

ORDINANCE NO. 203, SERIES 2015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING PARKING FOR VETERANS AWARDED A PURPLE HEART.

Sponsored By: COUNCIL MEMBERS FLOOD, ACKERSON, MULVIHILL, OWEN, JOHNSON, BLACKWELL, FOWLER, BUTLER, WELCH, WOOLRIDGE, JAMES, HOLLANDER, SHANKLIN, YATES, TANDY, GREEN, HAMILTON, DOWNARD, LEET, STUCKEL, PARKER, BENSON, KRAMER, DENTON, PEDEN AND ENGEL

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council wishes to offer its support and appreciation for the most distinguished veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Metro Council wishes to amend Chapter 72 of the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances to waive the two hour parking fee for vehicles with a Purple Heart license plate at on-street parking metered spaces controlled by Louisville Metro Government.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. Section 72.003 of the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 72.003 SPECIAL PARKING PERMIT AND LICENSE PLATE PARKING.**

(A) Pursuant to state law, the Jefferson County Clerk shall issue a qualified person with a disability or a temporary disability an accessible parking placard. The Jefferson County Clerk is hereby authorized to formulate rules and regulations necessary to implement the accessible parking permit program.

(B) Pursuant to state law, vehicle operators with a Purple Heart license issued by any county clerk in Kentucky are entitled to the parking privileges set forth in § 72.004(B).

Section II. Section 72.004 of the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 72.004 PARKING WITH SPECIAL PERMITS FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY AND PERSONS WITH A PURPLE HEART LICENSE PLATE.**

**(A)** Any other provision to the contrary notwithstanding, a motor vehicle bearing an accessible parking placard when operated by a person with a disability or a temporary disability or when transporting a person with a disability or a temporary disability may be parked in an accessible parking place or when parked where any parking limit is imposed may be parked for two hours in excess of such parking limit. Such motor vehicle may be parked in a loading zone for that period of time necessary to permit entrance or exit of the handicapped person from the building or entrance or exit of a person with a disability or a temporary disability from the parked vehicle, but in no circumstances longer than 30 minutes. This subchapter shall neither permit parking in a no stopping or no parking zone nor where parking is prohibited for the purpose of creating a fire lane or to accommodate heavy traffic during morning, afternoon, or evening hours, nor permit a motor vehicle to be parked in such a manner as to constitute a traffic hazard.

**(B)** An operator of a motor vehicle displaying a Purple Heart license plate issued by a Kentucky county clerk office may park his or her vehicle, without charge for two hours, at a metered parking space in Louisville Metro. This section does not exempt said vehicles from complying with any other state laws or ordinances, including, but not limited to zones that prohibit stopping, parking, or standing of all vehicles; parking time limitations; street sweeping; restrictions of parking spaces; or the parking rules related to the operation of a street vending business. This section does not require Louisville Metro Government to designate specific parking spaces for vehicles displaying a Purple Heart license plate.

**Section III.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.



H. Stephen Ott  
Metro Council Clerk



David W. Tandy  
President of the Council




Greg Fischer  
Mayor

11/24/15

Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

Michael J. O'Connell  
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: 

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL  
READ AND PASSED  
November 19, 2015

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