

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 348

An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1220 of the Code of Virginia, relating to regulation of parking by local governing bodies.

[S 632]

Approved March 22, 1996

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-1220 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-1220. Parking regulations in cities, towns, and certain counties; parking meters; presumption as to violation of ordinances.

The governing bodies of Albemarle, Arlington, Campbell, Chesterfield, Fairfax, Hanover, Henrico, Henry, Isle of Wight, James City, King George, Loudoun, Prince George, Prince William, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Tazewell Counties and the governing body of any city or town may by ordinance provide for the regulation of parking within its limits, including the installation and maintenance of parking meters. The ordinance may require the deposit of a coin of a prescribed denomination, determine the length of time a vehicle may be parked, and designate a department, official, or employee of the local government to administer the provisions of the ordinance. The ordinance may delegate to that department, official, or employee the authority to make and enforce any additional regulations concerning parking that may be required, including, but not limited to, penalties for violations, deadlines for the payment of fines, and late payment penalties for fines not paid when due. In a city having either (i) a population of at least 100,000 but less than 130,000 or (ii) a population of more than 390,000, the ordinance may also provide that a summons or parking ticket for the violation of the ordinance or regulations may be issued by law-enforcement officers, other uniformed city employees, or by uniformed personnel serving under contract with the city.

If any ordinance regulates parking on an interstate highway or any arterial highway or any extension of an arterial highway, it shall be subject to the approval of the Transportation Commissioner.

In any prosecution charging a violation of the ordinance or regulation, proof that the vehicle described in the complaint, summons, parking ticket citation, or warrant was parked in violation of the ordinance or regulation, together with proof that the defendant was at the time the registered owner of the vehicle, as required by Chapter 6 (§ 46.2-600 et seq.) of this title, shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle was the person who committed the violation.