

**ORDINANCE NO. 626
(AS AMENDED THROUGH 626.9)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
RELATING TO COUNTY PARKING FACILITIES**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ordains as follows:

Section 1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish reasonable and uniform regulations concerning the use and operation of County parking facilities.

Section 2. AUTHORITY.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Vehicle Code Sections 21113 and 22519.

Section 3. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- a. County Parking Facility. A facility owned, leased or operated by the County in or upon which the County allows the parking of motor vehicles, whether located within the unincorporated area of the County or within the boundaries of an incorporated city. County parking facility shall include, but not be limited to, a parking structure and a parking lot.
- b. County Vehicle. A vehicle owned or leased by the County.
- c. Driveway. An entrance or exit used by vehicles to access County parking facilities or a vehicle corridor within County parking facilities.
- d. Handbill. Any printed or written matter, circular, flier, leaflet, pamphlet, paper, booklet or any other printed matter or literature which is not delivered by United States mail.
- e. Parking Access Device. A device enabling a vehicle to enter and exit County parking facilities, accesses to which are controlled. Parking access device shall include, but not be limited to, a parking access card and a transponder.
- f. Parking Space. The area between two parallel lines painted on the ground, the area between a set of double parallel lines painted on the ground or the area between lines forming a "T" or "L" painted on the ground. Parking space shall not include a hatched area painted on the ground, a crosshatched area painted on the ground or an area fully enclosed by solid lines painted on the ground.
- g. Permanently Affixed. Incapable of being removed without destruction.

Section 4. APPLICATION.

This ordinance shall apply to all County parking facilities that have signs posted at each entrance bearing substantially the following language: 'PARKING BY

PERMIT ONLY – VIOLATORS WILL BE CITED – Riverside County Ordinance 626’ or ‘COUNTY PARKING ORDINANCE 626 STRICTLY ENFORCED.’

Section 5. PARKING PERMITS.

Except as provided in Section 6. of this ordinance, parking in County parking facilities shall be regulated by the following permits and devices:

- a. Blue Triangle Permit, Blue Diamond Permit or Blue Square Permit – A vehicle properly displaying this permit may be parked in the employee-only areas of all County parking facilities provided any applicable fee has been paid.
- b. White Triangle Permit, Red Diamond Permit or Blue and Yellow Square Permit – A vehicle properly displaying this permit may be parked in the employee-only or the public-only areas of all County parking facilities provided any applicable fee has been paid.
- c. Parking Placard Permit – A vehicle properly displaying this permit may be parked in the employee-only or the public-only areas of all County parking facilities provided any applicable fee has been paid.
- d. Carpool Parking Permit – A vehicle properly displaying this permit may be parked in carpool-only areas of all County parking facilities for an unlimited time period, provided the vehicle displaying the carpool permit is a marked County vehicle or also properly displays a Blue Triangle Permit, a Blue Diamond Permit, or a Blue Square Permit.
- e. Parking Validation Stamp – A person in possession of a stamp(s) may park his vehicle in a County parking structure for the total time of the validation without paying the usually required fee.
- f. Parking Access Device – A person in possession of this device may enter and exit County parking facilities, accesses to which are controlled.
- i. Parking Vouchers – A person may obtain a parking voucher from the Clerk of the Board when attending a scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors to testify or address the Board. A person in possession of a parking voucher may park their vehicle in the county-owned parking garages located at 12th Street, Lemon Street (County Administration Center) and 10th Street during the Board meeting without paying the usually required fee.

Section 6. PARKING PERMIT EXCEPTION.

No parking permit of any type is required for non-employees to park in the public-only areas of all County parking facilities.

Section 7. PROPER DISPLAY OF PARKING PERMITS.

Parking permits shall be displayed in the following manner:

- a. The parking permits referenced in Sections 5.a. and 5.b. of this ordinance shall be permanently affixed to the front windshield on the passenger side of the vehicle and shall be visible from the outside of the vehicle.
- b. The parking permits referenced in Sections 5.c. and 5.d. of this ordinance shall be hung from the rear view mirror of the vehicle or shall be otherwise made visible from the outside of the vehicle.

Section 8. RESERVED PARKING SPACES.

The Assistant County Executive Officer of the Economic Development Agency, or his or her designee, shall direct and control the designation of reserved parking spaces. Pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 22511.7, he or she may reserve parking spaces for the exclusive use of any disabled person or disabled veteran displaying a special license plate or placard issued in accordance with Vehicle Code Section 22511.5. The Assistant or designee may also reserve parking spaces for the exclusive use of County officials, agencies, departments or employees.

Section 9. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES RELATING TO PARKING.

No County employee, on or off duty, shall park a vehicle in public-only areas of any County parking facility, unless the vehicle properly displays a White Triangle Permit, a Red Diamond Permit, a Blue and Yellow Square Permit or a Parking Placard Permit. No County employee or any other person shall do any of the following:

- a. Park in a designated handicapped space, without displaying a special license plate or placard issued in accordance with Vehicle Code Section 22511.5.
- b. Park in an area not designated for parking.
- c. Park in a designated red zone.
- d. Park in a reserved space without the appropriate authorization.
- e. Park a County vehicle in a public-only parking area, without displaying a White Triangle Permit, a Red Diamond Permit, a Blue and Yellow Square Permit or a Parking Placard Permit.
- f. Park outside the confines of a parking space.
- g. Occupy more than one parking space.
- h. Block or obstruct a driveway, toll booth, or another vehicle.
- j. Fail to display a required parking permit.
- k. Fail to pay a required monthly parking fee.
- m. Fail to pay a required exit fee.
- n. Facilitate a person's failure to pay a required exit fee by allowing him to use a parking access device that he was not issued.
- o. Violate a parking time limit.

Section 10. OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

No County employee or any other person shall deposit, fasten or leave any handbill in or upon any vehicle located in a County parking facility, unless the occupant of such a vehicle is present and willing to accept the handbill. The Board of Supervisors has adopted this content neutral regulation to prevent the littering and traffic safety problems associated with handbill distribution in parking facilities.

Section 11. ENFORCEMENT.

This ordinance shall be enforced by a County Parking Representative or Ordinance Enforcement Officer, under the direction and control of the Assistant County Executive Officer of the Economic Development Agency or his or her designee.

Section 12. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

Any person violating Section 9.a. of this ordinance shall be punished by a three hundred and sixty dollar (\$360.00) fine and may have his parking permit and parking

access device revoked. If a Section 9.a. citation is cancelled because the person receiving the citation shows proof that he was issued a valid license plate or placard, a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) cancellation fee may be charged pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 40226. Any person who violates any other provision of Section 9. of this ordinance shall be issued a fifty-three dollar (\$53.00) fine and may have his parking permit and parking access device revoked. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee may be added to any fine each time a check is returned for insufficient funds and an administrative charge may be added to any delinquent fine to cover the costs of collection.

- a. A \$100 additional penalty may be added to all violations relating to Disabled Persons or Disabled Veterans (DP) spaces and placards; the collected additional penalties shall be set aside and used for improving enforcement of DP parking spaces and placards;
- b. A 20% assessment may be added to all violations (on-street or off-street) pertaining to DP spaces (including ramps and access); the collected assessments shall be used by the County for services to elderly or functionally impaired adults pursuant to Penal Code 1465.5

Any person violating Section 10. of this ordinance shall be: (1) guilty of an infraction offense and punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a first violation; and (2) guilty of an infraction offense and punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a second violation. The third and any additional violations perpetrated by the same person shall constitute a misdemeanor offense and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or six (6) months in jail, or both. Notwithstanding the above, a first offense may be charged and prosecuted as a misdemeanor.

Section 13. REMOVAL OF VEHICLES.

In addition to the penalties described in Section 12. of this ordinance, a vehicle may be removed to the nearest public garage under the circumstances described in Section 22658 of the Vehicle Code. In the event a vehicle is removed, the notices required by Sections 22852 and 22853 of the Vehicle Code shall be given.

Section 14. PARKING FEES.

Parking fees related to the parking of vehicles in County parking facilities are hereby established as follows:

Monthly Parking Rate – County and Non-County Cardholders

Monthly Parking – County	\$ 35.00
Monthly Parking – Non-County	\$ 65.00
Monthly Parking – Motorcycle Decal	\$ 7.00

Non-Monthly Parking Rates

Per Hour	\$ 2.00
Maximum Per Day	\$ 8.00
Lost Ticket Fee	\$ 8.00
1-Hour Parking Validation Stamp-County	\$ 2.00
1-Hour Parking Validation Stamp-Non-County	\$ 2.00
2-Hour Parking Validation Stamp-County	\$ 4.00
2-Hour Parking Validation Stamp-Non-County	\$ 4.00
Parking Citation Fee/Fine	\$ 53.00
Returned Check Fee	\$ 25.00

Handicapped Citation Fee	\$ 360.00
Per Space Reserved Annual Parking Fee	\$ 500.00
Annual Motorcycle Decals	\$ 84.00

Section 15. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, or the applications of such provisions, which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications and to that end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.”

EFFECTIVITY DATE: This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

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