

ORDINANCE NO. 498

An Ordinance regarding off-street private parking lots in the City of Hamilton, Alabama.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property upon or within a parking lot, or to drive thereon or therein at a speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour. The chief of police is hereby authorized to cause such signs as he may deem necessary to be erected on public rights-of-way, at or near one or more entrances to such lots stating the speed limit of ten (10) miles per hour upon such lot.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to stop, park, drive or operate a vehicle upon any parking lot in any manner which unreasonably obstructs or hinders the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave any vehicle upon any parking lot unless such vehicle shall be parked wholly within a parking space as designated by painted lines or other discernible markings; but this section shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles, inoperable motor vehicle, or persons given written consent to so park by the owner of the parking lot or by such owner's authorized agent.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to assemble, with one or more other persons, upon any parking lot in such manner as to restrict for more than five (5) minutes the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles or to obstruct any designated driving lane for more than five (5) minutes. It shall not be a violation of this section to park in a designated parking space and then leave the parking lot area without delay, or to go upon such parking lot and without delay proceed to an open business establishment, or to go upon such parking lot and without delay proceed to a parked vehicle and then leave. It shall not be a violation of this section for a person to assemble with less than four (4) other persons, for less than one (1) hour, to remove or repair an inoperable motor vehicle. This section shall not apply to any law enforcement vehicle, ambulance, fire-fighting vehicle, or other official emergency vehicle or the personnel of any of them. This section shall not apply to any person who has received written consent from the owner of such parking lot or from the owner's authorized agent to assemble on such parking lot.
- (e) Violations of subsections (a) (b) and (d) shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$500.00. In addition thereto, any persons so convicted may be imprisoned or sentenced for hard labor for the City for a period not exceeding six months at the discretion of the Court trying the case. Provided, however, no penalty shall consist of a fine or imprisonment exceeding the maximum fine, sentence or imprisonment established under state law for the commission of substantially similar offenses. Violation under subsection (c) shall be a fine of \$10.00.

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ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hamilton, Alabama, on November 14,

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