

ORDINANCE NO. 1760

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE
PARKING FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS**

SPONSOR: MAYOR NORWOOD

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRICHARD,
ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person who does not have a distinctive handicapped decal, placard or "temporarily handicapped" placard as provided for in Title 32 of the Code of Alabama (1975, as amended), to park a motor vehicle in a parking place designated for the handicapped at any place of public accommodation, amusement or resort or any other place to which the general public is invited, even though located on private property, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115.00) per occurrence. Such fines shall be paid in the same manner as other municipal fines for traffic or parking violations.

SECTION 2. The City Inspector is authorized to designate marked handicapped parking spaces on public property and to post signs designating said parking spaces of the exclusive use of handicapped persons and to also post these designated parking spaces as "tow away" zones for anyone who is parked in a manner which violates this section. On private property, the owner of such property may designate marked handicapped parking spaces and post signs designating said parking spaces. Such signs must clearly provide notice to the public that the designated parking spaces for the exclusive use of handicapped persons, but it is not necessary for the property owners to purchase these signs from the City of Prichard.

SECTION 3. Handicapped vehicle license plates, insignias, decals, placards, etc., issued by states other than Alabama may be honored and accepted as proof of handicapped status for tourists and individuals who have resided in the state for less than thirty (30) days.

SECTION 4. A proper handicapped parking designation shall not in any way exempt the operator of any motor vehicle from compliance with any other state, federal or local law.

SECTION 5. Handicapped parking spaces shall be conveniently located to ramps, curve cuts, etc., designed to facilitate building or site ingress and egress.

SECTION 6. Any authorized municipal law enforcement officer may go onto private property within the city and its police jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this section.

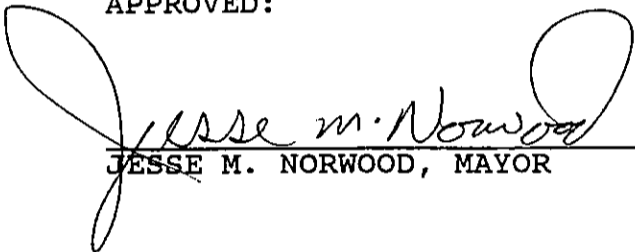
SECTION 7. In any prosecution for any violation of the provisions of this section relating to the operation or parking of vehicles, it shall be prima facie evidence that the owner of such vehicle was operating the same at the time of such alleged violation, or, in the case of parking overtime, that the owner parked the vehicle and caused it to be parked overtime.

SECTION 8. The provisions of this section shall be held in pari materia with all other provisions of law related to illegal parking violations.

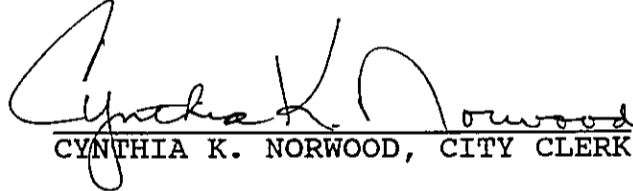
SECTION 9. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of February, 1993.

APPROVED:


JESSE M. NORWOOD, MAYOR

ATTESTED:


CYNTHIA K. NORWOOD, CITY CLERK