

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 1999

SESSION LAW 2000-59  
SENATE BILL 1263

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO USE WHEEL LOCKS TO  
ENFORCE PARKING ORDINANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter VI, Subchapter A, Article II of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, being Chapter 713 of the 1965 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new section:

"Section 6.28. **Towing Penalties.** The Council may provide by ordinance that any vehicle that has been towed for a parking violation is to be held until the towing fee and penalties related to all outstanding parking tickets and penalties owed to the City are paid in full, or a bond is posted in the amount of the towing fee and all outstanding parking tickets and penalties. Payment of the towing fee and all outstanding parking tickets and penalties shall not constitute a waiver of a person's right to contest the towing or the outstanding parking tickets and penalties."

Section 2. Chapter VI, Subchapter A, Article II of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, being Chapter 713 of the 1965 Session Laws, is amended by adding a new section:

"Section 6.29. **Wheel Locks Permitted.** The Council may provide by ordinance for the use of wheel locks on illegally parked vehicles for which there are three or more outstanding, unpaid, and overdue parking tickets for a period of 90 days. The ordinance shall provide for notice or warning to be affixed to the vehicle, immobilization, towing, impoundment, appeal hearing, an immobilization fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), and charges for towing and storage. The City shall not be responsible for any damage to an immobilized illegally parked vehicle resulting from unauthorized attempts to free or move that vehicle."

Section 3. If Senate Bill 1391 or House Bill 1667, 1999 Session, becomes law, then Section 6.11 of the City of Charlotte, as enacted by Senate Bill 1391 or House Bill 1667, reads as rewritten:

"Section 6.11. **Parking Regulations and Violations.** (a) The Council may provide by ordinance that each hour a vehicle remains illegally parked in an on-street parking space is a separate offense, and the violator may be given a ticket for each offense.

(b) The Council may provide by ordinance that any vehicle that has been towed for a parking violation is to be held until the towing fee ~~and any related parking tickets and penalties are paid in full, or a bond is posted in the amount of the towing fee and any related parking tickets and penalties.~~ Payment of the towing fee and any related

parking tickets and penalties or posting of a bond shall not constitute a waiver of a person's right to contest the towing or any related parking tickets and penalties, and penalties related to all outstanding parking tickets and parking penalties owed to the City are paid in full, or a bond is posted in the amount of the towing fee and all outstanding parking tickets and parking penalties. Payment of the towing fee and all outstanding parking tickets and parking penalties shall not constitute a waiver of a person's right to contest the towing or the outstanding parking tickets and parking penalties.

(c) The Council may provide by ordinance for the use of wheel locks on illegally parked vehicles for which there are three or more outstanding, unpaid, and overdue parking tickets for a period of 90 days. The ordinance shall provide for notice or warning to be affixed to the vehicle, immobilization, towing, impoundment, appeal hearing, an immobilization fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), and charges for towing and storage. The City shall not be responsible for any damage to an immobilized illegally parked vehicle resulting from unauthorized attempts to free or move that vehicle."

Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of June, 2000.

s/ Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives