

## CHAPTER 70: PARKING REGULATIONS

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#### ***PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON COUNTY GROUNDS***

#### **§ 70.01 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

***ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE.*** A Motor Vehicle that:

- (1) Is left on Public Grounds or County Grounds in violation of a law, ordinance or policy regulating or prohibiting parking;
- (2) Is left for longer than 24 hours on County Grounds;
- (3) Is left for longer than two hours on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant, or lessee of the property; or
- (4) Is left for longer than seven days on Public Grounds.

***COUNTY GROUNDS.*** For the purposes of this Ordinance, County Grounds are those properties owned or legally occupied solely or jointly by Haywood County.

***COUNTY PARKING AREAS.*** Those County Grounds where vehicular parking is allowed by being marked off, signs placed, or otherwise made publicly obvious.

***JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLE.*** Is an Abandoned Motor Vehicle that also:

- (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or
- (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally was intended to move; or
- (3) Does not display a current license plate.

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**MOTOR VEHICLE.** Includes any machine designed or intended to travel over land or water by self-propulsion or while attached to a self-propelled vehicle.

**PUBLIC GROUNDS.** Property owned by or leased to the State or Federal government or an entity thereof. By way of illustration, Public Grounds include National Parks, publicly-owned National Forest, and publicly-owned or maintained streets and highways.

**STICKER.** Any type of label or ticket of suitable material affixed to an abandoned or junked motor vehicle advising the owner or a person in possession of the vehicle that it has been declared an abandoned or junked vehicle and will be proceeded against pursuant to this chapter. (Ord. passed 9-6-88; Am. Ord. passed 6-19-89; Am. Ord. passed 8-5-2024)

### § 70.02 PARKING REGULATIONS.

(A) Branner Avenue Parking Deck. Temporary parking in the Branner Avenue parking deck is authorized for the following:

- (1) Public, employees, county officials, or other individuals regularly employed in the Historic Courthouse, Justice Center, or otherwise,
- (2) In designated areas that are licensed by the County to private owners, pursuant to the terms of such license, and
- (3) Members of the public.

Such temporary parking does not include the right for members of the public to appropriate any specific parking area for a specific person or entity (unless licensed by the County or designated by County signage). Temporary parking does not permit overnight camping.

No other activities involving motor vehicles are permitted at the Branner Avenue Parking Deck.

(B) Paragon Parkway Office Complex. Temporary parking in the parking area adjacent to the county offices on Paragon Parkway, Clyde, is authorized for the following:

- (1) Public, employees, county officials, or other individuals regularly employed in the county offices on Paragon Parkway, or otherwise,
- (2) In designated areas that are licensed by the County to private owners, pursuant to the terms of such license, and
- (3) Members of the public.

Such temporary parking does not include the right or members of the public to appropriate any specific parking area for a specific person or entity (unless licensed by the County or designated by County signage). Temporary parking does not permit overnight camping.

No other activities involving motor vehicles are permitted at the Paragon Parkway Office Complex.

(C) Other County parking areas. Temporary parking in any areas owned or occupied by the County shall be pursuant to the policies adopted by the County Manager or designee and publicized by signage at those areas.

(Ord. passed 9-6-88; Am. Ord. passed 8-5-2024)

**§ 70.03 FURTHER PARKING REGULATION AUTHORIZED.**

The County Manager or designee may publish more detailed parking regulations for County Grounds from time to time. Those regulations may be publicized by written policies or by the placement of signage at the appropriate areas.

(Ord. passed 9-6-88; Am. Ord. passed 6-19-89)

**§ 70.99 PENALTIES.**

(A) A motor vehicle parked in violation of this chapter shall be considered an **ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE**. The motor vehicle may be towed and stored pursuant to applicable state law and the provisions of this ordinance described in “Penalties.” Prior to the removal of an Abandoned Motor Vehicle, the County or any public safety officer shall place a Sticker on the vehicle, giving the owner or possessor of the vehicle notice of the violation.

***Statutory reference:***

*Removal and disposal of abandoned and junked motor vehicles, see G.S. § 153A-132; Regulation of parking on county property, see G.S. § 153A-170.*

(B) Any person whose vehicle has had a Sticker placed on it or cited for a parking violation may avoid further prosecution by paying the sum of \$25 within 72 hours of the time of the issuance of the Sticker or of the citation. This sum shall be paid at the place recited on the Sticker or the citation, to be applied toward the General Funds of the County. In addition to the place for payment shown on the Sticker or the citation, it may be paid at the County’s Development Services office.

(C) Any person whose vehicle has had a Sticker placed on it or cited for a parking violation and who has not paid the \$25 fine within 72 hours of the time of issuance of the Sticker or the date of the citation shall be subject to the penalties provided in § 10.99 of this Code of Ordinances.

(D) Any person whose vehicle has been towed and stored shall be liable for the reasonable costs incidental to the removal and storage of the vehicle and any financial penalty due for the violation before the delivery of the vehicle to the owner.

***Statutory reference:***

*Procedures for nonpayment of fines, see G.S. §§ 15A-1361 et seq.*  
(Ord. passed 9-6-88; Am. Ord. passed 8-5-2024)

*Am. Ord. passed 8-5-2024*

**§ 70.100 EFFECTIVE DATE AND REVISION OF ORIGINAL ORDINANCE**

This revised ordinance revises and supplants the ordinance in Chapter 70 originally adopted September 6, 1988, and all subsequent amendments, and shall be effective on and after August 5, 2024.