

MINUTES
Public Hearing of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, June 12, 2007 – 7:30 P.M.

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Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 125 “Housing Regulations”, §125-10 “Responsibilities Of Owners And Occupants” To Reduce The Time From 30 Days To 15 Days That Vehicles Which Are Inoperable, Dismantled, Wrecked Or Without Current License Plates Are Allowed To Be Parked Or Stored On Residentially Zoned Property, Property Used For Residential Purposes And Any Other Property Not Zoned For Such Storage.

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Milligan, Krouse, Catlin, Perry, Fellows, Stulich, Hampton and Cook.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Mary Laura Fitzgerald, Rent Stabilization Program staff; Jeannie Ripley, Code Enforcement Manager.

Mayor Brayman opened the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m. and invited Bob Ryan to give an overview. Mr. Ryan said the code currently allows the storage of this type of vehicle for up to 30 days. This ordinance would reduce that time frame to 15 days. At the end of the 15-day notice period, the City would issue a municipal infraction.

Councilmember Perry verified that this ordinance shortens the time that the property owner has to come into compliance from 30 days to 15 days.

Mayor Brayman invited public comment.

David Dorsch, 4607 Calvert Road: He does not see the reason for changing this ordinance. There are certain circumstances when the 30 days is necessary. Do not burden the residents needlessly. This does not improve safety.

Ed Loss, 9216 Davidson Street: This doesn’t seem to do what it says – it is not for safety. Appears to be in conflict with state, county and other legislation requirements. The basis is not clear – he hopes it is not passed.

Alan Tyler, 7204 Bowdoin Avenue: He does not believe the time change is relevant. He discussed code enforcement issues and delays in the judicial system.

Mayor Brayman indicated that action on this ordinance is scheduled for later this evening. No further public comment will be heard unless there is substantive change to the ordinance.

There being no further public comment, the hearing was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk