

## Chapter 14.2

### MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC\*

\* **Editors Note:** Ord. No. 92-33, adopted July 11, 1992, amended former Ch. 14, relative to motor vehicles and traffic, to read as herein set out in Ch. 14.2. The provisions of former Ch. 14 derived from those ordinances listed in the Code Comparative Table as amendatory of Ch. 14.

**Cross References:** Licenses generally, Ch. 11; street development and construction, Ch. 22; subdivisions, Ch. 23; taxicabs, Ch. 25; fuel tax, Ch. 54.

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**ARTICLE I.**

**MOTOR VEHICLE CODE**

**DIVISION 1.**

**GENERALLY**

**§ 14.2-1. Adoption of state law.**

(a) Pursuant to the authority of Section 46.2-1313 of the Code of Virginia, all provisions and requirements of the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia contained in Chapter 1 (Section 46.2-100 et seq.) of Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia; in Article 1 (Section 46.2-300 et seq.), Article 6.1 (Section 46.2-341.1 et seq.), Article 11 (Section 46.2-371 et seq.), and Article 12 (Section 46.2-389 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia; in Article 1 (Section 46.2-600 et seq.), Article 2 (Section 46.2-616 et seq.), Article 3 (Section 46.2-645 et seq.), Article 4 (Section 46.2-650 et seq.), Article 5 (Section 46.2-655 et seq.), Article 6 (Section 46.2-662 et seq.), Article 7 (Section 46.2-685 et seq.), Article 8 (Section 46.2-705 et seq.), Article 9 (Section 46.2-711 et seq.), and Article 10 (Section 46.2-725 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia; in Chapter 8 (Section 46.2-800 et seq.); Chapter 10 (Section 46.2-1000 et seq.); and Sections 46.2-1240 and 46.2-1247 through 46.2-1253 of Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia; those pertaining to dispositions in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court contained in Article 9 (Section 16.1-278 et seq.) of Chapter 11 of Title 16.1 of the Code of Virginia; and in Article 2 (Section 18.2-266 et seq.) of Chapter 7 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia, except those which by their very nature can have no application within or to the county and those the violation of which constitutes a felony, are hereby adopted and incorporated as part of this chapter of The Code of the County of Arlington, Virginia, by reference and made applicable within the county.

(b) For the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, all reference to the Code of Virginia in section 14.2-1(a) above shall be to those provisions and requirements of the Code of Virginia as in force and effect on July 1, 2001.

(c) Effective July 1, 2002, all reference to the Code of Virginia in section 14.2-1 (a) above shall be to those provisions and requirements of the Code of Virginia as in force and effect on July 1, 2002. (Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 93-13, 7-1-93; Ord. No. 94-19, 6-18-94; Ord. No. 95-16, 9-9-95; Ord. No. 95-17, 10-17-95; Ord. No. 96-14, 6-29-96; Ord. No. 96-15, 7-20-96; Ord. No. 97-13, 6-21-97; Ord. No. 98-17, 7-1-98; Ord. No. 99-15, 6-26-99; Ord. No. 00-15, 5-20-00; Ord. No. 01-14, 6-30-10; Ord. No. 02-19, 6-22-02)

**§ 14.2-1.1. Definitions.**

(a) The words and phrases defined in Section 46.2-100, Code of Virginia, shall, when used in this chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in such section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

(b) The following words and phrases when used in this article shall, for the purpose of this article, have meaning respectively ascribed to them in this section except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- (1) *Washington National Airport*: The area described in 49 U.S.C. 2401 as modified by Executive Order 9851 signed May 13, 1947, within the boundaries of the Commonwealth of Virginia.  
(9-1-59; 8-29-61; 11-24-64; 1-16-67; 8-5-78; Ord. No. 87-19, 6-7-87; Ord. No. 89-14, 7-1-89; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-2. Prohibition against parking of vehicles under certain conditions.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to park, keep, or permit to be parked or kept any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer in or on any public highway, street, alley, public easement, or other public thoroughfare in the county, unless:

- (1) The motor vehicle shall be currently inspected and approved in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the state;
- (2) The vehicle shall be currently registered and licensed to be operated upon the highways of the state in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the state; and
- (3) The vehicle shall be currently licensed to be operated upon the highways of the county in accordance with the laws of the county.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to park, keep, or abandon, or permit to be parked, kept, or abandoned any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer in or on any interstate highway in the county continuously for a period of more than twenty-four (24) hours even though the motor vehicle be properly inspected, registered, and licensed.

(c) It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer on the public streets or public grounds of the county unattended by the owner or operator, in such a manner as to constitute a hazard to traffic.

(d) It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer on the public streets or public grounds of the county in violation of official temporary "No Parking" signs erected to facilitate emergency repairs, special events or like activities. Such official temporary "No Parking" signs shall be erected twenty-four (24) hours prior to the initiation of any enforcement action. Official temporary "No Parking" signs shall be erected in a uniform manner as prescribed by traffic engineering and shall be marked on the reverse side with the date and the date signs were erected. Any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer parked in violation of this section is subject to ticketing and towing.

(e) It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, whether attended or unattended, so as to prevent the use of a curb ramp located on public property or on privately-owned property which is open to the public. A summons for the offense may be issued by police department employees without the necessity of a warrant being obtained by the owner of any private property.

(f) No person shall idle the engine of a bus for more than ten (10) minutes when the bus is parked, left unattended, or is stopped for other than traffic or maintenance reasons. The provisions of this section shall not apply to school buses or public transit buses. Violators of this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00).  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 85-43, 2-1-86; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 93-21, 10-23-93; Ord. No. 96-11, 6-29-96)

**§ 14.2-3. Removal and disposition of unattended or abandoned vehicle.**

Whenever any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is found on the public streets or public grounds unattended by the owner or operator and constitutes a danger or hazard to pedestrian or motor vehicle traffic, or parked in a temporary "No Parking" zone in violation of section 14.2-2(d) of this chapter, or left unattended for more than ten (10) days upon any public property or privately-owned property other than the property of the owner of such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, or abandoned upon such public property or privately-owned property without the permission of the owner, lessee, or occupant thereof, or stalled or rendered immobile as a result of adverse weather conditions or other emergency situations on any public roadway, any such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer may be removed for safekeeping by or under the direction of a police officer or other uniformed employee to a storage garage or area, provided, however, that no such vehicle shall be so removed from privately-owned premises without the written request of the owner, lessee, or occupant thereof. Provided, further, that

the person at whose request such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is removed from privately-owned property shall indemnify the county against any loss or expense incurred by reason of removal, storage, or sale thereof. It shall be presumed that such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, or part thereof, is abandoned if it lacks either a current license plate or, a current county sticker, or a valid state inspection sticker, and it has been in a specific location for four (4) days without being moved. Each removal shall be reported immediately to the chief of police of the county and notice thereof given to the owner of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer as promptly as possible. The owner of such vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, before obtaining possession thereof, shall pay to the county all reasonable costs incidental to the removal, storage and locating the owner of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, or show to the satisfaction of the County Manager or his designee that the removal was not authorized or execute an appearance bond in the amount of such charges with good and solvent surety.

Within ten (10) days of paying such charges or posting bond to secure the release of his vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, the owner may request a hearing in writing. Either the County Manager or his designee shall hear the dispute within two (2) weeks of the request, if practicable; otherwise, as soon as practicable after two (2) weeks. If the County Manager or his designee determines that the removal was not authorized, the owner shall be refunded the charges paid to secure the release of his vehicle.

Should such owner fail or refuse to pay the cost or should the identity or whereabouts of such owner be unknown and unascertainable after a diligent search has been made, and after notice to him at his last known address and the holder of any lien of record in the office of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Virginia against the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, the chief of police of the county may, after holding the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer thirty (30) days and after due notice of sale dispose of the same at public sale and the proceeds from the sale shall be forwarded by the selling officer to the treasurer of the county, provided that if the value of such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer be determined by three (3) disinterested dealers or garagemen to be less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), it may be disposed of by private sale or junked. The treasurer shall pay from the proceeds of sale the cost of removal, storage, investigation as to ownership and liens and notice of sale and the balance of such funds shall be held by him for the owner and paid to the owner upon satisfactory proof of ownership.

If no claim has been made by the owner for the proceeds of such sale, the remaining funds may be deposited to the general fund or any special fund of the county. Any such owner shall be entitled to apply to the county within three (3) years from the date of the sale and if timely application is made therefor, the county shall pay the same to the owner without interest or other charges. No claim shall be made nor shall any suit, action, or proceeding be instituted for the recovery of such funds after three (3) years from the date of such sale.

(11-24-64; 1-16-67; 4-20-74; 8-9-80; Ord. No. 85-43, 2-1-86; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

#### **§ 14.2-3.1. Authority to provide for temporary removal and disposition of vehicles involved in accidents.**

Whenever a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer involved in an accident is found upon the highways or streets within the county and is so located as to impede the orderly flow of traffic, the police may (i) at no cost to the owner or operator, remove such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer from the highways or streets to some point in the vicinity where such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer will not impede the flow of traffic or (ii) have the vehicle removed to a storage area for safekeeping and shall report the removal to the Department of Motor Vehicles of the Commonwealth and to the owner of the vehicle as promptly as possible. If the vehicle is removed to a storage area under clause (ii), the owner shall pay to the parties entitled thereto all costs incidental to its removal and storage.

(11-24-64; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-41, 8-8-92)

#### **§ 14.2-3.2. Leaving vehicles upon private property prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, on the private property of any other person without his consent. Upon complaint of the owner of the property on which such motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or part thereof has been abandoned for more than five (5) days, such motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or part thereof may be removed by or under the direction of a police officer to a storage garage or area; provided that the person at whose request such motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or part thereof is so removed shall indemnify the county against any loss or expense incurred by reason of removal, storage, or sale thereof.

In the case of the removal of a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer or part thereof from private property, when the same cannot be readily sold, such motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or part thereof may be disposed of in such manner as provided in Chapter 19, Code of Arlington County.

In all other respects, the provisions of section 14.2-3 shall apply to such removals; provided that disposal of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer may at the option of the governing body of the county be carried out under either the provisions of section 14.2-3 or under the provisions hereof after a diligent search for the owner, after notice to him at his last known address, and to the holder of any lien of record in the Office of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Virginia against such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, and after the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer has been held at least sixty (60) days.

The Department of Motor Vehicles shall be notified of the disposition of any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer under section 14.2-3 or the provisions hereof.  
(1-16-67; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-3.3. Removal or immobilization of motor vehicles against which there are outstanding parking violations; notice; repossession.**

Whenever there is found any motor vehicle parked upon the public streets or public grounds within Arlington County against which there are three (3) or more outstanding unpaid or otherwise unsettled parking violation notices, such vehicle may, by towing or otherwise, be removed or conveyed to a place within Arlington County or without in an adjacent locality designated by the chief of police for the temporary storage of such vehicles; or such vehicle may be immobilized in such a manner as to prevent its removal or operation except by, or under the direction of, an authorized officer of the police department of the county. Any removal, conveyance or immobilization of the vehicle pursuant to this section shall be by, or under the direction of, an officer of the police department of the county.

- (1) *Notice of immobilization, removal, or impoundment.* It shall be the duty of the officer removing or immobilizing such motor vehicle, or under whose direction such vehicle is removed or immobilized, to inform as soon as practicable the owner of the removed or immobilized vehicle of the fact of the towing or immobilization with a reference which explains the nature and circumstances of the prior unsettled parking violations. In any case involving immobilization of a vehicle pursuant to this section, there shall be placed on such vehicle, in a conspicuous manner, a notice warning that such vehicle has been immobilized and that any attempt to move such vehicle might result in damage thereto.
- (2) *Effect of failure to secure repossession of immobilized vehicle within twenty-four (24) hours.* The owner of an immobilized vehicle, or other duly authorized person, shall be allowed not less than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of immobilization to repossess or secure the release of the vehicle. If the owner fails to repossess or secure the release of the vehicle within this time period, the vehicle may be removed to a storage area for safekeeping under the direction of a police officer of the county.

The owner, or other duly authorized person, shall be permitted to repossess or to secure the release of the vehicle by payment of all outstanding parking violation notices for which the vehicle was removed or immobilized and by payment of all reasonable costs incidental to the immobilization, removal and storage of the vehicle and efforts to locate the owner of the vehicle. Should such owner fail or refuse to pay such fines and costs, or should the identity or whereabouts of such owner be unknown and unascertainable, such vehicle may be sold in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 46.2-1216 of the Code of Virginia.

(3-4-78; Ord. No. 88-12, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 91-18, 5-14-91; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-3.4. Disposition of inoperable abandoned vehicles.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which in the opinion of the County Manager is inoperable and, by virtue of its condition, cannot be feasibly restored to operable condition as determined by an independent appraiser, and:

- (1) Is left unattended on public property for more than ten (10) days; or
- (2) Has remained without consent on private property, including, but not limited to, any commercial parking place, motor vehicle storage facility, or establishment for the service, repair, maintenance, or sale of motor vehicles, whether or not such vehicle was brought onto or left at such property with or without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than ten (10) days;

may be disposed of to a demolisher without the title.

(b) Notification of intent to tow and date for demolition will be placed on all inoperable abandoned vehicles for a ten-day period after the vehicle has been so identified. Notification of intent to demolish will be mailed registered or certified to the registered owner of the vehicle as shown on official government records reasonably available, and no delivery will take place to a demolisher until it is either:

(1) Determined that no such records are reasonably available; or

(2) Ten (10) days have passed since the mailing of the notification.

(Ord. No. 86-15, 6-14-86; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-4. Reserved.**

**Editors Note:** Ord. No. 92-34, adopted July 11, 1992, and Ord. No. 92-42, adopted Aug. 8, 1992, deleted former § 14.2-4, relative to penalties for misdemeanors, which derived from Ord. No. 92-33, adopted July 11, 1992.

**§ 14.2-5. Unauthorized displaying upon a motor vehicle of any button, insignia, or emblem of certain associations or societies.**

No person shall display upon a motor vehicle the insignia or emblem of any automobile club, medical society, order of police, trade union or veterans' organization or use such button, insignia, or emblem to obtain aid or assistance, unless entitled to display or use the same under the constitution, bylaws, rules, or regulations of the organization concerned. A violation of this section shall be a Class 3 misdemeanor.

(9-1-59; 11-24-64; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-34, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-42, 8-8-92)

**§ 14.2-6. Breaking, injuring, defacing, destroying, or preventing the operation of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer.**

Any person who shall individually or in association with one (1) or more others wilfully break, injure, tamper with, or remove any part or parts of any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer for the purpose of injuring, defacing, or destroying such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, or temporarily or permanently preventing its useful operation, or for any purpose against the will or without the consent of the owner of such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, or who shall in any other manner wilfully or maliciously interfere with or prevent the running or operation of such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be punishable by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or confinement in jail not exceeding twelve (12) months, or both. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a bona fide repossession of a motor vehicle by the holder of a lien on such motor vehicle or by the agents or employees of such lien holder.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-7. Entering motor vehicle or trailer, or setting same in motion; exceptions.**

Any person who shall, without the consent of the owner or person in charge of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, climb into or upon such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer with intent to commit any crime, malicious mischief, or injury thereto or who, while a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is at rest and unattended, shall attempt to manipulate any of the levers and starting crank or other device, brakes, or mechanism thereof or to set such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer in motion, with the intent to commit any crime, malicious mischief, or injury thereto, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, except that the foregoing provision shall not apply when any such act is done in an emergency or in furtherance of public safety or by or under the direction of an officer in the regulation of traffic or performance of any other official duty. A violation of this section is punishable by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or confinement in jail not exceeding twelve (12) months, or both.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to a bona fide repossession of a motor vehicle by the holder of a lien on such motor vehicle or by the agents or employees of such lien holder.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-7.1. Fines for nonmoving violations.**

Each law enforcement officer or other employee charged with the duty of enforcing violations shall attach to each vehicle whose operator is in violation of sections 14.2-1, 14.2-2, 14.2-3, 14.2-3.1, 14.2-32, 14.2-33, 14.2-34, 14.2-38, 14.2-

38.1, 14.2-40, 14.2-41, 14.2-42, 14.2-43, 14.2-44, 14.2-45, 14.2-85, 14.2-87, 14.2-96 and 14.2-106 of the County Code, a notice to the operator thereof that such vehicle has been parked in violation of one (1) or more of these sections.

- (a) The fines to be paid prior to issuance of a warrant for violation of Arlington County parking ordinances, except as otherwise provided in section 14.2-7.1(b), shall be the following:
- (1) Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for exceeding the time limit on meter (sections 14.2-42, 14.2-43, 14.2-44, and 14.2-45).
  - (2) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for parking in restricted zone (sections 14.2-33 and 14.2-40); forty dollars (\$40.00) for parking, without consent, on private property (section 14.2-3.2); and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for unlawful parking on a weather emergency street (section 14.2-87);
  - (3) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for not parking on the right side of two-way street (section 14.2-2 and Section 46.2-889 of the Code of Virginia);
  - (4) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for parking on an interstate highway continuously for more than twenty-four (24) hours (section 14.2-2); forty dollars (\$40.00) for leaving a motor vehicle unattended for a period of ten (10) days (section 14.2-3); and forty dollars (\$40.00) for abandoned vehicle (section 14.2-3);
  - (5) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for parking commercial vehicle in residential zone (sections 14.2-33 and 14.2-34);
  - (6) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for parking outside designated space (section 14.2-38);
  - (7) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for parking within twenty (20) feet of corner (section 14.2-38);
  - (8) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for parking within fifteen (15) feet of fire hydrant (section 14.2-38);
  - (9) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for obstructing traffic, violating temporary "No Parking" zone, or creating a hazard (sections 14.2-2, 14.2-3, 14.2-32, 14.2-38, and 14.2-86, and Section 46.2-888 of the Code of Virginia);
  - (10) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for leaving vehicle unattended with motor running (Section 46.2-1071 of the Code of Virginia);
  - (11) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for failure to display valid Virginia license tags (section 14.2-2 and Section 46.2-715 of the Code of Virginia);
  - (12) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for failure to display valid Arlington license tag (section 14.2-2);
  - (13) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for failure to display any valid license tag (section 14.2-2);
  - (14) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for failure to display valid Virginia inspection sticker (section 14.2-2);
  - (15) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for parking in a fire lane (section 14.2-38);
  - (16) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for double parking (section 14.2-38);
  - (17) Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for unlawful parking in a space restricted for use by disabled persons (section 14.2-38.1); and
  - (18) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for parking in a residential restricted zone (Section 14.2-106);
  - (19) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for any nonmoving violation for which a fine is not specifically provided elsewhere in this chapter;

- (20) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for parking or placing any automobile, truck, trailer or other vehicle upon or in any street, alley or parkway for the purpose of selling or offering the same for sale or rent.
- (b) Notwithstanding section 14.2-7.1(a), fines to be paid prior to issuance of a warrant for violation of the following Arlington parking ordinances occurring at Washington National Airport shall be:
- (1) Thirty dollars (\$30.00) for exceeding time limit on meter (section 14.2-43);
  - (2) Forty dollars (\$40.00) for parking in restricted or reserved area without a permit (section 14.2-96);
  - (3) Fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) for parking within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant (section 14.2-38);
  - (4) Fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) for double parking (section 14.2-38); and
  - (5) Fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) for parking a motor vehicle, except in an attended parking area, for over seventy-two (72) hours without the specific approval of the airport manager (section 14.2-96).

The fines assessed in accordance with this section shall be paid by the violator within thirty (30) days of issuance of the notice of violation. If payment is not made within thirty (30) days, the violator will be assessed a late payment fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each outstanding notice of violation. Nothing in this section shall affect any fines, forfeitures, or penalties set for violation of Arlington County ordinances after issuance of a parking summons or warrant. (9-23-78; 2-24-79; Ord. No. 82-3, 4-1-82; Ord. No. 85-15, 4-27-85; Ord. No. 85-43, 2-1-86; Ord. No. 86-4, 1-25-86; Ord. No. 86-6, 2-8-86; Ord. No. 87-10, 4-4-87; Ord. No. 87-19, 6-7-87; Ord. No. 89-13, 7-1-89; Ord. No. 90-35, 10-20-90; Ord. No. 92-10, 7-1-92; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-34, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-42, 8-8-92; Ord. No. 92-49, 9-26-92; Ord. No. 92-52, 11-14-92; Ord. No. 97-12, 6-21-97; Ord. No. 97-13, 6-21-97; Ord. No. 98-6, 7-1-98; Ord. No. 98-18, 6-6-98; Ord. No. 02-2, 1-26-02; Ord. No. 06-03, 3-14-06)

## DIVISION 2.

### REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

#### Subdivision A.

#### General Provisions

#### § 14.2-8. Drivers to obey signs.

The driver of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer shall obey and comply with the requirements of road and highway signs, markings, or lights erected upon the authority of the state highway commission, proper agencies of the federal government, or the County Manager; and the failure of such driver to comply with this provision shall constitute a traffic infraction and be punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00). For the purpose of this section, every place and way in Arlington County open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel and owned by WMATA, or owned by WMATA and open to use only by WMATA, or those having the express or implied permission of WMATA, are hereby designated as highways by the County Board pursuant to Section 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia. (9-1-59; 2-23-74; 1-5-80; 2-9-80; Ord. No. 91-18, 5-14-91; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-34, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-42, 8-8-92)

#### § 14.2-8.1. Fine for use of commuter lanes.

Any person operating a motor vehicle in a designated commuter lane in violation of section 14.2-11 shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). Those vehicles which are permitted to enter commuter lanes solely for the purpose of making right or left turns shall make a right or left turn, as the case may be, at the next intersection where such turns are permitted by law. (10-13-73; 8-5-78; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-34, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-42, 8-8-92)

#### § 14.2-9. Other than official signs prohibited.

No unauthorized person shall erect or maintain upon any highway any warning or direction sign, marker, signal, or

light in limitation of any official sign, marker, signal, or light erected under the provisions of this division, and no person shall erect or maintain upon any highway any traffic or highway sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the erection or maintenance of signs, markers, or signals bearing thereon the name of an organization which has been authorized to erect the same by the state highway commission or by the County Manager, nor shall this section be construed to prohibit the erection by contractors or public utility companies of temporary signs approved by the state highway department or the County Manager warning motorists that work is in progress upon the highway or adjacent thereto.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-10. Injuring signs.**

Any person who shall deface, injure, knock down or remove any sign legally posted as provided in this division shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-34, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-42, 8-8-92)

**§ 14.2-11. Duty of County Manager; regulation of traffic.**

It shall be the duty of the County Manager to direct the removal, placing, erection, and changing of such signs, signals, and markings as in his judgment may be required in accordance with Sections 33.1-46.2, 46.2-1219, 46.2-1300 through 46.2-1302, and 46.2-1304 of the Code of Virginia. This duty shall include, but not be limited to, the erection of stop signs, yield right-of-way signs, turn prohibition signs, the designation of one-way streets, through streets, and commuter lanes.

(8-9-73; Ord. No. 91-18, 5-14-91; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-12. Maximum and minimum speed limits.**

(a) No person shall drive any vehicle upon a highway in this county at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour except upon the following highways or portions thereof on which the speed limits shall be as follows:

***Thirty (30) miles per hour upon:***

*North 10th Street between Arlington Boulevard and North Washington Boulevard.*

*Fairfax Drive between North Monroe Street and North Glebe Road.*

*George Washington Parkway, marked portions either side of Key Bridge.*

*Kirkwood Road from Washington Boulevard to Spout Run Parkway.*

*Lorcom Lane from Old Dominion Drive to Spout Run Parkway.*

*Nellie Custis Drive from Lorcom Lane to Military Road.*

*South Arlington Mill Drive from Shirlington Road to Walter Reed Drive.*

*North Carlin Springs Road from North Glebe Road to Arlington Boulevard.*

*South Carlin Springs Road from Arlington Boulevard to Columbia Pike.*

*Fairfax Drive from Arlington Boulevard to North Barton Street.*

*Little Falls Road from Yorktown Boulevard at North Kensington Street to Williamsburg Boulevard.*

*North Pershing Drive from Arlington Boulevard (Fort Myer) to North 2nd Street.*

*Quaker Lane from Shirley Highway to King Street.*

*Walter Reed Drive from Columbia Pike to King Street.*

*North Westmoreland Street from Arlington County line to Fairfax Drive.*

*South 15th Street from Jefferson Davis Highway to South Hayes Street.*

*Chain Bridge Road from North Glebe Road to Fairfax County Line.*

*Washington Boulevard from Kirkwood Road to Lee Highway.*

*Spout Run Parkway from Lee Highway to Kirkwood Road.*

*Williamsburg Boulevard from North Glebe Road to North 29th Street.*

*Yorktown Boulevard from North 26th Street to North Kensington Street.*

*Old Dominion Drive from Lorcom Lane to North Abingdon Street.*

*Military Road from North Glebe Road to Lee Highway.*

*South George Mason Drive from Arlington Boulevard to Fairfax County line.*

*South Four Mile Run Drive (West Roadway) from Columbia Pike to South Walter Reed Drive.*

*Washington Boulevard from North Pershing Drive to North 10th Street.*

*Columbia Pike from Pentagon Reservation to South Dinwiddie Street.*

*Army Navy Drive from South 25th Street to South Nash Street.*

*South Eads Street from South 15th Street to Army Navy Drive.*

*South Hayes Street from South 15th Street to South 12th Street.*

*Wilson Boulevard from North Glebe Road to Fairfax County Line.*

*South Four Mile Run Drive from South Walter Reed Drive to Shirlington Road.*

*North George Mason Drive from Yorktown Boulevard to Arlington Boulevard.*

*South Eads Street from South 24th Street to South Glebe Road.*

*North Roosevelt Street from North 17th Street to Falls Church City line.*

*North Sycamore Street from Williamsburg Boulevard to North Washington Boulevard.*

*Clarendon Boulevard from Washington Boulevard to North Oak Street.*

*Crystal Drive from Jefferson Davis Highway to South 12th Street.*

*Fairfax Drive from Little Falls Road to Washington Boulevard.*

*Fort Myer Drive from Key Bridge to Arlington Boulevard (including underpass).*

*Fort Myer Drive underpass at Wilson Boulevard.*

*North Glebe Road from Arlington Boulevard to Lee Highway.*

*Lee Highway from the Federal line at the approach to Key Bridge at Rosslyn to North Nash Street.*

*Lee Highway from North Quincy Street to Falls Church City Line.*

*North Lynn Street from Arlington Boulevard to Key Bridge.*

*North Meade Street from Arlington Boulevard to Jackson Avenue.*

*Washington Boulevard from Lee Highway to North Westmoreland Street.*

*Wilson Boulevard from Jefferson Davis Highway to Washington Boulevard.*

***Thirty-five (35) miles per hour upon:***

*U.S. Route 1*

*Old Dominion Drive from Military Road to Lorcom Lane*

*Columbia Pike from South Dinwiddie Street to Fairfax County line.*

*South Glebe Road from West Glebe Road to Jefferson Davis Highway*

*State Route 233 (Airport Viaduct) from Jefferson Davis Highway to Mount Vernon Parkway right-of-way.*

*South 5th Road from South Carlin Springs Road to Fairfax County line.*

*Washington Boulevard from Arlington Boulevard to North Pershing Drive.*

*Old Dominion Drive from North Abingdon Street to North Glebe Road.*

*Army Navy Drive from South Nash Street to South 12th Street.*

*South Joyce Street from Columbia Pike to Army Navy Drive.*

*North Sycamore Street from North Washington Boulevard to North 17th Street.*

*South Glebe Road from West Glebe Road to Arlington Boulevard.*

*South Hayes Street from South 15th Street to Army Navy Drive.*

*Old Dominion Drive from North Glebe Road to Fairfax County line.*

*North Glebe Road from Lee Highway to ramp from Military Road.*

*Lee Highway from North Veitch Street to North Quincy Street.*

*Spout Run Parkway from George Washington Memorial Parkway to Lee Highway.*

***Forty (40) miles per hour upon:***

*George Washington Memorial Parkway from Four Mile Run to Spout Run Parkway.*

*Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway (Route I-95) from the Federal line at the approach to 14th Street Bridge to Arlington Ridge Road connection (Bridge 16).*

*Lee Highway from North Nash Street to North Veitch Street.*

***Forty-five (45) miles per hour upon:***

*South Washington Boulevard* from Boundary Channel to Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway.

*South Washington Boulevard* from Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway to Arlington Boulevard.

*Jefferson Davis Highway (Route 110)* from Wilson Boulevard to U.S. Route 1.

*Arlington Boulevard (U.S. Route 50)* except parallel marginal or service roads which shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

***Fifty (50) miles per hour upon:***

*George Washington Memorial Parkway* from Spout Run Parkway to Fairfax County line.

***Fifty-five (55) miles per hour upon:***

*Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway (I-95)* from Alexandria line to the District of Columbia line at the 14th Street Bridge.

(b) In any event, irrespective of the provisions of subsection (a) above, no person shall drive any vehicle upon a highway in the county at a speed in excess of:

- (1) Forty-five (45) miles per hour if the vehicle is a truck, road tractor, tractor truck, or combination of vehicles designed to transport property, or is a motor vehicle being used to tow a vehicle designed for self-propulsion or a house trailer.
- (2) Thirty-five (35) miles per hour if the vehicle is being used as a school bus carrying children.
- (3) Forty-five (45) miles per hour if the vehicle or combination of vehicles is operating under a special permit issued by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in accordance with Sections 46.2-1112, 46.2-1129, 46.2-1139, and 46.2-1141 through 46.2-1149 of the Code of Virginia.

(c) In any event, irrespective of the type or use of vehicle driven, no person shall drive same in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour between portable signs or fixed blinking signs placed in the highway bearing the word "School" which word shall indicate that school children are present in the immediate vicinity.

(d) No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.

(e) In any event, irrespective of the type or use of vehicle driven, no person shall drive same in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour in any public alley in this county.

(f) Any person violating this section shall be punishable by a fine of up to two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(g) The County Manager or his designee may temporarily reduce the speed limit on any highway in which work is being done in Arlington County. The County Manager or his designee may reduce such speed limit for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days or, after a traffic engineering study is completed to determine if the reduced speed limit is warranted, for a longer period of time until the work is complete. Any such speed area or zone shall be clearly indicated by markers or signs.

(9-1-59; 9-24-66; 11-18-67; 1-3-70; 2-21-73; 7-13-74; 12-18-76; Ord. No. 89-27, 11-18-89; Ord. No. 91-18, 5-14-91; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-34, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-42, 8-8-92; Ord. No. 93-23, 11-22-93; Ord. No. 00-31, § 1, 12-18-00; Ord. No. 02-22, § 1, 10-19-02; Ord. No. 07-12, 9-8-07)

**§ 14.2-12.1. Admissibility of certain evidence in prosecution for exceeding speed limit.**

In the trial of any person charged with exceeding any maximum speed limit in this county, the court may receive as evidence a sworn report of the results of a calibration test of the accuracy of the speedometer in the motor vehicle operated by the defendant or the arresting officer at the time of the alleged offense.

(1-16-67; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-13. Suspension of license where speed limit exceeded by more than five (5) miles per hour.**

When any person shall be convicted for the second and each subsequent time within the period of one (1) year of violating any provisions of this article which designates the maximum speed limit for the operation of motor vehicles and the judge or jury shall find in each case that such person exceeded the prescribed speed limit by more than five (5) miles per hour, then in addition to any other penalties provided by law, the operator's permit of such person shall be suspended for a period of sixty (60) days. The provisions of this section shall not apply in any case unless the applicable legal speed limit is forty-five (45) miles per hour or more.

In case of conviction, the court or judge shall require the delivery of the operator's permit to the court where it shall be held in accordance with Section 46.2-398 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The provisions of Section 46.2-411, Code of Virginia, as amended, shall not apply to any person whose license is revoked under the provisions of this section. (11-24-64; Ord. No. 91-18, 5-14-91; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-14. Payment of witness fees.**

In any case in which there is a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicants or drugs, or in any case involving a violation of a motor vehicle ordinance in which the drinking of such intoxicants or the taking of drugs is found to be a contributing factor, the court or judge before whom such case is tried or in which a plea of guilty is entered, may direct the payment of a reasonable fee to any physician or chemist called as an expert witness for the prosecution. The clerk shall in such case pay such fees out of the gross receipts for traffic fines in his hands before paying such fines over into the county treasury. No such fee shall be paid, however, to any witness for the defendant. (9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-15. Backing.**

The operator of any vehicle in the county shall not back such vehicle unless such movement can be made with safety and without interfering with other traffic. (9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-16. Operator to give full time and attention to driving.**

No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the highways of this county without giving his full time and attention to the operation of the vehicle. (9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-17. Vehicle to be kept under control.**

No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the highways of this county, failing to keep the vehicle under proper control at all times. (9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-18. Penalty for violations of sections 14.2-15 through 14.2-17.**

Any person who violates any provision of the three (3) preceding sections shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment in jail not exceeding ten (10) days, or both. (11-24-64; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-19. One-way roadways and rotary traffic islands.**

(a) The County Manager may designate any highway or separate roadway under the jurisdiction of the county for one-way traffic and shall erect appropriate signs, and traffic thereon shall move only in the direction designated.

(b) A vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island shall be driven only to the right of such island. (9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-20. Special regulations applicable on streets and highways laned for traffic.**

Whenever any highway has been divided into clearly marked lanes for traffic, drivers of vehicles shall obey the following regulations:

- (a) Any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions existing shall be driven in the lane nearest the righthand edge or curb of the highway when such lane is available for travel, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle or in preparation for a left turn or as permitted in paragraph (d) of this section;
- (b) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as is practicable entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from such lane until the driver has ascertained that such movement can be made with safety;
- (c) Upon a highway which is divided into three (3) lanes a vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle or in preparation for a left turn or unless such center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and is signposted or marked to give notice of such allocation;
- (d) The County Manager may designate righthand lanes for slow moving traffic and where such lanes are signposted or marked to give notice of such designation, a vehicle may be driven in any lane allocated to traffic moving in the direction such vehicle is proceeding, but when traveling within such inside lanes vehicles shall be driven at approximately the speed authorized in such lanes and speed shall not unnecessarily be decreased so as to block, hinder, or retard traffic;
- (e) Whenever a highway is marked with double traffic lines consisting of a solid line immediately adjacent to a broken line, no vehicle shall be driven to the left of such line if the solid line is on the right of the broken line, except that it shall be lawful to make a left turn for the purpose of entering or leaving a public, private, or commercial road or entrance;
- (f) Wherever a highway is marked with double traffic lines consisting of two (2) immediately adjacent solid lines, no vehicle shall be driven to the left of such lines, except that it shall be lawful to make a left turn for the purpose of entering or leaving a public, private, or commercial road or entrance.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-20.1. Trucks prohibited on certain streets, with exceptions; penalty.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or cause to be used any truck, except for the purpose of receiving loads or making deliveries, on the following portions of the following streets:

- (1) *North Highland Street* between Lee Highway and 13th Street North;
- (2) *North Danville Street* between Lee Highway and Wilson Boulevard;
- (3) *Key Boulevard* between North Veitch Street and North Jackson Street;
- (4) *North Hartford Street* between 13th Street North and 17th Street North;
- (5) *17th Street North* between North Hartford Street and Kirkwood Road.
- (6) *North Fillmore Street* between Wilson Boulevard and North Highland Street.
- (7) *North Edgewood Street* between Franklin Road and North Highland Street.
- (8) *South Columbus Street* between Columbia Pike and South George Mason Drive.
- (9) *South Frederick Street* between Columbia Pike and South George Mason Drive.
- (10) *19th Street North* between North Tuckahoe Street and North Westmoreland Street.
- (11) *North Westmoreland Street* between 19th Road North and 19th Street North.

(12) *4<sup>th</sup> Street North* between Washington Boulevard and North Fillmore Street.

(13) *North Edgewood Street* between North Pershing Drive and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North.

(b) This section shall not apply to: (1) persons residing on the portions of the streets described in (a) above when such persons are using or causing to be used any truck on a portion of such street for access to such person's residence; or (2) emergency vehicles, firefighting vehicles, or county vehicles providing government services.

(c) Any person who violates this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(Ord. No. 99-22, 11-13-99; Ord. No. 00-29, § 1, 11-18-00; Ord. No. 05-12, 10-15-05)

**§ 14.2-21. Following too closely.**

The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the speed of both vehicles and the traffic upon, and conditions of, the highway at the time.

The driver of any motor truck or bus shall not follow another motor truck or bus within two hundred (200) feet when upon any highway in this county.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-22. Duty of drivers receiving signals.**

Drivers receiving a signal from another driver shall keep their vehicle under complete control and shall be able to avoid an accident resulting from a misunderstanding of such signal.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-23. Blocking intersections.**

No driver of a motor vehicle shall enter an intersection or crosswalk, regardless of traffic signals, when the vehicular traffic is so congested beyond the intersection in the direction he intends to travel that he will be unable to proceed entirely through the intersection.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-23.1. Photo-monitoring of traffic light signals.**

(a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the meanings set out below:

(1) "System" means a traffic light signal violation-monitoring system that operates by means of a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with a traffic light that automatically produces two or more photographs, two or more microphotographs, a videotape or other recorded images of each vehicle at the time it is used or operated in violation of Virginia Code §46.2-833, §46.2-835, or §46.2-836, as amended, which are incorporated by reference in §14.2-1 of this Chapter 14.2. For each such vehicle, at least one recorded image shall be of the vehicle before it has illegally entered the intersection, and at least one recorded image shall be of the same vehicle after it has illegally entered that intersection.

(2) "Owner" means the registered owner of a vehicle on record with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(b) The County Manager or the manager's designee may install and operate, at no more than one intersection for every 10,000 residents within the County, a System for the purpose of imposing monetary liability on the operator of a motor vehicle for failure to comply with traffic light signals within the County.

(c) Proof of violation; presumption.

- (1) Proof of a violation of this section shall be evidenced by information obtained from the System. A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed a law enforcement officer employed by the county, or a facsimile thereof, based upon inspection of photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded images produced by the System, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein. Any photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded images evidencing such a violation shall be available for inspection in any proceeding to adjudicate liability for a violation of this section.
- (2) Prima facie evidence that the vehicle described in the summons issued pursuant to subsection (e) was operated in violation of this section, together with proof that the defendant was at the time of such violation the registered owner of the vehicle the owner, lessee or renter of the vehicle, shall constitute in evidence a rebuttable presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle such owner, lessee or renter of the vehicle was the person who committed the violation. This presumption shall be rebutted if the registered owner of the vehicle owner, lessee or renter of the vehicle files an affidavit by regular mail with the clerk of the general district court that he or she was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation or testifies in open court under oath that he or she was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of alleged violation. Such presumption shall also be rebutted if a certified copy of a police report, showing that the vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time of the alleged violation, is presented, prior to the return date established on the summons issued pursuant to this section, to the court adjudicating the alleged violation.

(d) The operator of a vehicle shall have violated this section and shall be liable for a monetary penalty of up to (\$50.00) if the operator is found, as evidenced by information obtained from the system, to have failed to comply with a traffic light signal. No monetary penalty imposed under this section shall include court costs. Imposition of a penalty under this section shall not be deemed a conviction as an operator, and shall not be made part of the operating record of the person upon whom such liability is imposed; nor shall it be used for insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

(e) A summons for a violation of this section may be executed pursuant to Section 19.2-76-2 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 19.2-76 of the Virginia Code, a summons for a violation of this section may be executed by mailing by first-class mail a copy of the summons to the owner of the vehicle, lessee or renter of the vehicle as shown on the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles. In the case of a vehicle owner, the copy shall be mailed to the address contained in the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles; in the case of a vehicle lessee or renter, the copy shall be mailed to the address contained in the records of the lessor or renter. Every such mailing shall include, in addition to the summons, a notice of (i) the summoned person's ability to rebut the presumption that he was the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation through the filing of an affidavit as provided in subsection D and (ii) instructions for filing such affidavit, including the address to which the affidavit is to be sent. If the summoned person fails to appear on the date of return set out in the mailed summons, the summons shall be executed in the manner set out in Section 19.2-76.3 of the Code of Virginia. No proceedings for the contempt or arrest of a person summoned by mailing shall be instituted or failure to appear on the return date of the summons. Any summons executed for a violation of this section shall provide to the person summoned at least 60 business days from the mailing of the summons to inspect information collected by a traffic light signal violation monitoring system in connection with the violation. (Ord. No. 98-1, 1-17-98; Ord. No. 07-14, 9-18-07)

#### **Subdivision B.**

#### **Protection of Pedestrians**

#### **§ 14.2-24. Playing on streets or highways; skating, roller coasters, etc.; County Manager may close streets for coasting, etc.**

(a) No person shall play on a highway or street in this county other than upon the sidewalks thereof. No person shall use on a highway or street in said county, roller skates, coasters, or similar vehicles or toys or other devices on wheels or runners (including sleds, except as otherwise permitted in designated areas), except bicycles and motorcycles. The County Manager may, by placing of signs, signals, or barriers, temporarily close streets or otherwise limit their use by motor vehicles to the end that such streets may be used for parades, sledding, street dances, coaster derbies and other activities of this general

nature. Operators of motor vehicles shall follow the directions of such signs or signals. Other users of such closed or limited area shall follow the directions posted.

(b) No person riding upon any bicycle, roller skates, toys, or other devices or wheels or runners shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-25. Penalty for violating section 14.2-24.**

Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of section 14.2-24 shall be fined not less than two dollars (\$2.00) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense.  
(9-1-59; 1-16-67; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-26. When vehicles to stop for pedestrian guided by dog or carrying white or metallic cane.**

Whenever a totally or partially blind pedestrian is crossing or attempting to cross a public street or highway guided by a dog guide or carrying a cane which is predominantly metallic or white in color, with or without a red tip, the driver of every vehicle approaching the intersection or place of crossing shall bring his vehicle to a full stop before arriving at such intersection or place of crossing, unless such intersection or place of crossing is controlled by a traffic officer or traffic light.  
(9-1-59; 11-24-64; Ord. No. 90-16, 7-1-90; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-27. Unlawful for person not blind or incapacitated to carry such cane.**

It is unlawful for any person, unless totally or partially blind or otherwise incapacitated, while on any public street or highway in this county, to carry a cane which is metallic or white in color, with or without a red tip.  
(9-1-59; 11-24-64; Ord. No. 90-16, 7-1-90; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-28. Penalty for violating section 14.2-26 or 14.2-27 of this Code.**

Any person who violates any provision of section 14.2-26 of this Code shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Any person who violates any provision of section 14.2-27 of this Code shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 90-16, 7-1-90; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-34, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-42, 8-8-92)

**§ 14.2-29. Construction of sections 14.2-26 through 14.2-28; failure to use cane or guide dog not contributory negligence.**

Nothing contained in sections 14.2-26 through 14.2-28 shall be construed to deprive any totally or partially blind or otherwise incapacitated person not carrying such a cane or walking stick or not being guided by a dog of the rights and privileges conferred by law upon pedestrians crossing streets or highways, nor shall the failure of such totally or partially blind or otherwise incapacitated person to carry a cane or walking stick, or to be guided by a guide dog upon the streets, highways, or sidewalks in this county be held to constitute nor be evidence of contributory negligence.  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-30. Pedestrians to obey signs, signals, etc.**

(a) Pedestrians shall obey signs and signals erected on highways or streets in this county for the direction and control of travel and traffic and they shall obey the orders of police officers engaged in directing traffic and travel on the highways and streets in this county. Violations of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five dollars (\$5.00) for each offense.

(b) Pedestrian traffic is controlled by the above except when such movement is governed by a pedestrian control signal.  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-31. Creation of safety zones; driving through safety zone prohibited.**

The County Manager may, by placing adequate markings or signs, create safety zones in the streets. The driver of a vehicle shall not at any time drive through or over a safety zone.  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-31.1. Operators of motor vehicles to yield right-of-way to pedestrians in crosswalks.**

(a) The County Manager is authorized, upon receipt of a recommendation from the Director of Environmental Services, to provide for the installation and maintenance of highway signs at marked crosswalks specifically requiring operator of motor vehicles, at the locations where such signs are installed, to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing or attempting to cross the highway.

(b) Any operator of a motor vehicle who fails to yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian, at any marked crosswalk where a sign described in subsection (a) above is installed, shall be guilty of a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).  
(Ord. No. 01-2, § 1, 1-27-01; Ord. No. 04-25, 10-2-04)

**Subdivision C.**

**Parking and Stopping on Highway**

**§ 14.2-32. Stopping, standing, or parking in alleys.**

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle within an alley in a business district except for the expeditious loading or unloading of materials, and no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle in any other alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic.  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-33. Restricted and no parking areas.**

The County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to determine and define street areas within which the volume of vehicular traffic is such as to require restrictions upon parking of vehicles; to classify vehicles with reference to parking; to designate the time, place, and manner in which such vehicles may be allowed to park upon the highways; to make such rules and regulations as traffic conditions may require in various areas and under the varying conditions which may prevail at different times. It shall be the duty of the County Manager, upon the promulgation of such regulations, and before the same shall become effective, to give such public notice thereof by establishing and posting signs, or otherwise, as may be reasonably adequate to make clear to the operators of vehicles in "no parking" or "restricted parking" areas the existence, nature, and requirements of such regulations. From and after the effective date of regulations imposed in any area by virtue of the provisions of this article, it shall be unlawful for any person to stop or park any vehicle in any restricted or prohibited area otherwise than in accordance with these regulations.  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-34. Limitation on parking of commercial vehicles motor homes, camping trailers, boats, and boat trailers in areas zoned for residential use.**

(a) *Limitation on parking of commercial vehicles.*

(1) For the purposes of this subsection, a commercial vehicle is defined as any of the following:

- a. Any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of twelve thousand (12,000) pounds or more.
- b. Any vehicle designed to carry sixteen (16) or more passengers, including the driver.
- c. Any vehicle of any size that is being used in the transportation of hazardous materials as defined in section 46.2-341.1 of the Code of Virginia.
- d. Any trailer or semitrailer, regardless of whether such trailer or semitrailer is attached to another vehicle.

