

ORDINANCE NO. 95-06-15A

GRANT COUNTY ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE PARKING OF VEHICLES AT COUNTY BUILDINGS TO EMPLOYEES AND PERSONS HAVING OFFICIAL BUSINESS AT COUNTY BUILDINGS; AND DESIGNATING SPECIAL PARKING AREAS AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS WITHIN THE VARIOUS COUNTY PARKING FACILITIES.

Section 1. Title:

This Ordinance shall be known as the Grant County Parking Ordinance.

Section 2. Findings and Purposes:

The Grant County Commission hereby finds:

The County of Grant has the statutory responsibility and authority as the custodian of public property. The various County-owned buildings in Grant County are all public facilities under the control of the Board of the County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners owns and maintains parking facilities in areas adjacent to the following County-owned buildings: the Grant County Courthouse, the County Sheriff's Office, the County Office Complex, the Grant County Airport Terminal, the County Road Department and the Hanover and Gila Community Center Buildings ("County-owned buildings"). These facilities are maintained to provide adequate parking for employees working within County-owned buildings and for the general public having business in therein.

It is apparent that numerous vehicles and neighbors are using these County owned and maintained parking facilities for personal and private use which has resulted in inconvenience to those having business in these County-owned buildings. It has also been observed that certain vehicles have been parked in County owned and maintained parking facilities for several days at a time, in effect using the parking facility as a "storage facility." Such misuse of the parking facilities places a particular burden upon those with special access needs such as those with physical

disabilities.

The Commission finds that such misuse of the parking facilities limits the space available for those persons who are employees working within County-owned buildings or who otherwise have official business therein. Further, the County finds that, in the interest of the safety and welfare of pedestrians and of the operators of vehicles within County parking facilities, traffic flow should be controlled and guided by directional traffic regulations.

Accordingly, the purposes of this Ordinance are: to preserve the spaces within these County owned and maintained parking facilities for employees working within the County-owned buildings and for other persons having official business therein; to formulate directional traffic regulations in order to regulate, control and guide traffic for the safety and welfare of pedestrians and vehicle operators within these County parking facilities; and, to reserve special designated parking areas within these County parking facilities for persons with special access needs.

Section 3. Definitions:

1. "DISABLED" or "HANDICAPPED" means: one either having a physical condition requiring the use of a wheelchair, artificial limb, crutch, cane or walker, or having a physical disease making it difficult or impossible to walk more than twenty-five (25) feet without shortness of breath or danger of impairment to health. A medical statement by a physician licensed to practice within this state shall be acceptable by the County as evidence of a disabled or handicapped condition as defined above.
2. "VEHICLE" means: every vehicle which is self-propelled, including, but not limited to, all machines propelled by power other than human power, designed to travel along the ground by use of wheels, treads, runners or slides and transport persons or property or pull machinery, and shall include, without limitation: automobiles, trucks, trailers, mobile homes,

Section 4. Authorization:

The Grant County Manager, with the advise of the Grant County Sheriff, is hereby authorized and directed to approve, in writing, signs and symbols understood to identify parking places for vehicles operated by disabled or handicapped persons or in their behalf as well as directional traffic signs and signs for official parking, temporary loading and fleet parking only. [The Grant County Manager, with the advise of the County Maintenance Superintendent and the Grant County Sheriff is hereby authorized and directed to designate certain parking areas within the County parking facilities to be used solely for disabled or handicapped parking, official parking, temporary loading and fleet parking and is further authorized and directed to formulate directional traffic regulations for ingress and egress in order to regulate, control and guide traffic for the safety and welfare of the residents of Grant County and those using the County parking facilities.

Section 5. Prohibited Activities:

It is unlawful for any person who is not an employee working within a County-owned building or for any person who does not otherwise have official business within a County-owned building to park or to store a vehicle anywhere within the County-owned parking facilities, which are adjacent to the County-owned buildings. Every person who operates a vehicle within any of the County parking facilities shall obey all traffic, directional and parking signs (i.e. disabled or handicapped parking and directional traffic signs, official parking, temporary loading and fleet parking signs).

Section 6. Penalties:

Any vehicle parked or stored anywhere within the County parking facilities in violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to being towed to a storage facility within the County and the owner

such vehicle shall pay all costs involved with towing and storage of the vehicle and shall be subject to a fine of up to \$50.00 for each violation of this Ordinance. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

Anyone operating a vehicle within any County parking facility who is driving in violation of a directional traffic sign shall be subject to a fine up to \$50.00.

Section 7. Effective Date:

The Grant County Parking Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after it has been duly recorded in the book kept for that purpose by the Grant County Clerk.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED, by the Grant County Board of Commissioners, this 15th day of June, 1995.

BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Manuel T. Serna
Manuel T. Serna, Chairman

Zeke Santa Maria
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ATTEST:

Rena Madrid-Cope
Rena Madrid-Cope
Grant County Clerk.
By: Jeannefer Scholl, Deputy

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

County of Grant

I hereby certify that this instrument
was filed for record on the 16th A.D., 1995
day of June A.D., 1995
at 11:39 o'clock A M. and duly
recorded in book 204 of the records
of 196-99

At page 1
Witness my hand and seal of office
5-12-95

COUNTY CLERK, GRANT CO., N.M.

Jeannefer Scholl Deputy