

ORDINANCE NO.: 2019-060

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, In General to add Sec. 12-19 Alternative payment of fines

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 6th day of August, 2019, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, In General to add Sec. 12-19 Alternative payment of fines to read as follows:

Sec. 12-19 Alternative payment of fines—Temporary program.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the Parking Services Division, from time to time and upon authorization by the City Council pursuant to Subsection (b), may operate a temporary program by which fines for qualifying parking infractions may be paid by means of the donation of food items, children's toys, or school supplies in lieu of the payment of money. In order to satisfy the amount of the fine for any particular infraction, receipts for the food, toys or supplies donated must be provided to reflect an amount of equal or greater value than the amount of the corresponding fine. Late fees are not to be included in the temporary program.

(b) A temporary program described in subsection (a) may be authorized no more than twice per calendar year and must be approved in advance, as to both time period and duration, by City Council. The Parking Services Division may establish such procedures and requirements regarding the program as may be desirable or appropriate, including without limitation what types of food items, toys or school supplies will qualify; a range of dates within which parking infractions must have been issued in order to be eligible; and a time period within which donations in lieu of payment must be made. The determination of whether or not a particular parking infraction qualifies under the program, and the determination of the value of donations are completely within the discretion of the Parking Services Division.

(c) For purposes of subsection (a), "qualifying parking infraction" means any non-moving violation other than the following:

1. Handicap Parking
2. Residential Parking Permit
3. Parking Improperly
4. Parking in "No Parking" Area
5. Parking in Bus/Taxi Zone
6. Double Parking Blocking the Sidewalk
7. Loading Zone
8. Reserved Parking Only

This ordinance is effective as of final reading.

Requested by:

Mayor and City Council _____



Mayor

Approved by:

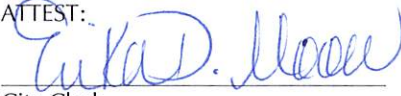


City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Introduced: 7/16/2019
Final Reading: 8/6/2019

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