

Parking North Carolina Fire Prevention Code (NCFPC) and North Carolina General Statute (NCGS)

NCFPC- 503.2.1 Dimensions- Fire Apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet, exclusive of shoulders, except for approved security gates in accordance with Section 503.6 and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches.

NCFPC- 503.2.2 Authority- The fire code official shall have the authority to require an increase in the minimum access widths where they are inadequate for fire or rescue operations.

NCFPC- 503.4 Obstruction of fire apparatus access roads- Fire apparatus access roads shall not be obstructed in any manner, including the parking of vehicles. The minimum widths and clearances established in Section 503.2.1 shall be maintained at all times.

NCFPC- 507.5.4 Obstruction- Unobstructed access to fire hydrants shall be maintained at all times. The fire department shall not be deterred or hindered from gaining immediate access to fire protection equipment or fire hydrants.

NCFPC- 507.5.5 Clear space around hydrants- A 3-foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants except as otherwise required or approved.

The above references are concerned as Violations to the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code.

Under Mooresville Town Ordinance Section 10-77 (b) a civil citation of \$100.00 per incident can be issued.

NCGS- 20-162.

20-162. Parking in front of private driveway, fire hydrant, fire station, intersection of curb lines or fire lane.

(a) No person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, upon a highway in front of a private driveway or within 15 feet in either direction of a fire hydrant or the entrance to a fire station, nor within 25 feet from the intersection of curb lines or if none, then within 15 feet of the intersection of property lines at an intersection of highways; provided, that local authorities may by ordinance decrease the distance within which a vehicle may park in either direction of a fire hydrant.

(b) No person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, upon any public vehicular area, street, highway or roadway in any area designated as a fire lane. This prohibition includes designated fire lanes in shopping center or mall parking lots and all other public vehicular areas. Provided, however, persons loading or unloading supplies or merchandise may park temporarily in a fire lane located in a shopping center or mall parking lot as long as the vehicle is not left unattended. The prima facie rule of evidence created by G.S. 20-162.1 is applicable to prosecutions for violation of this section. The owner of a vehicle parked in violation of this subsection shall be deemed to have appointed any State, county or municipal law-enforcement officer as his agent for the purpose of arranging for the transportation and safe storage of such vehicle. No law-enforcement officer removing such a vehicle shall be held criminally or civilly liable in any way for any acts or omissions arising out of or caused by carrying out or enforcing any provisions of this subsection, unless the conduct of the officer

amounts to wanton misconduct or intentional wrongdoing. (1937, c. 407, s. 124; 1939, c. 111; 1979, c. 552; 1981, c. 574, s. 1.)

The NCGS would be handled by the Mooresville Police Department at our request or upon them located the infraction.

The Mooresville Fire Marshal's Office has checked the area and the parking had greatly improved over the past couple of weeks, keeping the streets clear for quick access.

I greatly appreciate what has been done to add the Mooresville Parking Ordinance as part of your regulations. This appears to have set a presence as to what is expected to make it easier to drive though the development.

We aren't here to be stop parking on the streets however we ask that if parking on the street must be done, due to reasons beyond your control, that you park so that emergency vehicle will have access through the development to arrive at the emergency in a timely manner.

We prefer that all parking issues be handled within the Home Owners Association so that enforcement is not needed.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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