

Ordinance 07-2021

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING REGULATIONS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF HASKELL, ARKANSAS AND ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR SUCH PARKING VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, It is found by the City Council of the City of Haskell, Arkansas to be necessary to enforce said parking regulations in the city limits of the City of Haskell, Arkansas

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Haskell, Arkansas that:

Section 1: Application of Article

The provisions of this article or any traffic ordinance prohibiting the standing or parking of a vehicle shall apply at all times or at those times specified or indicated on official signs, except when it is necessary to stop a vehicle to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or official traffic control device. The provisions of this article or any traffic ordinance imposing a time limit on parking shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or specified times.

Section 2: Fire Station Entrance

It shall be unlawful for any vehicle except a fire truck to park in front of a fire station entrance.

Section 3: Certain Hours

When signs are erected on any parking lot, street or part of street in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle on any such parking lot, street or part of street in each block so designated between the hours specified by the signs, except Sundays and public holidays.

Section 4: Signs

Whenever by any provision of this chapter or any traffic ordinance a parking time limit is imposed or parking is prohibited on any parking lot, street or part of street, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police or some person designated by him, to erect appropriate signs on such parking lot, street or part of street giving notice thereof and no such regulations shall be effective unless said signs are erected and in place on the side or sides or erected in place where parking time is limited or prohibited at the time of any alleged offense.

Section 5: Blocking Sidewalks, driveways and crosswalks

It shall be unlawful to park, stop or leave standing any vehicle in such manner that any part thereof that extends over or onto any sidewalk, any public or private driveway or any crosswalk so that free passage over said sidewalk or crosswalk or ingress or egress from such driveway is prohibited or impaired.

Section 6: Towing

- A. In addition to the penalties provided in the following section, when any vehicle is found illegally parked, the Chief of Police is authorized to contact a wrecker service for the purpose of towing such vehicle away. The wrecker may tow the vehicle to the place of business of the owner of the wrecker.
- B. The owner of the vehicle may reclaim it from the wrecker service by paying the standard and customary charge for such towing service, plus any additional charges for storage.

Section 7: Penalty

Any person violating any of the terms of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for the First offense, a fine of Fifty-Dollars (\$50.00) for the Second offense and a fine of One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the Third offense. Responsibility for any such violation shall rest with the owner of any vehicle illegally parked regardless of who actually placed the vehicle in the parking area.

Section 8: Emergency Clause

The adoption of this ordinance is necessary to protect parking areas and allow efficient access to City Hall and the Police Department during business hours, as well as to insure ingress and egress for emergency vehicles at all times. Therefore, an emergency exists and this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. It shall be in full force and effective immediately from and after this passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

Attest:

Approved:

Jennifer Hill

Roy Carman

Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer

Mayor

