

ORDINANCE NO. 4466

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 118 OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING ARTICLE III, "RESERVED PARKING FOR THE HANDICAPPED"; FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; TO BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2013.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 16th day of January, 2013, that Chapter 118 of the Bossier Parish Code of Ordinances, be and is hereby amended to add Article III, Reserved Parking for the Handicapped, as follows:

ARTICLE III. Reserved Parking for the Handicapped.

Section 118-47. Definitions.

(a) For the purposes of this section, the term "handicapped" means persons whose vehicles are identified by license plates for the handicapped or by license plates for disabled veterans.

Section 118-48. Regulations Established.

(a) Each state agency and political subdivision having jurisdiction over street parking or publicly owned and operated parking facilities located within the unincorporated areas of the parish shall provide at least a minimum number of specially designed, marked and unmetered motor vehicle parking spaces for the exclusive use of the handicapped in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 40:1745. With respect to street parking of facilities under the jurisdiction of the parish, the director of public works shall carry out such requirements.

(b) At all other facilities located within the unincorporated areas of the parish which provide parking spaces for the handicapped in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 40:1731 et seq., amended, it shall be the duty of the owner of such premises to designate such reserved spaces by placing clearly visible signs of the international symbol of accessibility for the physically handicapped on the pavement within such reserved spaces. In addition, the owner of the premises shall also designate such reserved spaces by placing a clearly visible elevated sign which designates such reserved spaces for the physically handicapped above such spaces as are reserved.

(c) It shall be unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this section for any person:

(1) To cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in the persons name or operated by the person, which is not identified by license plates for the handicapped or by license plates for disabled veterans, to be parked in a reserved parking space for the handicapped designated in accordance with this section; or

(2) To cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in a person's name or operated by the person to be parked so that it blocks an access or curb ramp or other architectural improvement designed to aid the disabled.

Section 118-49. Violations; penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be fined \$250.00 and shall be required to pay any towing fees and any storage costs which are incurred.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all provisions of this ordinance shall become effective and in full force on April 1, 2013.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Rimmer. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 16th day of January, 2013.

CINDY A. DODSON
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY