

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY  
COUNTY PARKING LOT ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE No. 7

PREAMBLE

The Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners is empowered by Public Act 58 of 1945 as amended, MCL 46.201 to maintain and regulate parking lots for the safe and proper use of parking lots for the general public. In adopting this ordinance, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners has determined that the County parking lots located at the Grand Traverse County Governmental Center Campus, 400 Boardman Avenue Traverse City Michigan, need regulation for the safe and proper use of the lots by the general public and municipal employees.

**Section I: Name**

This ordinance shall be known and sited as the "Grand Traverse County Parking Lot Ordinance, Ordinance No. 7."

**Section II: Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide rules for the parking of motor vehicles at the Grand Traverse County Governmental Center Campus, and to provide guidance for the enforcement of this ordinance.

**Section III: Definitions**

- A. "Alley" shall mean the travel portion of parking areas that begins on Washington Street and is a one way to the exit onto Boardman Avenue and runs adjacent to the jail on the North and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and Governmental Center on the South.
- B. "Authorized Vehicles" shall mean vehicles owned and operated by the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office, the Michigan State Police, the City of Traverse City Police Department, employees of the Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Grand Traverse County Facilities Management Department, and other authorized vehicles as may be authorized by the Grand Traverse County Administrator.
- C. "City" shall mean the City of Traverse City.
- D. "County" shall mean Grand Traverse County.
- E. "Governmental Center Campus" shall mean the City and County's administrative offices together with the other elected official offices buildings and courthouses located generally at 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City Michigan, 49684.

- F. "Jail" shall mean the Grand Traverse County Jail, which is located at the Governmental Center.
- G. "Permitted Vehicles" shall refer to those private motor vehicles, owned by County employees, City employees, county and city owned vehicles, and any other motor vehicles for which a written special permit is displayed on the rear-view mirror of the vehicle, issued by Grand Traverse County Administration for a specified period of time.
- H. "South Lot" shall mean all parking spaces to the south of the southernmost entrance to the Governmental Center parking lot off Boardman Avenue.

#### **Section IV: Regulations**

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no motor vehicle parking at the Governmental Center Campus shall be allowed between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 15th except as authorized in any parking lot.
- B. No motor vehicle parking shall be allowed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the South Lot except Permitted Vehicles, and except as otherwise may be posted.
- C. No parking by any motor vehicle at any time shall be allowed in the Alley except by Authorized Vehicles.
- D. The Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the enforcement of this ordinance. The City of Traverse City Parking Enforcement Bureau may also enforce this ordinance by means of an executed contract with the County.

#### **Section V: Penalty**

- A. A violation of this parking lot ordinance shall be punished by a \$10 civil infraction fine, or as set forth by the City's Parking Enforcement Bureau.
- B. A violation of this ordinance may also be treated as a nuisance and abated by the County Sheriff's Office by:
  1. impoundment of the vehicle involved and cost to be paid by the owner before return of the motor vehicle, or
  2. removal of the motor vehicle to a designated motor vehicle pound with the vehicle returned only upon payment of reasonable impoundment fees by the owner, or
  3. notice of violation

## Section VI: Miscellaneous

- A. This ordinance, as amended and restated, shall take effect thirty (30) days after publications as required by law. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
  
- B. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, word, section, or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction the remaining portions of said ordinance shall remain in force.

Mr. Hentrich

Chairperson Board of Commissioners  
County of Grand Traverse

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