- e. Any vehicle with three (3) or more axles.
- (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any commercial vehicle, except for utility generators located on trailers and being used to power network facilities during a loss of commercial power and for those commercial vehicles temporarily parked while loading or unloading passengers or goods, materials or supplies, or while involved in construction work, or while performing services such as repair and/or installation of equipment, within or along any public street or highway of the county where the land abutting such public street or highway is zoned for residential use under the Zoning Ordinance of the county then in effect.
- (b) *Limitation on parking of vehicles for commercial purposes.*
- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer for commercial purposes, except for utility generators located on trailers and being used to power network facilities during a loss of commercial power and for those temporarily parked while loading or unloading passengers or goods, materials or supplies, or while involved in construction work, or while performing services such as repair and/or installation of equipment, within or along any public street or highway of the county where the land abutting such public street or highway is zoned for residential use under the Zoning Ordinance of the county then in effect.
- (c) *Limitation on parking of motor homes and camping trailers.*
- (1) For the purposes of this subsection, a motor home is defined as a private motor vehicle with a normal seating capacity of not more than ten (10) persons, including the driver, designed primarily for use as living quarters for human beings.
- (2) For purposes of this subsection, a camping trailer is defined as a vehicle that has collapsible sides and contains sleeping quarters but may or may not contain bathing and cooking facilities and is designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle.
- (3) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any motor home or camping trailer within or along any public street or highway of the county, where the land abutting such public street or highway is zoned for residential use, for a period of five (5) consecutive days.
- (d) *Limitation on parking of boats and boat trailers.*
- (1) For purposes of this subsection, a boat is defined as a vessel as defined in section 29.1-700 of the Code of Virginia.
- (2) It shall be unlawful to park any boat or boat trailer within or along any public street or highway of the county where the land abutting such public street or highway is zoned for residential use under the Zoning Ordinance of the county then in effect.
- (e) For purposes of this subsection, in instances where a public street or highway serves as the boundary between an area zoned for residential use and an area zoned for another use, then the centerline of that public street or highway shall be considered as the boundary between the two (2) areas. In such instances, the provisions of this section shall apply only to the side of the public street or highway that abuts the area zoned for residential use.
- (f) Any person who shall violate this subsection shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).  
(9-1-59; 5-10-61; 8-29-61; 3-12-62; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-30, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 94-2, 2-5-94; Ord. No. 03-16, 6-23-03)

**§ 14.2-35. Flares and other signals when vehicle disabled on highway after dark--Generally.**

Whenever any bus, truck, trailer, house trailer, or mobile home is disabled and stops upon any portion of the traveled portion of any highway in this county, except those which are artificially lighted at night, at any time, during which lights are

required upon motor vehicles by Section 46.2-1030 of the Code of Virginia, the operator of such bus, truck, trailer, house trailer, or mobile home shall place or cause to be placed on the roadway three (3) red reflector flares or torches of a type approved by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police of Virginia. One (1) of the flares or torches shall be placed in the center of the lane of traffic occupied by the disabled bus, truck, trailer, house trailer, or mobile home and not less than one hundred (100) feet therefrom in the direction of traffic approaching in that lane, one (1) not less than one hundred (100) feet from such bus, truck, trailer, house trailer, or mobile home in the opposite direction and one (1) at the traffic side of such bus, truck, trailer, house trailer, or mobile home not closer than ten (10) feet from the front or rear thereof; provided, however, that if such bus, truck, trailer, house trailer, or mobile home is disabled within five hundred (500) feet of a curve or crest of a hill, or other obstruction to view, the flares or torches in that direction shall be so placed as to afford ample warning to other users of the highway, but in no case less than five hundred (500) feet from the disabled vehicle.  
(9-1-59; 11-24-64; 1-16-67; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-36. Same--When red reflector flares or red lanterns required instead of flares.**

If any such vehicle is used for the transportation of flammable liquids in bulk, whether loaded or empty or for transporting flammable gases, red reflector flares or red electric lanterns of a type approved by the superintendent of state police shall be used. Such reflectors or lanterns shall be lighted and placed upon the roadway in the manner provided in the preceding section.  
(9-1-59; 11-24-64; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-37. Same--When red flags required instead of flares.**

During such time as lights on motor vehicles are not required, red flags not less than twelve (12) inches both in length and width shall be used in place of flares, torches, reflectors, or lanterns. The flags shall be placed upon the roadway in the manner prescribed in sections 14.2-36 and 14.2-37 above for flares, torches, reflectors, and lanterns, except that no flag shall be required to be placed at the side of such vehicle; but if the disablement of such vehicle continues into the period when lights on motor vehicles are required, flares, torches, reflectors, or lanterns shall be placed as required by sections 14.2-36 and 14.2-37 above.  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-38. Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified places.**

(a) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

- (1) On a sidewalk;
- (2) In front of a public or private driveway;
- (3) Within an intersection;
- (4) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant or entrance to a fire station;
- (5) Within twenty (20) feet from the intersection of curb lines or, if none, then within fifteen (15) feet of the intersection or property lines at an intersection of highways unless otherwise designated;
- (6) On a crosswalk;
- (7) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge of curb of a street;
- (8) In any fire lane designated by the fire chief in accordance with section 8-3/F-313.0 [8-10.3.6] of the Arlington County Fire Prevention Code;
- (9) In any designated school bus loading zone;
- (10) In front of emergency exits of schools and other public buildings or grounds which have been designated by the County Manager.

(12-10-75; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-38.1. Parking in spaces restricted for use by disabled persons.**

It shall be unlawful for a vehicle not displaying disabled parking license plates, an organizational removable windshield placard, a permanent removable windshield placard, or a temporary removable windshield placard issued under Virginia Code Section 46.2-1241, or DV disabled parking license plates issued under subsection B of Virginia Code Section 46.2-739, to be parked in a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities that limit or impair their ability to walk or for a person who is not limited or impaired in his ability to walk to park a vehicle in a parking space so designated except when transporting a person with such a disability in the vehicle.

- (1) A summons or parking ticket for the offense may be issued by uniformed police department personnel without the necessity of a warrant being obtained by the owner of any private parking area.
- (2) In any prosecution charging a violation of this section, proof that the vehicle described in the complaint, summons, parking ticket, citation, or warrant was parked in violation of this section, together with proof that the defendant was at the time the registered owner of the vehicle, as required by Chapter 6 (Section 46.2-600 et seq.) of the Code of Virginia, shall constitute prima facie evidence that the registered owner of the vehicle was the person who committed the violation.
- (3) No violation of this section shall be dismissed for a property owner's failure to comply strictly with the requirements for disabled parking signs set forth in Virginia Code Section 36-99.11, provided the space is clearly distinguishable as a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities that limit or impair their ability to walk.

Any person convicted under the provisions of this subsection shall be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.  
(9-23-78; 1-27-81; Ord. No. 85-24, 7-1-85; Ord. No. 90-35, 10-20-90; Ord. No. 90-37, 11-20-90; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 97-14, 6-21-97; Ord. No. 97-20, 7-19-97; Ord. No. 98-18, 6-6-98)

**§ 14.2-38.2. Reserved.**

**Editors Note:** Ord. No. 03-12, adopted May 17, 2003, repealed § 14.2-38.2, which pertained to removal of trespassing vehicles by owners of parking or other lot or building. See also the Code Comparative Table.

**§ 14.2-38.3. Stopping or parking in loading zones.**

- (a) Definitions:
  - (1) *Loading zone:* A space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of commercial vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers or materials.
  - (2) *Commercial vehicles:* A motor vehicle used for the transportation of persons or material and which is licensed as a commercial vehicle or which is so designated as a commercial vehicle by advertising on the vehicle stating the name of the company in lettering of three (3) inches or larger.
- (b) The County Manager is authorized to adopt administrative regulations for the establishment of loading zones. The administrative regulations shall provide criteria for where such loading zones may be established. Establishment of a loading zone shall be at the discretion of the County Manager and based upon the results of an engineering and traffic investigation.
- (c) No person shall stop or park a vehicle for any purpose other than for the expeditious unloading and delivery or pick-up and loading of materials or passengers in any place marked as a loading zone during hours applicable to such zones. In no case shall the stop for loading and unloading of materials or passengers exceed thirty (30) minutes.  
(Ord. No. 84-30, 10-13-84; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**Subdivision D.****Parking Meter Zones**

**§ 14.2-39. Definitions.**

The following words and phrases, when used in this subdivision, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section:

*In-vehicle parking regulator* shall mean and include any mechanical or electronic device or meter not inconsistent with this section which is properly obtained for lease or purchase from the county and which is used, placed or attached inside a motor vehicle for the regulation of parking by authority of this section. Each such in-vehicle parking regulator in use shall at all times indicate by appropriate signal or display the balance of legal parking time, and at the expiration of such period shall indicate illegal or overtime parking.

*Park, parking* shall mean the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a street otherwise than while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers or loading merchandise in obedience to traffic regulations, signs or signals or an involuntary stopping of the vehicle by reason of causes beyond the control of the operator of the vehicle.

*Parking meter* shall mean and include any mechanical or electronic device or other meter not inconsistent with this section used, placed, or erected for the regulation of parking by authority of this section. Each parking meter installed shall indicate by proper legend the legal parking times established by the county and when operated shall at all times indicate the balance of legal parking time and the expiration of such period shall indicate illegal or overtime parking.

*Parking meter space* shall mean any space within a parking meter zone adjacent to a parking meter and which is duly designated for the parking of a single vehicle by lines painted or otherwise durably marked on the curb or on the surface of the street adjacent to or adjoining the parking meters.

*Parking meter zone* shall mean and include any restricted street upon which parking meters are installed and in operation.

*Parking permit* shall mean a printed sticker or card issued by the County Manager or his agent to allow parking at a designated off-street location.

*Street* shall mean any public street, avenue, road, alley, highway, lane, path, or other public place located in the county and established for the use of vehicles.  
(9-1-59; 7-3-67; Ord. No. 89-30, 11-21-89; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-40. Designations of zones.**

(a) The County Manager is hereby authorized to designate the specific portions or areas of highways, streets, parking lots, and roads in the County of Arlington, Virginia, to be known as parking meter zones, and upon which parking meters shall be installed and maintained. Such parking meter zones to be established in the discretion of the County Manager, based upon the results of an engineering and traffic investigation.

(b) Parking meter zones now in existence as heretofore established shall continue to be maintained upon the specific portions or areas of highways, streets, parking lots, and roads heretofore designated by action of the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, unless and until the County Manager, in his discretion based upon an engineering study and investigation, shall determine otherwise and eliminate the existing parking meter zones or any of them or any parking meter zones hereafter designated by him.

(c) The County Manager is authorized to designate and post land owned or leased by the County Board as a permit parking zone, to be restricted to holders of valid parking permits. Parking permits shall include the following:

- (1) Employee permits.
- (2) Temporary permits.
- (3) Juror permits.
- (d) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in permit parking zones without a valid current permit.

(e) Any person who shall violate this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).  
(12-12-60; 7-3-67; 7-8-72; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-41. Designation of parking spaces; vehicles to be parked entirely within parking space.**

The County Manager is hereby directed and authorized to mark off, or have marked off, individual parking spaces in parking zones designated and described in section 14.2-40 of this Code, and in such other zones as may hereafter be established, with such parking spaces to be designated by lines painted or durably marked on the curbing or surface of the street. At each space so marked off it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in such a way that the vehicle shall not be entirely within the limits of the space so designated.  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-42. Installation, display of signals showing legal parking, etc.**

(a) In parking meter zones provided in section 14.2-40 of this Code, the County Manager shall cause parking meters to be installed upon the curb or sidewalk immediately adjacent to the parking spaces. Each device shall be so set as to display a signal showing legal parking upon the deposit of the appropriate coin or coins, lawful money of the United States of America, for the period of time prescribed by this subdivision. Each device shall be so arranged that upon the expiration of the lawful time limit it will indicate by a proper visible signal that the lawful parking period has expired and in such cases the right of such vehicle to occupy such space shall cease and the operator, owner, possessor, or manager thereof shall be subject to the penalties provided.

(b) The County Manager may also cause to be made available to the public for lease or purchase in-vehicle parking regulators for the regulation of parking which provides for prepaid parking. Each such device shall be able to differentiate between long-term and short-time parking periods and rates and shall be capable of being attached within the user's vehicle in such manner as to permit the unobstructed view of its display from outside said vehicle in the manner described in section 14.2-43. Each such device shall be so set as to display a signal showing the amount of legal parking time remaining at the rate and for the period of time as is designated by proper direction on the parking meter for the parking space being used. Each such device shall also be so arranged that upon expiration of the lawful time limit it will indicate by a proper visible signal or display that the lawful parking period has expired and in such cases the right of such vehicle to occupy such space shall cease and the operator, owner, possessor or manager thereof shall be subject to the penalties provided. The County Manager may also authorize accommodations for persons with disabilities as may be necessary concerning such in-vehicle parking regulators, including other means of prepaid parking for disabled persons who are not physically able to operate in-vehicle parking regulators.  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 89-30, 11-21-89; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 99-7, 4-10-99)

**§ 14.2-43. Operation generally; overparking generally.**

Except in a period of emergency determined by an officer of the fire or police departments, or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control sign or signal, when any vehicle shall be parked in any parking space alongside of or next to which a parking meter is located, during the hours of meter operation the operator of such vehicle shall, upon entering such parking space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited in such meter such proper coin of the United States or shall designate such time on the display of an in-vehicle parking regulator as is required for such parking space and as is designated by proper direction on the meter for such parking space. Failure to deposit such proper coin or to designate such time on the display of an in-vehicle parking regulator and to attach said in-vehicle parking regulator to the inside of the parked vehicle in such manner that the parking time display on the regulator is not obstructed and clearly visible through the front windshield from outside said vehicle shall constitute a violation of this section. Upon the deposit of such coin or the proper designation of such time on the display of an in-vehicle parking regulator and the proper attachment of the in-vehicle parking regulator to the parked vehicle, the parking space may be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period of time which has been prescribed for the part of the street in which such parking space is located; provided, that any person placing a vehicle in a parking meter space adjacent to a meter which indicates that unused time has been left in the meter by the previous occupant of the space shall not be required to deposit a coin or to designate time on an in-vehicle parking regulator so long as his occupancy of such space does not exceed the unused parking time indicated on the parking meter for such space. If such vehicle shall remain parked in any such parking space beyond the parking time limit set for such parking space, and if the meter shall indicate such illegal parking and no remaining balance of legal parking time is displayed within said vehicle on an in-vehicle parking regulator obtained from the county, then, and in that event, such vehicle shall be considered as parking overtime and beyond the period of legal parking time, and such parking shall be deemed a violation of

this section.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 89-30, 11-21-89; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-44. Parking time limits; when parking meters operative.**

(a) The County Manager may designate the approved parking meter zone as established under section 14.2-4 of this Code as thirty minute, one-hour, two hour, or over two hour parking meter zones. Notwithstanding any provision of this subdivision D to the contrary, a vehicle displaying disabled parking license plates, organizational removable windshield placards, permanent removable windshield placards, temporary removable windshield placards issued under § 46.2-1241 of the Code of Virginia, "DV" disabled parking license plates issued under § 46.2-739 B of the Code of Virginia, disabled parking license plates issued under § 46.2-731 of the Code of Virginia, or a duly authorized handicapped license plate, decal or permit issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or similar state agency of another state or the District of Columbia, may be parked for sixty (60) minutes in a thirty (30) minute parking meter zone, two (2) hours in a one-hour parking meter zone, and four (4) hours in a two-hour parking meter zone.

(b) Parking or standing a vehicle during the hours of meter operation in a designated space in parking meter zone shall be lawful upon the deposit of coin or coins of the United States of America or upon the proper designation of time on an in-vehicle parking regulator at the following maximum rates:

- (1) Thirty-minute parking zone: Combination of Smartcard value, five cent (\$0.05), ten cent (\$0.10), twenty-five cent (\$0.25) coins to equal one dollar (\$1.00) for each hour parked.
- (2) One-hour parking meter zones: Combination of Smartcard value, five cent (\$0.05), ten cent (\$0.10), twenty-five cent (\$0.25) coins to equal one dollar (\$1.00) for each hour parked.
- (3) Two-hour parking meter zone: Combination of Smartcard value, five cent (\$0.05), ten cent (\$0.10), and/or twenty-five cent (\$0.25) coins to equal one dollar (\$1.00) for each hour parked.
- (4) Four-hour parking meter zone: Combination of Smartcard value, and/or twenty-five cent (\$0.25) coins to equal one dollar (\$1.00) for each hour parked.
- (5) Over four-hour meter zone: Combination of Smartcard value, and/or twenty-five cent (\$0.25) coins to equal seventy-five cents (\$0.75) for each hour parked.

(c) Said parking meters shall be operated in said parking meter zones every day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. except Sundays and holidays; provided, however, that the County Manager may provide for different hours of meter operation in such parking meter zones whenever he determines that traffic conditions in any particular zone required such change; in which case the County Manager shall cause a tag, showing the hours of meter operation, to be affixed to each meter in the zone affected by such change and he shall have other appropriate signs erected showing the hours of legal parking in such zone. Upon the affixing of such tag and erection of such signs, the hours of meter operation shall be that indicated on such tags and signs.

(7-9-69; 6-3-72; 3-17-80; Ord. No. 83-12, 7-1-83; Ord. No. 88-10, 5-21-88; Ord. No. 89-30, 11-21-89; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 98-4, 6-1-98; Ord. No. 99-7, 4-10-99; Ord. No. 07-06, 4-21-07, Effective 7-1-07)

**§ 14.2-45. Parking beyond legal parking time; parking when signal indicates overparking; parking across lines; depositing slugs.**

It shall be unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this subdivision for any person to:

- (a) Cause, allow, permit, or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to be parked overtime or beyond the period of legal parking time established for any parking meter zone or to deposit in any parking meter any coin or to designate a balance of parking time on an in-vehicle parking regulator for the purpose of parking beyond the maximum legal parking time for the particular parking meter zone.
- (b) Permit any vehicle to remain or be placed in any parking space adjacent to any parking meter while the meter is displaying a signal indicating that the vehicle occupying such parking space has already parked beyond the period prescribed for such parking space, unless there is an in-vehicle parking regulator

attached to the vehicle in the manner described in section 14.2-43 and the display of such in-vehicle parking regulator indicates that a balance of legal parking time remains for such parking space.

- (c) Park any vehicle across any line or marking of a parking meter space or in such position that the vehicle shall not be entirely within the area designated by such lines or markings.
- (d) Deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter or in-vehicle parking regulator installed under the provisions of this subdivision.
- (e) Deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slugs, device, or metal substance, or other substitute for lawful coins.
- (f) Alter, recharge, or tamper with an in-vehicle parking regulator for the purpose of obtaining parking time for which payment has not been properly made to the county.
- (g) Use an in-vehicle parking regulator which has not been properly obtained from the county for the purpose of obtaining parking time for which payment has not been properly made to the county.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 89-30, 11-21-89; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-46. Enforcement of subdivision.**

It shall be the duty of the chief of police to enforce the provisions of this subdivision.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-47. Collection, etc., of funds.**

The collection of all funds deposited in the parking meters and all fees paid for the lease or purchase of in-vehicle parking regulators shall be the responsibility of the treasurer of the county. Such collection of funds shall be carried out under such rules, regulations, and procedures as the County Manager may from time to time prescribe. The treasurer shall account for all funds collected from parking meters or paid to the county to lease or purchase in-vehicle parking regulators in the same manner as that prescribed for other county monies.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 89-30, 11-21-89; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-48. Reservation of powers.**

Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as prohibiting the county from providing for bus stops, taxicab stands, and other matters of similar nature, including the loading or unloading of trucks, vans, or other commercial vehicles.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-49. Penalty for violation of subdivision.**

Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this subdivision, or who shall counsel, aid or abet any such violation or failure to comply, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-34, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-42, 8-8-92)

**Subdivision E.**

**Mechanical Equipment and Inspection**

**§ 14.2-50. Traction engines and tractors.**

The County Manager may in his discretion issue special permits authorizing the operation upon a highway of traction engines or tractors having movable tracks with transverse corrugations upon the periphery of such movable tracks. A fee of two dollars (\$2.00) shall be charged for each permit at the time of issuance.

(Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**Subdivision F.**

**Size and Weight, Etc.****§ 14.2-51. Extension of loads beyond front of vehicles.**

No train of vehicles or vehicle operated alone shall carry any load extending more than three (3) feet beyond the front thereof.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-52. Towing unlicensed or uninspected motor vehicle.**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit towing an unlicensed motor vehicle or motor vehicle which has not been inspected pursuant to Article 21 (Section 46.2-1157 et seq.) or Article 22 (Section 46.2-1176 et seq.) of Chapter 10, Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia.

Nor shall anything in this chapter prohibit the towing of an unlicensed trailer or semitrailer used on a construction site as an office or for storage or a trailer or semitrailer which has been used on a construction site as an office or for storage, but which has not been inspected pursuant to Article 21 of Chapter 10, Title 46.2, of the Code of Virginia, provided that any such unlicensed or uninspected trailer or semitrailer (i) is towed by a tow truck, wrecker, or other vehicle designed and equipped for the towing of inoperable or disabled vehicles; (ii) is operated only in intrastate commerce; (iii) has an actual gross weight, including contents, of no more than fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds; (iv) is secured to the towing vehicle by means of safety chains; and (v) is equipped with rear-mounted bar lights which function as tail lights, brake lights, and turn signals as provided in Article 3 (Section 46.2-1010 et seq.) of Chapter 10, Title 46.2, of the Code of Virginia. However, nothing in this section shall authorize the towing or drawing of an unlicensed or uninspected trailer or semitrailer by means of a tractor truck except for the purpose of having such trailer or semitrailer inspected as provided in Section 46.2-1157, Code of Virginia.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 91-23, 7-1-91; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-53. Maximum size and load limitations--Generally.**

(a) *Width.* No vehicle, including any load thereon, but excluding the mirror required by Section 46.2-1082 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, shall exceed a total outside width as follows:

- (1) Farm tractor: One hundred eight (108) inches;
- (2) Passenger bus: One hundred two (102) inches;
- (3) Other vehicles: Ninety-six (96) inches.

(b) *Height.*

- (1) No vehicle unladen or with load shall exceed a height of thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches.
- (2) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require either the public authorities or railroad companies to provide vertical clearances of overhead bridges or structures in excess of twelve (12) feet six (6) inches, or to make any changes in the vertical clearances of existing overhead bridges or structures crossing streets or highways. The operator or owner of vehicles operating on streets or highways shall be held financially responsible for any damage to overhead bridges or structures that result from collisions therewith.
- (3) The operator or owner of any vehicle colliding with an overhead bridge or structure shall notify immediately, either in person or by telephone, the public authority, or railroad company, owning or maintaining such overhead bridge or structure, or a police officer of the fact of such collision, and his name, address, operator's or chauffeur's license number, and the registration number of his vehicle. Failure to give such notice immediately, either in person or by telephone, shall constitute a misdemeanor.

(c) *Length.*

- (1) Except for passenger buses, no motor vehicle exceeding a length of thirty-five (35) feet shall be operated upon a highway of this county. No passenger bus exceeding a length of forty (40) feet shall be operated upon a highway of this county. The actual length of any combination of vehicles coupled together including any load thereon shall not exceed a total of fifty-five (55) feet; and no tolerance shall be allowed thereon. Provided, however, that the County Manager, when good cause is shown, may issue a special permit for combinations in excess of fifty-five (55) feet including any load thereon where the object or objects to be carried cannot be moved otherwise.
- (2) The actual length of any combination of a towing vehicle and any mobile home or house trailer coupled together shall not exceed a total length of fifty-five (55) feet, including coupling.
- (d) *Exceptions.* The limitations upon size of vehicles prescribed in section 14.2-53 herein shall not apply to farm machinery other than farm tractors when such farm machinery is temporarily propelled, hauled, transported, or moved upon the highway by a farm machinery distributor or dealer or by a farmer in the ordinary course of business nor to fire-fighting equipment of any county, city, town, or fire-fighting company or association.
- (e) *Weight.*
- (1) The maximum gross weight and axle weight to be permitted on the road surface of any highway shall be in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
- a. *Single axle:* An assembly of two (2) or more wheels whose centers are in one (1) transverse vertical plane or may be included between two (2) parallel transverse vertical planes forty (40) inches apart, extending across the full width of the vehicle.
  - b. *Tandem axle:* Any two (2) or more consecutive axles whose centers are more than forty (40) inches but not more than eighty-four (84) inches apart, and are individually attached to and/or articulated from a common attachment to the vehicle including a connecting mechanism designed to equalize the load between axles.
  - c. *Single-axle weight:* The total weight transmitted to the road by all wheels whose centers may be included between two (2) parallel transverse vertical planes forty (40) inches apart, extending across the full width of the vehicle.
  - d. *Tandem-axle weight:* The total weight transmitted to the road by two (2) or more consecutive axles whose centers may be included between parallel transverse vertical planes spaced more than forty (40) inches and not more than eight-four (84) inches apart; extending across the full width of the vehicle.
  - e. *Group of axles:* All of the axles located under a vehicle or combination.
- (3) The single-axle weight of any vehicle or combination shall not exceed twenty thousand (20,000) pounds, nor shall it exceed six hundred fifty (650) pounds per inch, width of tire, measured in contact with the surface of the highway. The tandem-axle weight of any vehicle or combination shall not exceed thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds, and no one (1) axle of such tandem unit shall exceed the weight permitted for a single axle. Furthermore, the weight imposed upon the highway by two (2) or more consecutive axles individually attached to the vehicle and spaced not less than forty (40) inches nor more than eighty-four (84) inches apart shall not exceed thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds and no one (1) axle of such unit shall exceed the weight permitted for a single axle.
- (4) The total gross weight imposed upon the highway by a vehicle or combination shall not exceed the maximum weight given for the respective distance between the first and last axle of the group of axles measured longitudinally to the nearest foot as set forth in the following table:

Table  
Maximum Weight

Distance in feet between the extremes of any group of axles	Maximum weight in pounds				
	<i>2 axles</i>	<i>3 axles</i>	<i>4 axles</i>	<i>5 axles</i>	<i>6 axles</i>
4	34,000				
5	34,000				
6	34,000				
7	34,000				
8	34,000	34,000			
9	39,000	42,500			
10	40,000	43,500			
11		44,000			
12		45,000	50,000		
13		45,500	50,500		
14		46,500	51,500		
15		47,000	52,000		
16		48,000	52,500	58,000	
17		48,500	53,500	58,500	
18		49,500	54,000	59,000	
19		50,000	54,500	60,000	
20		51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000
21		51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500
22		52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000
23		53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000
24		54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500
25		54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000
26		55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500
27		56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000
28		57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000
29		57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500
30		58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000
31		59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500
32		60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000
33			64,000	68,500	74,000
34			64,500	69,000	74,500
35			65,500	70,000	75,000
36			66,000	70,500	75,500
37			66,500	71,000	76,000
38			67,500	72,000	77,000
39			68,000	72,500	77,500
40			68,500	73,000	78,000
41			69,500	73,500	78,500
42			70,000	74,000	79,000
43			70,500	75,000	80,000
44			71,500	75,500	
45			72,000	76,000	
46			72,500	76,500	
47			73,500	77,500	
48			74,000	78,000	
49			74,500	78,500	
50			75,500	79,000	
51			76,000	80,000	

- (5) Provided, however, that motor vehicles which are registered with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles or state corporation commission prior to July 1, 1956, may be permitted to operate under:
- a. The preceding paragraphs of this subdivision in conformity therewith; or
  - b. Under the provisions of the statutes of this state in force on January 1, 1956, but such operation shall only be permissible during the period in which the motor vehicle remains in operating condition. When such vehicle ceases to be operable the option to operate under this provision shall terminate. All vehicles, operation of which is desired under the provisions of subsection (2) of this paragraph, shall be registered with the state department of highways and obtain a permit without cost, so to do.
- (6) It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to remove, alter, deface, or tamper with any number, plate, bracket, sticker, decal, indication, or other device indicating the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of any vehicle which (i) has a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds or less and (ii) has been modified by alteration of its height from the ground. Violation of this section shall constitute a Class 3 misdemeanor.

(9-1-59; 11-24-64; 1-16-67; Ord. No. 85-11, 2-23-85; Ord. No. 91-18, 5-14-91; Ord. No. 91-27, 7-30-91; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-54. Same--Exception as to vehicles designed for towing disabled vehicles.**

The provisions of section 14.2-53 shall not apply to a vehicle designed for towing disabled vehicles when towing such vehicle in an emergency in such manner that a part of the combined weight of the two (2) vehicles rests upon an axle or axles of the towing vehicle, provided the towed and towing vehicles each are within the weight limits prescribed in section 14.2-53. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to permit the violation of any lawfully established load limit on any bridge.

(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-55. Liquidated damages for violation of weight limits; powers of enforcement officers; forfeiture of vehicle and cargo; charges additional to other liability.**

(a) Upon conviction of any person for violation of any weight limit as provided in this chapter, the court shall assess the owner, operator, or other person causing the operation of such overweight vehicle liquidated damages in the amount of two cents (\$0.02) per pound for each pound of excess weight over the prescribed limit when the excess is five thousand (5,000) pounds or less, and five cents (\$0.05) per pound for each pound of excess weight over the prescribed limit when such excess is more than five thousand (5,000) pounds. Such assessment shall be entered by the court as a judgment for the county, the entry of which shall constitute a lien upon the overweight vehicle. Such sums shall be paid into court or collected by the attorney for the commonwealth and forwarded to the county treasurer and allocated to the fund appropriated for the construction and maintenance of county highways.

