

**Sec. 21.207. - Parking restrictions.**

- (a) *Department of Public Works.* Except as provided in section 21.105 of this title, on property that is under the County's jurisdiction, the Department of Public Works may:
- (1) Prohibit or establish a time limit on parking on any highway; and
  - (2) Designate each parking space where a plug in vehicle may be recharged.
- (b) *Signs.* The Department of Public Works shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating a parking restriction under subsection (a) of this section.
- (c) **Plug in vehicle recharging stations.**
- (1) In this section, plug in vehicle means a vehicle that:
    - (i) Is made by a vehicle manufacturer;
    - (ii) Is manufactured primarily for use on a public street, road, and highway;
    - (iii) Has a rated unloaded gross vehicle weight of no more than 8,500 pounds;
    - (iv) Has a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles per hour; and
    - (v) Is propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery that:
      - (A) For a four wheeled vehicle, has a capacity of at least four kilowatt hours;
      - (B) For a two wheeled or three wheeled vehicle, has a capacity of at least 2.5 kilowatt hours; and electricity.
    - (c) Can be recharged from an external source of
  - (2) Plug in vehicle includes a qualifying vehicle that has been modified from the original manufacturer's specifications.
  - (3) Except as provide in paragraph (4) of this subsection, **a person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle in a space that is posted for the exclusive use of plug in vehicles:**
    - (i) Under subsection (b) of this section for County property; or
    - (ii) **By the property owner for private property.**
  - (4) A plug in vehicle may be parked in a space that is posted for the use of plug in vehicles.
  - (5) A sign that designates a space under this subsection must meet be at least 12 inches by 18 inches and meet any applicable State or Federal standards for parking control signs.

(C.B. 93, 1995; C.B. 9, 1997; C.B. 36, 2014, § 1)

**Sec. 21.221. - Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified places.**

- (a) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or directions of a Police Officer or traffic control device, **an individual may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle:**
- (1) In front of or within five feet of a public driveway, or within a private driveway, without the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises;
  - (2) Within an intersection;
  - (3) Within a tee or modified tee turnaround;
  - (4) On a sidewalk or pathway;
  - (5) On a pedestrian or school crosswalk;
  - (6) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb;
  - (7) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
  - (8) Upon any bridge (or other elevated structure);
  - (9) Within a highway tunnel;
  - (10) On any ramp entering onto or exiting from any highway;
  - (11) On any property of the Howard County Board of Education where an official sign or curb markings prohibit or restrict such parking;
  - (12) At any place where an official sign or curb markings prohibit stopping, standing or parking;
  - (13) Within 30 feet to the approach to any official regulatory signal, sign or traffic control device located on the side of the roadway, with the exception of parking signs;
  - (14) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
  - (15) On the traveled portion of any roadway;
  - (16) Within 100 feet to the approach of an intersecting street, highway or commercial private property driveway, except in any residentially zoned district;
  - (17) In any hazardous or congested parking area posted as a no parking, tow away zone;
  - (18) Adjacent to the center island of a cul de sac; or
  - (19) Except as specifically authorized by section 21.207 of this subtitle, in a space posted for a plug in vehicle.**
- (b) **The Police Department may impound a vehicle for a violation of subsection (a)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), (10), (14), (15), (17), or (19) of this section.**

*(C.B. 9, 1997; C.B. 36, 2014, § 2)*

**State law reference**— Similar provisions, Ann. Code of Md. Transportation article, § 21 1003.