

ORDINANCE 012-2000

**ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF FLOWOOD, MISSISSIPPI ADOPTING
REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO STOPPING, STORING,
STANDING AND PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Flowood, Mississippi desire to adopt certain regulations pertaining to stopping, storing, standing and parking of vehicles within the City of Flowood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FLOWOOD, MISSISSIPPI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLE

Any vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance may be impounded by the City at the owner's expense, in addition to any fine or penalty which may be imposed for violation of this Ordinance. Any vehicle so impounded shall not be claimed by the owners until all actual towing and storage charges have been paid to the City.

SECTION 2: RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO CITY OWNED PARKING LOTS AND PROPERTY

Parking of private vehicles is permitted on city-owned parking lots and property subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Parking of privately owned vehicles on city parking lots and property is restricted to activities directly related to the operations of the business, office, park or city building located adjacent thereto.
- (2) No motor vehicle shall be parked on a city-owned parking lot or property overnight.
- (3) No motor vehicle shall be parked on a city-owned parking lot or property for purposes of sale, trade or barter of such vehicle.

This section does not apply to any governmental agency vehicle parked on city property with the consent of the city.

SECTION 3: RESTRICTIONS IN RESIDENTIALLY ZONED AREAS

It shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle on the paved portion of any public road, street or thoroughfare in any residentially zoned area within the city overnight or at any other time where such parking is determined by the chief of police to be a hazard or an obstruction of traffic.

SECTION 4: UNOPERATIONAL/UNLICENSED VEHICLES

It shall be unlawful for any person in possession, charge or control of any residential or non-permitted business premises to keep, cause to be kept, or allow the keeping on any premises within the city any unoperational/unlicensed vehicles. Nothing in this section shall apply to licensed commercial entities including, automobile junk-yards/salvage-yards, automobile dealers or automobile repair businesses. The depositing, keeping or causing to be deposited or kept on any residential or non-permitted business premises within the city of unoperational/unlicensed vehicles is likewise declared a public nuisance. The police department administration is hereby authorized to inspect any premises in the city for the purposes of enforcing the requirements of this section.

SECTION 5: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in jail not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both fine and imprisonment. If any violation be continuing, each day's violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

Upon a second conviction of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance, the offender shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment for not more than sixty (60) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Upon the third or subsequent conviction of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance, the offender shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SO ORDAINED this the 5th day of DECEMBER, 2000.

Gary Rhoads
GARY RHOADS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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