation of parking space required by this section reduces the number of parking spaces below the minimum number required by the local ordinance.

History: Add. 1978, Act 88, Eff. Mar. 30, 1979 ;-- Am. 1998, Act 40, Imd. Eff. Mar. 18, 1998

257.942b Signs or other traffic control devices.

Sec. 2b.

A sign or other traffic control device required in a parking area shall conform to the requirements of the Michigan manual of uniform traffic control devices.

History: Add. 1978, Act 630, Imd. Eff. Jan. 8, 1979

257.943 Violation as civil infraction; processing violation.

Sec. 3.

A person who violates an ordinance promulgated pursuant to this act is responsible for a civil infraction. Violation of an ordinance promulgated pursuant to this act shall be processed in the same manner as a civil infraction under Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended, being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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