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**Subject:** Enforcement of Electric Vehicle Parking Violations

There has been an increase in parking complaints related to Electric Vehicle Parking. As this technology becomes more prevalent around the country and within Howard County, this trend is expected to continue. There has been some confusion regarding enforcement as there exists some potentially confusing language in the County Code pertaining to where enforcement may take place. A Training Bulletin will be forthcoming that will provide further guidance. Due to the emergent nature of these calls the following guidance is offered in the interim. [REDACTED]

County Code  
Title 21.207 (Parking Restrictions)

Provides that on property under the County's jurisdiction, the Department of Public Works may designate a parking space where a plug-in vehicle may be recharged. The section further states that a person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in a space that is posted for the exclusive use of plug-in vehicles.

The issue arises when responding to private property (which is obviously not under the County's jurisdiction) for these complaints. Further in the title there is a provision that gives Private Property Owners the authority to post reserved parking spaces for the exclusive use of plug-in vehicles and further outlines that parking in these spaces is prohibited.

This authority to post signs on private property **SHOULD NOT** be construed as an authority for the Police Department to enforce these violations on private property. If the property is not under the County's jurisdiction (basically owned by county) there exists no authority for the PD to issue a Plug-in Vehicle Parking Citation.

It is the responsibility of the Private Property Owner/Management Company to enforce the violation of these signs. Typically, this will be through private contract towing (as long as the area is properly posted for towing as outlined in Title 17, Subtitle 6 of the Howard County Code). Complainants should be advised of this fact when responding to calls on private property.

**Common County Properties That Have Plug In Spaces**

- Libraries
- Schools
- George Howard Building
- Parks
- Maintenance Facilities
- Fire Stations
- Certain Community Centers

**Parking Citation Issuance**

- Check the "other" box on the parking citation and write in the following section 21-221(a)(19) in the adjacent space.
- In the other description write in " Parking veh. in space posted for Plug-in Veh."
- The fine amount is \$35.00
- A parking citation is the primary means of enforcement, however the County Code also authorizes that the PD **may** impound a vehicle for this violation.

Stay Safe

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-Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over-



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