

**Ordinance for the Regulation of Traffic and Parking at the Kent
County Airport and Providing for the Installation, Regulation and
Control of the Use of Parking Devices at the Kent County Airport, Paris
Township, Michigan.**

THE PEOPLE OF KENT COUNTY DO ORDAIN:

Section 1.

(a). The word, "Vehicle," as used herein is any device by means of which persons or property may be transported upon a street or highway, except such as operate exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

(b). The word "Parking," as used in this Ordinance is allowing a vehicle to stand or remain, attended or not, except when actually engaged in loading or unloading, or when obeying traffic signals or regulations.

(c). The words, "Loading Zone," as used herein shall mean a space or section of a street or highway which has been set aside for the exclusive use of loading or unloading persons or property.

(d). The words, "Parking Meter," shall mean any parking meter or device which may be installed for the limitation of time of parking in any given area of the Kent County Airport.

(e). The words "County Airport," when used in this ordinance shall refer to each and every airport located in Kent County, Michigan, and operated by the County of Kent as a public County airport.¹

Section 2.

Where density of traffic, protection of life and of property, construction and condition of roadway, or any hazardous condition make it advisable, parking may be limited, restricted, or prohibited by order of the Kent County Aeronautics Board on premises in Kent County, Michigan, operated by the County of Kent as a public County airport, and when so regulated, such limitation, restriction, or prohibition, shall be indicated by paint of distinguishing color or by signs posted and restricting such parking, or by the installation of parking meters and parking devices in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance as amended, and no person shall park any motor vehicle in violation of such limitation, restriction, or prohibition.²

Section 3.

No person shall park any motor vehicle on any areas of the Kent County Airport restricted by the Kent County Aeronautics Board for aviation purposes, and parking shall be permitted only in the places designated by such Board.

¹ Section 1(e) amended on 6/6/62

² Section 2 amended on 6/6/62

Section 4.

No person shall park any motor vehicle and leave it unattended without first stopping the engine and effectively setting the brakes thereto.

Section 5.

No motor vehicle shall be parked, except in the areas designated by the Kent County Aeronautics Board as a parking area, or in any position which will conflict with other traffic at the Kent County Airport. The Kent County Aeronautics Board shall designate the length of time that any motor vehicle may park in any given area or space, and may designate certain areas at the Kent County Airport as loading zones, or no parking areas, where motor vehicles shall not be stopped for any purpose other than to load or unload passengers. Where restricted parking is permitted, the Kent County Aeronautics Board shall clearly post signs indicating the limitation of parking or restricted parking in a given area.

Section 6.

When, at the option of the Kent County Aeronautics Board, traffic conditions in any particular area at the Kent County Airport require the aid of parking devices, the Kent County Aeronautics Board may by proper resolution authorize and require the installation thereof, designate the location and fix the time that parking is permitted. Notice of the parking limitation and the limited parking permitted shall be given by the posting of signs or devices indicating the length of time for which parking may be permitted.

(a). When such parking devices have been determined as required by the Kent County Aeronautics Board, each of such parking devices shall be so set as to show or display a signal that the parking space alongside of same or in front of same is or is not occupied.

(b). Each parking device shall be so set as to display a signal showing legal parking upon the deposit of a particular coin, not exceeding five cents (5¢), money of the United States, and in the case of a mechanically operated device, the pulling or turning of a lever or crank for a period of time conforming to the parking time set out in appropriate resolution adopted by the Kent County Aeronautics Board. Each said parking device shall by its mechanism clearly set out and continue operation from the time of depositing such coin and the pulling or turning of a lever until the expiration of the time fixed by the schedules for parking in the resolution adopted by the said Board as the parking limit for the area upon which said device is placed. Each said device shall also be so fixed that upon the expiration of said parking time limit, it will indicate by a mechanically operated sign and the dropping of a proper signal that the parking period as fixed by the said resolution has expired, and in such case the right of said vehicle to occupy such space shall cease, and the driver, possessor, or manager thereof shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided.

(c). It shall be unlawful for any person who is the owner, driver, or person in charge of a motor vehicle, to permit such vehicle to remain or be placed in a parking place

where said device is displaying a signal showing that such vehicle shall have already parked beyond the period of time fixed in said resolution for such parking space.

(d). It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Ordinance to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking device a slug or other metal as a substitute for any coin of the denomination of the United States.

(i). It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Ordinance for any person not so authorized to deface, injure, tamper, open, or willfully break, destroy, or impair the usefulness of any parking device installed under the terms of this Ordinance.

(e). The coins required to be deposited as provided in this Ordinance are levied under police authority as a regulation of traffic and for the purpose of paying inspection fees to cover the cost of regulation and inspection, and said fees shall be sufficient when so fixed for the operation, installation, control and use of the parking areas at the Kent County Airport.

(f). The Kent County Aeronautics Board may fix the fees to be charged for parking of vehicles in any place where such devices are placed and for any period of time.

(g). A vehicle parked or occupying any parking space in violation of the terms of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be a nuisance, which may be abated by the impounding of said motor vehicle, either by placing a tag thereon, or by removing and conveying such vehicle to a motor vehicle pound, which may be designated by the Kent County Aeronautics Board, in which event the owner, operator, or person in charge of said motor vehicle shall pay such reasonable fee as may be required to cover the cost of removal of such motor vehicle.

(h). Any vehicle impounded under this ordinance may, after one month from date of seizure, be sold, either at private or public sale, to the highest bidder, after giving notice to the owner thereof as is shown in the office of the Secretary of State in which the car is licensed, by writing, delivering in person, or sent by United States registered mail, addressed to such person at the owner's place of business or residence, as shown in the said Secretary of State's Office.

Section 7.

In all cases of parking violations, either the registered owner or the operator of such vehicle may be proceeded against by complaint and warrant in a court in the township, village or city wherein such airport is located, which shall be in addition to the right of impoundment heretofore given, and the registered owner of the vehicle at the time of the violation shall be presumed to be a violator as well as the vehicle itself and the actual operator thereof.³

³ Section 7 amended on 6/6/62

Section 8.

It shall be the duty of the Kent County Aeronautics Board to designate some employee to make regular collections of the money deposited in the parking device provided in Paragraph 6 hereof, and it shall be the duty of such person so designated to deposit the said funds with the County Treasurer, and credited to the fund known as the "The Airport Fund."

Section 9.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or who shall aid, abet, or assist in the violation of any of the provisions hereof, shall upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00, or imprisonment in the Kent County Jail for a period of not more than 90 days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 10.

The sentences, sections, articles and provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and any portion which is declared to be unconstitutional or inoperative for any reason shall in no way affect the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Adopted: 10/23/59

Amended: 6/6/62