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Mr. Putens

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 1239

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF THE GREENBELT CITY CODE, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," IN ORDER TO INCLUDE PARKING PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES NOT DISPLAYING PROPER REGISTRATION PLATES AND TABS

WHEREAS, Chapter 11 of the Greenbelt City Code sets forth regulations governing the parking and storage of vehicles within the City of Greenbelt; and

WHEREAS, the restrictions set forth in Chapter 11 are derived from the laws of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, these restrictions are intended to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by guarding against the parking of vehicles in the community that are not legal to operate or which are parked in a manner that endangers the public's safety; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Maryland prohibit the operation of vehicles not displaying proper registration plates and tabs; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure consistency between state and local laws, revision to Chapter 11 is necessary to extend the state prohibition to City parking regulations; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that Chapter 11 of the City Code is amended to read as follows:

(Denotes existing language; new material indicated by <u>underscoring</u>; deleted material indicated by overstriking.)

Chapter 11 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

ARTICLE III. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

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Sec. 11-50. Improper display of registration tags or plates.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or store upon any public street, alley, parking lot or roadway, any vehicle displaying any form of improper, altered or incomplete registration (plate(s), tabs, annual windshield sticker, temporary tags, etc.), including failure to display all plates and tabs required by law, unless otherwise in compliance with applicable state law

governing lost, stolen, or damaged cards, plates or tabs; displaying improper registration plates, including any registration plate issued to another vehicle or to a person other than the owner of the vehicle; or displaying altered plates, tabs, windshield stickers or temporary tags.

Sec. 11-501. Traffic control devices.

It shall be unlawful to disobey any official traffic control device.

Secs. 11-512-11.60 Reserved.

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PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting of July 14, 2003.

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ATTEST:

Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk