

ORDINANCE No. **2014- 14**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" OF THE BASTROP CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE 12.06 "STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING" PROVIDING FOR PARKING OF 'COMPACT CARS' ONLY IN CERTAIN LOCATIONS ON MAIN STREET; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**WHEREAS**, Sections 542.202 and Section 683 of the Transportation Code authorize a city to regulate the stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, State and local laws and the City's Home Rule Charter authorize the City to adopt and enforce traffic and parking laws to enhance and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of, and visitors to, the Bastrop community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that there is a need to increase public safety by improving traffic flow along Main Street, for public emergency operations, and the safety of vehicles and pedestrians by reducing congestion along Main Street in downtown Bastrop; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to safety considerations, such as the reduction of congestion and the accessibility of emergency vehicles, the City has determined that parking of 'compact cars' *only* should be allowed in certain parking spaces on Main Street, and that a failure to so restrict parking has the potential to create traffic congestion and pose safety concerns in the City of Bastrop; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that it is necessary and the best interest of the City to amend Chapter 12, "Traffic and Vehicles" to provide restrictions on certain types of vehicles that may be parked on Main Street, in certain marked locations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bastrop finds that the amendments to Chapter 12, "Traffic and Vehicles" provided herein will enhance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP:**

**PART 1:** That Chapter 12 of the Bastrop Code of Ordinances, Article 12.06, Section 12.06.001 is hereby amended to as follows:

*ARTICLE 12.06.001 Vehicles standing or left unattended on Main Street/  
Parking of compact cars only, will be allowed in spaces marked as "Compact  
Cars Only."*

- (1) No vehicle shall stand or be left unattended on Main Street within the business district unless parked in an officially marked parking space.
- (2) The parking of vehicles other than 'compact cars' shall be prohibited on Main Street in the spaces marked as "Compact Cars Only."
- (3) For purposes of this Article, the term "Compact Car" is defined to mean a vehicle that is of such a length that the rear bumper of the vehicle does not extend beyond a mark (line) that is placed in the specified parking areas by the City.

**PART 2:** The City Manager and City Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary changes to all records of the City of Bastrop to reflect this amendment, and to initiate the fabrication and installation of signage necessary to inform the public of the prohibition noted herein. Enforcement of this prohibition shall be as set forth in the City's Code.

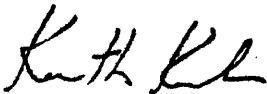
**PART 3:** All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and are no longer of any force and effect. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, or application thereof, of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**PART 4:** This Ordinance shall be effective upon final approval by the City Council upon the date noted herein below and upon its publication pursuant to State law.

READ and APPROVED on First Reading on the **22<sup>nd</sup>** day of **July 2014**.

READ and **ADOPTED** on Second Reading on the **12<sup>th</sup>** day of **August 2014**.

APPROVED:



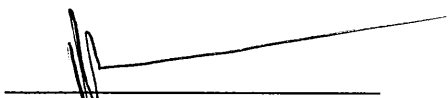
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Ken Kesselus, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Elizabeth Lopez, City Secretary

Approved as to Form:



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