(b) Any officer authorized to make arrests and weigh vehicles under the provisions of this chapter may, for a period of twenty-four (24) hours without a court order and thereafter upon a written order of the court either before or after conviction, hold the vehicle involved in the overweight violation, provided the same is not registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles, until the amount assessed, if after conviction, or subject to be assessed, if before conviction, together with the cost of holding or storing of the vehicle, be paid, or until a bond by or on behalf of the offending person is given for payment as the court may direct of the amount assessed or to be assessed with surety approved by the court or its clerk.

(c) In the event the amount so assessed be not paid or no bond be given as provided hereinabove, the vehicle involved in the overweight violation shall be stored in a place of security as may be designated by the owner or operator of the vehicle. If no place be designated, the officer making the arrest shall designate the place of storage. The owner or operator shall be afforded the right of unloading and removing the cargo from such vehicle. The risk and cost of such storage shall be borne by the owner or operator of such vehicle.

(d) If within sixty (60) days from the time of the conviction for the overweight violation the offending party does not pay the assessment imposed by this section, together with the cost of storing such vehicle and cargo, if the cargo is not removed as herein provided, the vehicle and cargo shall be forfeited to the county and sold to satisfy the assessment and cost of storage.

(e) Upon notification of the failure of such person to pay the amount assessed, together with the payment of cost of holding such vehicle under this section, the division or the department of state police may thereafter deny the offending person the right to operate a motor vehicle or vehicles upon the highways of this state until such assessment has been paid.

(f) The charge hereinabove specified shall be in addition to any other liability which may be legally fixed against such owner or operator for damage to a highway or bridge attributable to such weight violation.  
(11-24-64; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

#### **§ 14.2-56. Permits for excessive size and weight.**

The County Manager acting in his discretion upon application in writing and good cause being shown therefor may issue a special permit in writing authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle upon the highway of a size or weight exceeding the maximum specified by law. Every such permit may designate the route to be traversed and contain any other restrictions or conditions deemed necessary by him.

The County Manager, upon application in writing made by the owner or operator of three-axle trucks hauling road construction materials and having a gross weight not exceeding forty-three thousand nine hundred (43,900) pounds, a single-axle weight not exceeding eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds and a tandem-axle weight not exceeding thirty-two thousand (32,000) pounds, shall issue to such owner or operator, without cost, a permit in writing authorizing the operation of such vehicles upon the highways. No such permit shall designate the route to be traversed, nor contain restrictions or conditions not applicable to other vehicles in their general use of the highways. Provided, further, the County Manager upon application in writing made by the owner or operator of three-axle vehicles used exclusively for the mixing of concrete in transit and having a gross weight not exceeding fifty thousand (50,000) pounds, a single-axle weight not exceeding eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds, and a tandem-axle weight not exceeding thirty-six thousand (36,000) pounds, shall issue to such owner or operator, without cost, a permit in writing authorizing the operation of such vehicles upon the highways. No such permit shall designate the route to be traversed nor contain restrictions or conditions not applicable to other vehicles of this weight in their general use of the highways. No permit issued under this section providing for a tandem-axle weight in excess of thirty-two thousand (32,000) pounds shall be issued to include travel on the federal system of highways.

Every such permit shall be carried in the vehicle to which it refers and shall be open to inspection by an officer and it shall be a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the terms or conditions of such special permit.

Any permit which has been heretofore or is hereafter issued by the County Manager pursuant to this section may be restricted so as to prevent travel on any federal-aid highway if the continuation of travel on such highway would result in a loss of federal-aid funds. Before any such permit is restricted by the County Manager, notice in writing must be given to the permittee.

(9-1-59; 11-24-64; 1-16-67; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

#### **§ 14.2-57. Decrease of weight limits in emergency conditions.**

(a) When an engineering study discloses that the operation over the highways by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions will seriously damage any of the streets or highways under the jurisdiction of the county unless the weight limits provided for in section 14.2-53 of this Code are reduced, the County Manager may, by administrative regulation, decrease such weights and load limits for a total period not to exceed ninety (90) days in any one (1) calendar year. No such regulation shall be effective, however, until such signs shall be erected at each end of the section of the highway affected stating the weights specified in such regulations.

(b) Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or be confined in jail for not less than one (1) day nor more than six (6) months, or both, and the vehicle or combination of vehicles involved in such violation may be held upon an order of the court until all fines and cost have been satisfied.

(9-1-59; 1-16-67; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

### **DIVISION 3.**

#### **ACCIDENT REPORTS**

##### **14.2-32**

**§ 14.2-58. Accident reports--To be in addition to reports required by state law.**

The report of accidents as required by this division are in addition to and not in lieu of any reports as required by Sections 46.2-371 through 46.2-377 of the Code of Virginia, 1950.  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 91-18, 5-14-91; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-58.1. Same--When notice to be given to police.**

The driver of any vehicle involved in any accident resulting in injury to or death of any person, or some person acting for him, shall immediately, by the quickest means of communication, give notice of the accident to the police department of the county.  
(9-1-59; 1-16-67; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-58.2. Same--When written report to police required.**

The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident:

- (a) Resulting in injury to or death of any person or total property damage to an apparent extent of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more, or
- (b) When there is reason to believe a motor vehicle involved in the accident was uninsured at the time of the accident,

and in which no police officer has conducted an investigation and filed a written report shall within five (5) days after the accident make a written report of it to the police department of the county. This report shall be on appropriate forms furnished by the police department of the county.  
(12-21-74; 11-17-79; Ord. No. 87-16, 5-16-87; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-45, 9-19-92)

**§ 14.2-58.3. Same--Filed by investigating officer.**

Every law enforcement officer of Arlington County who in the course of duty investigates a motor vehicle accident of which report must be made according to the Code of Virginia, either at the time of and at the scene of the accident or thereafter and elsewhere by interviewing participants or witnesses shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after completing the investigation, forward a written report of the accident through the services division of the police department to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. This report, copies of which will be maintained by the police department, shall be on forms provided by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and shall include the name or names of the insurance carrier or of the insurance agent of the automobile liability policy on each vehicle involved in such accident.  
(9-1-59; 1-16-67; Ord. No. 87-16, 5-16-87; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-58.4. Same--Inspection of reports required under sections 14.2-58.2 and 14.2-58.3; copies of such reports.**

Any report of an accident made pursuant to section 14.2-58.2 or section 14.2-58.3 of this chapter shall be open to the inspection of any person involved in or injured in the accident, or as a result thereof, or his attorney, or any authorized representative of any insurance carrier reasonably anticipating exposure to civil liability as a consequence of the accident; provided, further, that the police department shall, upon request of any such person, or attorney, or authorized insurance carrier representative, furnish a copy of any such report at the expense of such person, attorney or representative; provided, further, that the police department, upon approval by the commonwealth's attorney, and at the expense of such person, attorney, or representative, shall furnish copies of photographs taken of such accident by police. A three dollar (\$3.00) fee for copies of such reports and a three dollar (\$3.00) fee for each photograph provided shall be charged by the police department.  
(9-1-59; 1-16-67; Ord. No. 83-13, 7-1-83; Ord. No. 87-16, 5-16-87; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-58.5. Same--Use in evidence.**

No report as required by sections 14.2-58 through 14.2-58.2 of this Code shall be used as evidence in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of an accident, except that the police department shall furnish, upon demand of any person who has or claims to have made such a report or upon demand of any court, a certificate showing that a specified accident report has or has not been made to the police department solely to prove compliance or noncompliance with the requirement that the report

be made to the police department.  
(9-1-59; 1-16-67; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-58.6. Same--Failure to report accident or to give correct information.**

Failure to report an accident as required in this division or failure to give correctly the information required by the chief of police of the county in connection with any requisite report shall be a misdemeanor.  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-58.7. Penalty for violation.**

Any person who violates any provision of this division shall be punished by confinement in jail for not more than ninety (90) days or by fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), or both.  
(9-1-59; 11-24-64; Ord. No. 91-34, 9-18-91; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**DIVISION 4.**

**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**§ 14.2-59. Effect of repeal generally.**

No repeal, amendment and reenactment, or recodification of any section of this chapter or any part thereof shall affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any right established, accrued, or accruing before the day upon which such repeal or amendment and reenactment takes effect, or any prosecution, suit, or proceeding pending on that day, except that the proceedings thereafter had shall conform, so far as practicable, to the provisions of this chapter.  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-60. Severability.**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the County Board that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this code are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Code shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Code.  
(9-1-59; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**ARTICLE II.**

**BICYCLES**

**Sec. 14.2-61. Reserved.**

**Editors Note:** Ord. No. 99-5, adopted Feb. 20, 1999, repealed § 14.2-61, which pertained to definition. See the Code Comparative Table.

**§ 14.2-62. License and registration.**

- (a) An owner may voluntarily register his bicycle with the county.
- (b) Application for registration of ownership and a license will be made to the county upon a form prescribed by the County Manager.
- (c) Upon receipt of such application in proper form, the county shall provide, at the expense of the county, a tag bearing the number of the license issued, which should be securely attached at the time of issuance, or upon receipt, to the bicycle.
- (d) Substitute for lost or mutilated tags shall be issued to a person entitled thereto upon furnishing satisfactory information.

(e) It shall be the duty of the County Manager or his designee to keep a record of the issuance of each bicycle license, showing the registration number and license number of each bicycle, the name and address of the licensee, and such other description of the bicycle as the County Manager deems necessary for the administration of this section.

(f) [Reserved.]

(Ord. No. 82-15, 4-24-82; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 99-21, 10-2-99)

#### **§ 14.2-62.1. Disposition of unclaimed bicycles or mopeds.**

(a) If any bicycle or moped is found and delivered to the police department, the police department shall, within a reasonable time, attempt to notify the owner and return the bicycle or moped to him. If the bicycle has a county bicycle tag affixed, then the recorded owner shall be notified directly.

(b) If any bicycle or moped is found and delivered to the police department by a private person and remains unclaimed for thirty (30) days after the location and description of the bicycle or moped has been published at least once a week for two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the county, the bicycle or moped shall be given to the finder.

(c) If any bicycle or moped remains in the possession of the police department unclaimed for more than thirty (30) days and the finder has not requested that it be given to him, the police department shall dispose of it by public sale or donate it to a charitable organization located in Arlington County which has made written request to the chief of police. The chief of police or his designee shall have sole discretion to determine disposition of property under this provision.

(Ord. No. 87-17, 5-16-87; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 94-24, 9-10-94)

#### **§ 14.2-63. Defacing or removing serial numbers.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, remove, or modify from any bicycle the serial number imprinted thereon.

(b) It shall be unlawful to sell or purchase any bicycle on which the serial number or identification number has been defaced, removed, or modified without first registering same as provided in section 14.2-62.

(Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

#### **§ 14.2-64. Equipment requirements.**

(a) Every person fourteen (14) years of age or younger shall wear a protective helmet that meets the standards promulgated by the American National Standards Institute in the American National Standard for Protective Headgear for Bicyclists approved on March 12, 1984, or the Snell Memorial Foundations' 1990 Standard for Protective Headgear, whenever riding or being carried on a bicycle on any highway as defined in [Code of Virginia, §] 46.2-100, sidewalk, or public bicycle path. A copy of these standards are kept on file in the office of the police department's staff support section and may be examined from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on regular business days.

Violation of subsection (a) shall be punishable by a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). However, such fine shall be suspended (i) for first-time violators and (ii) for violators who, subsequent to the violation but prior to imposition of the fine, purchase helmets of the type required by this section.

(12-7-74; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 93-12, 7-1-93; Ord. No. 99-5, 2-20-99)

#### **§ 14.2-64.1. Establishment of bicycle paths and regulation of the use thereof.**

(a) The existing and approved bike trails designated on the Arlington Bicycle Transportation Plan, adopted by the County Board of which not fewer than three (3) copies have been and are now filed in the office of the Clerk of the County Board and the Department of Environmental Services and may be viewed there during regular business hours on their regular business days, and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and such trails are hereby established as the bicycle paths of Arlington County.

(b) The use of such off-street bicycle paths by persons operating vehicles other than bicycles is prohibited and violations of this section shall be a misdemeanor. "Vehicle" as used herein means any motorized vehicle powered by an

internal combustion engine, electrical motor, or other electrical device. The prohibition of this section shall not apply to county or park authority vehicles entering the off-street bicycle paths for maintenance, fire, and police patrol purposes.

(c) The prohibitions of this section do not apply to vehicles being used by handicapped persons when such use is necessary because of the handicapped condition of the person or persons using such vehicles.  
(1-25-75; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 99-5, 2-20-99; Ord. No. 04-25, 10-2-04)

#### § 14.2-64.2. Equipment requirements for mopeds.

Every person operating a moped, as defined in Section 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, on a public street or highway in Arlington County shall wear a faceshield, safety glasses or goggles of the type approved by the Superintendent of the Department of State Police or have the moped equipped with safety glass or a windshield at all times while operating such vehicle, and operators and passengers thereon, if any, shall wear protective helmets of the type approved by the Superintendent. Any person who knowingly violates this section shall be guilty of a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(Ord. No. 96-10, 6-29-96)

#### § 14.2-65. Riding and parking regulations.

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway has all the rights and is subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle except those provisions which by their very nature can have no application.

- (a) *Speed.* No bicycle shall be ridden faster than is reasonable and proper, but every bicycle shall be operated with reasonable regard for the safety of the operator and every other person upon the streets and sidewalks of the county.
- (b) *Observation of traffic regulations.* Every person riding or propelling a bicycle on any public highway in the county shall observe all authorized traffic signs, signals, and traffic-control devices. Whenever signs are erected indicating that no right or left or U-turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such signs, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any such movements or turns, in which event such person shall then obey the regulation applicable to pedestrians.
- (c) *Stop signs.* All persons riding a bicycle on a sidewalk or a public highway shall stop at all stop signs.
- (d) *Riding on bicycles.* No person propelling a bicycle shall permit any person to ride on the handlebars.
- (e) *Riding on sidewalk.* Persons of any age may ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk, except for those sidewalks, designated by the County Manager on which bicycle riding is prohibited. Signs indicating such prohibition shall be conspicuously posted in general areas where bicycle riding is prohibited.
- (f) *Bicycle lane.* Where the County Board has by ordinance designated a bicycle lane for the exclusive use of bicycles, a motor vehicle may cross a bicycle lane for the purpose of entering or exiting adjacent property, for making a turn, or for the purpose of parking, but no person shall stop, stand or park a motor vehicle in a bicycle lane, nor shall any person drive a motor vehicle in a bicycle lane for a distance of more than one hundred (100) feet.
- (g) *Parking.* No person shall stand or park a bicycle upon the street other than upon the street roadway against the curb. No person shall stand or park a bicycle upon the sidewalk other than in a rack to support the bicycle, or attached to a streets sign, or light post, or against a building, or at the curb, at back edge of the sidewalk. This will be done in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

(Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 99-5, 2-20-99)

#### § 14.2-65.1. Designation of bicycle lanes.

The County Board hereby establishes bicycle lanes upon and along the following streets, at the following locations, which lanes shall be of such dimensions as determined by the County Manager and which lanes shall be for the exclusive use of bicyclists:

- (1) Patrick Henry Drive between Wilson Boulevard and North George Mason Drive.
- (2) North Rhodes Street between Arlington Boulevard and Wilson Boulevard.
- (3) North Scott Street between Lee Highway and Key Boulevard.
- (4) Key Boulevard between North Scott Street and North Nash Street.
- (5) Yorktown Boulevard between North George Mason Drive and 26th Street North.
- (6) North Veitch Street between Lee Highway and Wilson Boulevard.
- (7) South Eads Street between South Glebe Road and 23rd Street South.
- (8) South Abingdon Street between 31st Street South and 34th Street South.
- (9) 34th Street South between South Abingdon Street and South Stafford Street.
- (10) South Stafford Street between 32nd Road and 34th Street South.
- (11) Wilson Boulevard between North Oak Street and North Washington Boulevard.
- (12) Clarendon Boulevard between North Washington Boulevard and North Oak Street.
- (13) Fairfax Drive between North Glebe Road and Wilson Boulevard.
- (14) 15th Street South between Crystal Drive and South Joyce Street.
- (15) South Hayes Street between Army Navy Drive and 18th Street South.
- (16) 18th Street South between South Eads Street and South Hayes Street.
- (17) North Pershing Drive between North Washington Boulevard and Arlington Boulevard.
- (18) Walter Reed Drive southbound between South Pollard Street and South Four Mile Run Drive.
- (19) South Randolph Street between South Arlington Mill Drive and 31st Street South.
- (20) North Quincy Street between Lee Highway and Wilson Boulevard.
- (21) Nelly Custis Drive between Lorcom Lane and Military Road.
- (22) Military Road between Nelly Custis Drive and North Old Glebe Road.
- (23) North Ohio Street/McKinley Road between North Washington Boulevard and Wilson Boulevard.
- (24) Yorktown Boulevard between North George Mason Drive and Little Falls Road.
- (25) John Marshall Drive between North Little Falls Road and Lee Highway.
- (26) Lorcom Lane between Military Road and North Edgewood Street.
- (27) Crystal Drive between 27th Street South and 15th Street South.
- (28) Lee Highway between North Quincy Street and North Kenmore Street.
- (29) North George Mason Drive between Wilson Boulevard and 10th Street North.

(30) Williamsburg Boulevard between North Glebe Road and Westmoreland Street.

(31) Old Dominion Drive between Lee Highway and 26th Street North.

(32) Kirkwood Road between Washington Boulevard and Lee Highway.

(Ord. No. 01-17, § 1, 7-28-01; Ord. No. 02-4, § 1, 3-23-02; Ord. No. 02-14, § 1, 6-8-02; Ord. No. 03-05, 3-15-03)

#### § 14.2-66. Penalties.

It shall be unlawful to violate any of the prohibitions of section 14.2-63. Any person who violates any of these provisions shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(12-7-74; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 93-12, 7-1-93; Ord. No. 99-5, 2-20-99)

### ARTICLE III.

#### MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAXES

#### § 14.2-67. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall, for the purpose of this article, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) *License tag*: A metal plate or windshield sticker issued by the county upon payment of the motor vehicle license tax prescribed in this article.

(2) *Motor vehicle*: Shall also include motorcycle.

(1-16-67; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 00-11, § 1, 4-13-00)

#### § 14.2-68. Purpose and policy in imposition.

It is the purpose and policy of the County Board to impose a license tax upon all motor vehicles as permitted by the Code of Virginia, as amended.

(8-16-74; 7-11-81; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

#### § 14.2-69. Persons required to apply for and procure motor vehicle license; exceptions to application of article.

(a) Every person owning a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, with a situs in Arlington County as defined by the Code of Virginia, Section 46.2-754, as amended, shall make application for and procure a county motor vehicle license tag within thirty (30) days of acquiring situs within the county or within thirty (30) days of purchasing a vehicle with situs in the county.

(b) The provisions of this article shall not apply to tractors, road rollers, and road machinery used for highway purposes, tractor engines, locomotive engines, electric cars running on rails or motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers owned by the state, by any political subdivision of the state, or by the United States government, or to vehicles used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural purposes, or vehicles held for sale by any motor vehicle manufacturer or dealer as defined in Section 46.2-1500 of the Code of Virginia, or to other vehicles described in Sections 46.2-663 through 46.2-683, 46.2-695, 46.2-697, 46.2-698, 46.2-700 through 46.2-702, 46.2-750 through 46.2-750.1 and 46.2-755 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

(1-16-67; 7-11-81; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 91-18, 5-14-91; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 93-26, 1-1-94; Ord. No. 00-11, § 1, 4-13-00)

#### § 14.2-70. Forms and procedures.

The County Manager shall prescribe the necessary forms and procedures for carrying out the provisions of this article.

(5-21-49; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-71. Display of license tags.**

The windshield sticker license tag issued under this article shall be affixed on the inside of the windshield of the motor vehicle. It shall be placed adjacent to the state inspection sticker and no higher than three (3) inches from the bottom of the windshield, or at such other location as may be prescribed by state law.

Except as provided in section 14.2-69 of this Code, windshield sticker license tags must be renewed annually and are required to be applied and paid for by October 5 of each year and shall be displayed as provided in this section, on or before November 15 of that year, and continue to be displayed until the tag required for the following year is affixed, but no later than November 15 of the following year.

No violation of this section may be discharged by payment of a fine except upon presentation of satisfactory evidence that the required license has been obtained.

(1-16-67; 7-11-81; Ord. No. 85-13, 4-13-85; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-4, 3-7-92; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 93-26, 1-1-94; Ord. No. 00-11, § 1, 4-13-00)

**§ 14.2-71.1. Display of licenses required by jurisdictions participating in Northern Virginia Compact for Local Motor Vehicle License Enforcement.**

Pursuant to Virginia Code section 46.2-752(K), as amended, and the Northern Virginia Compact for Local Motor Vehicle License Enforcement ("compact") entered into by the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun, the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church, and the Town of Herndon ("participating jurisdictions"):

- (a) Any owner or operator of a motor vehicle who is required to display a local motor vehicle license for that vehicle by any participating jurisdiction must display such license at all times while such vehicle is operated or parked in Arlington County.
  - (1) Any vehicle exempt in all of the participating jurisdictions from imposition of the license tax or fee under Virginia Code section 46.2-755(A) is exempt from this section.
- (b) A violation of this section shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor.
  - (1) When the operator is the owner of the cited vehicle, such violation shall be discharged by payment of the requisite fine and presentation of satisfactory evidence that the required license has been obtained.
  - (2) When the operator is not the owner of the cited vehicle, the violation may be discharged by payment of the requisite fine.

(Ord. No. 94-13, 7-1-94; Ord. No. 97-23, 10-4-97)

**§ 14.2-72. Collection and deposit of fees; commissioner of the revenue to have a record of license tags issued.**

(a) *Collection and deposit generally:* All fees collected for the license tags issued under this article shall be delivered to the county treasurer. These fees shall be deposited by the treasurer in the same manner as that prescribed for other county monies

(b) *Record:* The commissioner of the revenue shall be supplied with a record of all motor vehicle license tags issued.

(7-16-74; 7-11-81; Ord. No. 91-18, 5-14-91; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 00-11, § 1, 4-13-00)

**§ 14.2-73. Motor vehicle license fee.**

The motor vehicle license fee shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) for all motor vehicles designed and used for the transportation of passengers as specified in Virginia Code Section 46.2-694 (A)(1--4), (9--11), as amended. The fee shall be payable prior to the issuance of a license for the first year or any portion thereof, until such time as the initial license expires. Licenses shall thereafter be renewed annually as provided for in section 14.2-71. There shall be a renewal fee of twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) for subsequent licensing periods

This section shall not apply to motor vehicle carriers which pay a privilege tax pursuant to section 11-70 of this Code.

(7-17-72; 10-15-77; 7-11-81; Ord. No. 85-21, 6-15-85; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 00-11, § 1, 4-13-00)

**§ 14.2-73.1. Exemption of vehicles owned and used by certain veterans.**

No annual registration prescribed in section 14.2-73 shall be required for any individual who has been exempted from the state registration fee pursuant to Section 46.2-739 of the Code of Virginia; provided, however, such person shall annually apply for and receive free of charge a county license tag.

(2-24-79; 3-24-79; Ord. No. 91-18, 5-14-91; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-73.2. Fees for members of the Virginia National Guard.**

The annual registration fee for members of the Virginia National Guard shall be one-half ( 1/2) the fee charged by the state or the full fee charged by the county, whichever is less.

(7-11-81; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 00-11, § 1, 4-13-00)

**§ 14.2-74. Monthly reconciliation of records.**

The County Manager or his designee and the county treasurer shall reconcile monthly their records with respect to motor vehicle license applications, motor vehicle license payments received by the county treasurer, and motor vehicle license tags issued and they shall prepare and issue a combined report thereon monthly.

(1-16-67; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 00-11, § 1, 4-13-00)

**§ 14.2-75. Transfers and refunds.**

(a) A person who has paid a license tag fee required under this article for any motor vehicle for which a license tag was issued may receive a transfer tag for another motor vehicle registered in such owner's name, provided the former vehicle no longer has situs in the county.

(b) No refund of the county motor vehicle license fee shall be allowed except when proof is provided that the fee was paid in error.

(1-16-67; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 00-11, § 1, 4-13-00)

**§ 14.2-76. Substitutes for lost, stolen, or mutilated license tags.**

Substitutes for lost, stolen, or mutilated license tags required by this article shall be issued to a person entitled thereto upon furnishing satisfactory information and the payment of a fee of two dollars (\$2.00).

(1-16-67; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-77. Operation of vehicle with tags issued for another vehicle.**

It shall be a Class 4 misdemeanor to operate a vehicle with county license tags other than those issued for that vehicle as described on the accompanying registration.

(1-16-67; 7-11-81; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-34, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 92-42, 8-8-92)

**§ 14.2-78. Reserved.**

**Editors Note:** Former § 14.2-78, which pertained to duty of person taking residence in county, was repealed by Ord. No. 93-26, enacted Dec. 14, 1993, and effective Jan. 1, 1994. The repealed provisions derived from legislation enacted Jan. 16, 1967 and Aug. 25, 1981; Ord. No. 88-11, enacted June 25, 1988; and Ord. No. 92-33, enacted July 11, 1992.

**§ 14.2-79. Payment of personal property taxes and unpaid parking tickets.**

(a) No vehicle taxable under this article shall be licensed unless and until the applicant for such license shall have produced satisfactory evidence that all personal property taxes upon the vehicle to be licensed have been paid and satisfactory evidence that any delinquent motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer personal property taxes owing which have been properly assessed or are assessable against the applicant have been paid.

(b) No vehicle shall be licensed unless all unpaid parking fees and fines owed to Arlington County by the owner of the vehicle and established by section 14.2-7.1 of the Arlington County Code governing parking of vehicles have been paid. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to vehicles owned by firms or companies in the business of renting motor vehicles.

(1-1-58; 7-11-81; Ord. No. 86-23, 8-16-86; Ord. No. 86-26, 9-20-86; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY\*

\* **Cross References:** Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority, § 14.2-96 et seq.

#### § 14.2-80. Prohibited conduct.

(a) For the purposes of this article, and unless otherwise specified herein, a "rail transit station" is a regular rail stopping place for the pick-up and discharge of passengers in regular route service, contract service, special or community type service, including the fare-paid areas and roofed areas of the rail transit stations (not bus terminals or bus stops) owned, operated, or controlled by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

It shall be unlawful for passengers or occupants, while aboard a public passenger vehicle, including buses and rapid rail passenger cars capable of seating twelve (12) or more passengers, owned, operated, or controlled by WMATA while said public passenger vehicle is transporting passengers in regular route service, contract service, special or community type service, or any person in a rail transit station owned, operated, or controlled by WMATA to:

- (1) Park, operate, carry, wheel or chain to any fence, tree, railing, or other structure not specifically designated for such use, or cause to be parked, operated, carried, wheeled, or chained to any fence, tree, railing or other structure not specifically designed for such use, bicycles, tricycles, unicycles, mopeds, motor bikes, or any other such vehicle, unless said person has in his possession a valid current permit issued by WMATA for the transporting of noncollapsible bicycles by rail transit and said person is complying with all terms and conditions of said permit.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for passengers or occupants while aboard a public passenger vehicle or a person in a rail transit station owned and/or operated by WMATA, within the corporate (designated) limits of Arlington County to:
  - (1) Smoke or carry lighted or smoldering pipe, cigar, or cigarette;
  - (2) Consume food or drink;
  - (3) Spit;
  - (4) Discard litter;
  - (5) Play any radio, tape recorder, or similar instrument, unless the same is connected to an earphone that limits the sound to the individual user;
  - (6) Carry any flammable liquids, live animals, birds, reptiles, explosives, acid, and other dangerous articles defined in Code of Virginia, Section 18.2-278.1, except for guide dogs properly harnessed and accompanied by handicapped passengers and small animals properly packaged;
  - (7) Stand in front of the white line marked on the forward and end of the floor of any bus, or otherwise conduct himself in such manner as to obstruct the vision or function of the operator;
  - (8) Board any bus through the rear exit door, unless so directed by an employee or agent of the carrier;
  - (9) Refuse to leave a bus or rail vehicle after having been ordered to do so by the operator or other designated agent of the WMATA;

- (10) Run, climb through windows or on seats, obstruct passage, obstruct the use of elevators or escalators, or otherwise endanger a passenger;
- (11) Wear or use roller skates, skateboards, baby carriages or strollers that are not readily collapsible, wagons or carts, unless permitted by an operator;
- (12) Walk with bare feet;
- (13) Sell or try to sell anything;
- (14) Be on a track, tunnel, catwalk, or any other part of the rail transit system without the express written permission of WMATA;
- (15) Ride on top of or on the side of any vehicle or between two (2) rail transit cars without the express written permission of WMATA; and
- (16) Mark or draw on a station or vehicle.

(c) It shall be unlawful, except in an emergency, for any person while aboard a public passenger vehicle owned, operated, or controlled by WMATA while said vehicle is transporting passengers in regular route service, contract service, special service, or community type service, within the corporate (designated) limits of Arlington County, to open, stop, impede, or interfere with the doors of a public passenger vehicle, or otherwise obstruct the operation of public passenger vehicles or transit facilities.

(6-4-77; 6-20-81; Ord. No. 85-33, 8-17-85; Ord. No. 87-21, 7-11-87; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

#### **§ 14.2-81. Failure to pay fares.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly board a public passenger vehicle of the WMATA which is transporting passengers in regular route service, without paying the established fare, board a rail transit car or enter the paid area of the WMATA rail system without the farecard required for such entry and boarding or leave the paid area without having presented a valid farecard or otherwise paying the established fare or board without presenting a valid transfer or pass for transportation on a public passenger vehicle or on a rail transit car.

(6-4-77; Ord. No. 84-28, 9-8-84; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

#### **§ 14.2-82. Violations.**

Violations of this article shall be punishable by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a first offense, and not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or ten (10) days in jail, or both, for each second or subsequent offense.

(11-9-74; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

### **ARTICLE V.**

#### **TRAFFIC EMERGENCY PLAN**

#### **§ 14.2-83. Weather or snow emergency street.**

The County Manager or his designee is authorized and directed to designate street areas within the county as weather or snow emergency streets which, by reason of the volume of vehicular traffic upon the streets, the location, or the condition of the streets require that there be vehicular restrictions on such streets in the event of snow, sleet, hail, freezing rain, ice, water, flood, high wind or storm, or the threat thereof.

(1-7-78; 2-11-78; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

#### **§ 14.2-84. Traffic Emergency Plan #4.**

The County Manager or his designee is authorized to establish a traffic emergency plan to be known as "Plan #4." Such plan shall designate the names of street areas within the county which, by reason of the volume of vehicular traffic, the

location or the condition of such streets, require that there be no parking of vehicular traffic thereon in the likelihood of event of the aforementioned adverse weather conditions.

(1-7-78; 2-11-78; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-85. Unlawful actions on weather or snow emergency streets.**

In the event of snow, sleet, hail, freezing rain, ice, water, flood, high wind or storm, or threat thereof, it shall be unlawful to obstruct or impede traffic on a street designated as a weather or snow emergency street by reason of a failure to have any vehicle operated thereon equipped with snow tires or chains, or to abandon a vehicle on such street.

(1-7-78; 2-11-78; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-86. Declaring and invoking of Plan #4.**

Whenever there is a firm forecast from the U.S. Weather Bureau of snow, sleet, hail, freezing rain, ice, water, flood, high wind or storm likely to result in hazardous traffic conditions within Arlington County, or whenever the traffic conditions within Arlington County have become hazardous due to such weather conditions, the County Manager or his designee is authorized to declare and invoke Plan #4.

Whenever Plan #4 is declared and invoked, the County Manager or his designee shall make announcement through at least two (2) radio or television stations with a normal operation covering Arlington County and, if possible, through the press.

(1-7-78; 2-11-78; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-87. Unlawful actions during Plan #4.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle on any of the streets designated pursuant to section 14.2-84 during the time that Plan #4 is in effect.

(1-7-78; 2-11-78; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 97-12, 6-21-97)

**§ 14.2-88. Designation of weather or snow emergency streets.**

All such streets which shall be designated pursuant to sections 14.2-84 and 14.2-85 shall be posted with appropriate signs designating such streets as weather or snow emergency streets. Such signs shall be placed not more than five thousand (5,000) feet apart in either direction.

(1-7-78; 2-11-78; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-89. Administrative regulations.**

The County Manager is authorized to publish administrative regulations relating to the provisions of this article.

(1-7-78; 2-11-78; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-90. Removal of vehicles.**

In the event of snow, sleet, hail, freezing rain, ice, water, flood, high wind or storm, or the threat thereof, the County Police Department or the County Department of Environmental Services is hereby authorized to remove or cause to be removed and to store any vehicle that is stalled, stuck, parked, or abandoned on any street designated pursuant to sections 14.2-84 and 14.2-85. The owner or operator of any such vehicle shall be required to pay, in addition to any fine, the reasonable charges for such removal and storage.

(1-7-78; 2-11-78; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 04-25, 10-2-04)

**§ 14.2-91. Exemptions.**

The following vehicles shall be exempted from the provisions of this article:

- (a) Ambulances or vehicles carrying sick or injured persons;
- (b) Vehicles engaged in snow removal operations or sanding streets;

- (c) Tow trucks;
  - (d) Physicians responding to medical calls;
  - (e) Police vehicles;
  - (f) Fire vehicles;
  - (g) Vehicles carrying United States mail;
  - (h) Commercial vehicles making emergency deliveries of fuel and motor oils, coal, gasoline, goods, milk, and medicines;
  - (i) Municipal vehicles declared essential by the County Manager or his designee; and
  - (j) Hearses and motor vehicles in funeral processions.
- (1-7-78; 2-11-78; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-92. Penalties.**

Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this article shall be punished by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense.  
(1-7-78; 2-11-78; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 97-12, 6-21-97)

**ARTICLE VI.****ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT****§ 14.2-93. Violations bureau.**

Any owner or operator of a vehicle issued a summons for a traffic violation or infraction may appear before the Violations Bureau of the Arlington County General District Court and make payment of any uncontested summons which is prepayable as provided for by a schedule of fines established by law, provided that nothing herein shall prohibit any person from making payment to the violations bureau by mail in lieu of an appearance.  
(2-11-78; 2-24-79; Ord. No. 82-27, § 1, 6-28-82; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**§ 14.2-94. Reserved.**

**Editors Note:** Ord. No. 98-17, adopted June 6, 1998 repealed § 14.2-94, which pertained to exemption of vehicles with special handicapped or disabled veterans plates and licenses from certain parking laws. See the Code Comparative Table.

**§ 14.2-95. Collection of fines for parking violations and contests of citations.**

(a) The county treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of parking citation fines and the fees for hearings in the parking notice review office.

(b) The owner or operator of a vehicle charged with a parking offense contained in Chapter 14 of the Arlington County Code or in Section 33.D of the Zoning Ordinance shall appear before the office of the treasurer of Arlington County during normal business hours on weekdays or at the police department on weekends and after normal business hours on weekdays and make payment of any uncontested parking citation, in accordance with the payment schedule set forth in section 14.2-7.1. An owner or operator may elect to make such payment to the treasurer by mail in lieu of a personal appearance.

(c) Any person desiring to contest a parking citation for which no date for court appearance is specified on the citation shall register his intent to contest the violation within thirty (30) days of the issuance either by providing the information requested over the Internet on the county's website; providing by facsimile or in person a copy of the ticket and written statement of facts with supporting information; or any other method established by the County Manager or his designee. An administrative review will be conducted to determine whether the citation was issued properly. Persons will be

notified of the review officer's decision by mail, email, telephone or in person within ten (10) days of receipt of the request. If it is determined that the citation was not issued in conformance with the provisions of this Code or the Code of Virginia, the citation will be abrogated. If it is determined that the citation was issued in conformance with the requirements of this Code or the Code of Virginia, the individual will be required to make payment of the citation. In arriving at a decision, mitigating circumstances presented by the individual may be considered. A fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) will be assessed to defray the costs of a hearing in which the citation is upheld. Payment of the fee for hearings will be collected by the treasurer and deposited to a separate account in the general fund.

Upon proper notification of a person's intention to contest a parking citation before the general district court, the parking notice review office, or other authorized person, shall cause a notice to be issued which shall summon the person to appear before the general district court on an appointed date. Signing of the notice by the person contesting the parking citation shall constitute acknowledgement of receipt of the notice. Notice of such action shall be certified in writing on an appropriate form to the general district court.

(d) The County Manager shall designate who shall be authorized, for good causes shown, to abrogate parking citations.

(e) The treasurer shall collect delinquent citations by any lawful means.  
(Ord. No. 82-27, § 2, 6-28-82; Ord. No. 87-10, 4-4-87; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-5, 3-7-92; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92; Ord. No. 93-16, 7-10-93; Ord. No. 94-10, 7-1-94; Ord. No. 03-22, 10-18-03)

#### **§ 14.2-95.1. Failure to pay Arlington Transit ("ART") fares.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly board a public passenger vehicle of ART, which is transporting passengers in regular route service without paying the established fare.  
(Ord. No. 03-18, 7-19-03)

### **ARTICLE VII.**

#### **METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORT AUTHORITY\***

\* **Cross References:** Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, § 14.2-80 et seq.

#### **§ 14.2-96. Parking at Washington National Airport.**

(a) No person may park a motor vehicle at the airport, except in an attended parking area, for a period longer than seventy-two (72) hours, without the specific approval of the Washington National Airport manager.

(b) No person may park a motor vehicle in a restricted or reserved area on the airport unless a parking permit, issued by the airport manager is displayed.

(c) Parking meter zones now in existence at Washington National Airport, as heretofore established, shall continue to be maintained upon specific portions or areas of highways, streets, parking lots and roads heretofore designated by action of the airport manager, unless and until the County Manager, in his discretion based upon an engineering study and investigation and consultation with the airport manager, shall determine that removal of the meters would improve the flow of traffic, provide for more efficient use of the parking spaces or otherwise increase the capacity or safety on the roads or parking spaces and shall eliminate the existing parking meter zones or any of them or any parking meter zones hereafter designated by the County Manager.

(Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

#### **§ 14.2-97. Speeding at Washington National Airport.**

(a) No person shall drive any vehicle upon the streets of Washington National Airport, which are hereby designated as public highways, in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour, except upon the following highways or portions thereof on which the speed limits shall be as follows:

*Thirty-five (35) miles per hour upon:*

Smith Boulevard from George Washington Memorial Parkway to one thousand (1,000) feet to the south.

*Thirty (30) miles per hour upon:*

Abingdon Drive from George Washington Memorial Parkway to Warehouse Road.

(b) In any event, irrespective of the type or use of vehicle driven, no person shall drive a vehicle in excess of the following speeds upon the following highways or portions thereof:

*Twenty (20) miles per hour upon:*

Abingdon Drive from Warehouse Road to Virginia Route 233.

*Fifteen (15) miles per hour upon:*

Thomas Avenue from Smith Boulevard to where Thomas Avenue passes under the main terminal of Washington National Airport; and

East Abingdon Drive from Smith Boulevard to Abingdon Drive.

*Ten (10) miles per hour upon:*

Thomas Avenue where it passes under the main terminal of Washington National Airport.

(Ord. No. 87-19, 6-7-87; Ord. No. 88-11, 6-25-88; Ord. No. 92-33, 7-11-92)

**ARTICLE VIII.**

**RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM**

**§ 14.2-98. Purpose and Intent.**

The creation of residential parking zones is intended to: promote the health, safety and welfare of residents of the County by reducing unnecessary personal motor vehicle travel, noise, pollution, litter, crime and other adverse environmental impacts; promote improvements in air quality; reduce congestion and/or hazardous traffic conditions in the neighborhood; increase the use of public mass transit; protect residents from unreasonable burdens in gaining access to their property; preserve neighborhood living within an urban environment; maintain the convenience and attractiveness of urban residential living; preserve the residential character of the neighborhood and the property values therein; and safeguard the peace and tranquility of the neighborhood.

**§ 14.2-99.**

To those ends, whenever the County Manager or his designee shall determine that the streets of a particular district or discrete portion of a district in which residential uses are permitted and commercial and industrial uses are not permitted, except transitional uses or by conditional use permit, are being used for parking by the operators of vehicles while the operators of those vehicles are using (1) districts in which commercial or industrial uses are permitted, or (2) portions of districts in which conditional special uses have been permitted under Section 3, subsections A.10.a. through A.10.c., of the zoning ordinance, (3) public mass transportation or (4) other residential districts and the average number of vehicles parking in such a manner is in excess of twenty-five (25) percent of the number of parking spaces on such streets and the total number of spaces actually occupied by any vehicles exceeds seventy-five (75) percent of the number of spaces on such streets, as disclosed by an engineering study, the County Manager or his designee shall prohibit parking during the hours when such use has been found on those streets of those districts or portions of districts found by the survey to have been so affected.

**§ 14.2-100.**

In determining the boundaries of particular zones and portions thereof, the County Manager or his designee should use the following factors: limiting size of zones to avoid cross commuting within zones; consideration of zoning

designations and land use characteristics; location of major and minor arterials, natural boundaries, traffic generators, and civic association boundaries; consideration of driving patterns within a neighborhood, the parking capacity of the street, the existence of driveways and dedicated parking; and other such neighborhood characteristics that the County Manager or his designee may determine to be relevant in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

**§ 14.2-101.**

In such cases the County Manager shall cause appropriate signs giving notice of the prohibition to be posted on those streets restricting all parking except parking by the holders of permits granted only under the following conditions:

a. To persons who are residents of any particular area in which parking is so restricted, to be limited to that particular area in which parking is so restricted for a limited number, determined by the County Manager or his designee, of vehicles owned by those persons and registered in the county. Each household shall be provided one flex pass at no charge, and the County Manager may charge a fee for such additional permits not to exceed \$20 for the first permit, \$20 for the second permit, \$50 for the third permit, and \$250 for each permit thereafter;

b. To persons who are visitors of or persons who do business with any residents of any particular area in which parking is so restricted, to be limited to that particular area in which the visited residence is located where parking is so restricted, to be valid for a stated period and the County Manager may charge a fee for any such visitor passes created, not to exceed \$0.25; and

c. The parking prohibitions of Article VIII shall not apply to service or delivery vehicles which are being used to provide services or make deliveries to dwellings.

**§ 14.2-102.**

Any such person shall show to the County Manager or his authorized representative satisfactory evidence that he fulfills all the conditions for such a permit. Whenever the conditions no longer exist, the person holding such a permit issued under subparagraph 1.a. or 1.c. shall surrender it to the County Manager or his authorized representative. It shall be unlawful for any person to represent that he is entitled to such a permit when he is not so entitled, or to park a vehicle displaying such a permit at any time when the holder of such permit is not entitled to hold it. No permit issued hereunder shall be valid for more than one (1) year.

**§ 14.2-103.**

The signs placed in such areas shall be of such character as to inform readily an ordinarily observant person of the existence of the rules and regulations imposing the foregoing restrictions. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate such rules and regulations.

**§ 14.2-104.**

Wherever metered or other paid parking restrictions are in effect in any portion of a district that becomes subject to the restrictions of Article VIII, the parking spaces so restricted may be used by permit holders with properly displayed permits for that zone and are not required to pay for that parking. However, vehicles without properly displayed permits for that zone may park in the restricted spaces and must pay.

**§ 14.2-105.**

On any block of any street where the conditions of paragraph 14.2-99 above calling for restricted parking exist, the County Manager may reduce the restriction under the following conditions. If a hardship exists for visitors to park because of the unavailability of off-street or other unrestricted parking or other conditions not generally prevailing on the residential streets of the county, the County Manager may conduct an engineering study to determine the conditions on the block or blocks in question. If the study shows that less than fifty (50) percent of the dwelling units abutting on the street have off-street parking for at least one (1) vehicle and there is no other reasonable alternative parking available, the restriction may be reduced to allow parking for no more than two (2) hours with permit holders exempted from that restriction.

**§ 14.2-106. Enforcement and Penalties.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle in violation of the provisions of the Subsection.

- a. It shall be unlawful to improperly display Residential Parking Zone decals/passes. Failure to properly display decals/passes shall be punishable by a fine of Forty Dollars (\$40.00).
- b. Enforcement of Residential Parking Zone regulations shall be under the jurisdiction of the Arlington County Police Department, which shall issue citations against those persons who violate the provisions of this Subsection.
- c. Vehicles parked in violation of these provisions may be towed at the owner's expense.
- d. The Arlington County Treasurer shall collect and account for all uncontested payments of parking citations under this Article; and any contest by any person of any parking citation shall be certified by the said Treasurer, in writing, on an appropriate form, to the Arlington County General District Court.
- e. The Arlington County Treasurer shall enforce payment of delinquent parking citations.  
(Ord. No. 05-08, 7-9-05; Ord. No. 06-03, 3-14-06)