

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-195

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 32-155 OF THE MADISON CITY CODE
ENTITLED
“RESERVATION OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES”**

WHEREAS, the City of Madison’s Chief of Police has recommended that the City Council amend the language of the City of Madison’s Reservation of Handicapped Parking Spaces Ordinance to allow for more comprehensive enforcement of such parking in handicapped parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, the current Ordinance governing such enforcement of parking in a handicapped parking space only allows for enforcement when a person parks in a spot with a “painted blue line a minimum of four inches;” and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Madison, Alabama wishes to expand the enforcement of its prohibition against parking in designated handicapped spots to be as expansive as allowed by state law, federal law and the most recent American National Standards Institute (ANSI) regulations for designated handicapped parking spaces.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Madison, Alabama, that the Madison City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 32-155 entitled “Reservation of handicapped parking spaces” is hereby amended to **REPEAL** the entire existing provisions and **REPLACE** this section with the following:

“Parking spaces for individuals with long-term and temporary disabilities within the city in both publicly and privately owned parking areas, shall be reserved exclusively for the parking of motor vehicles operated by the physically handicapped. All parking spaces designated for parking by individuals with long-term and temporary disabilities shall comply with ANSI A.117.1, 2017 (Standard). Each parking space for individuals with long-term and temporary disabilities so properly designated pursuant to ANSI A. 117.1, 2017 shall be posted by an official sign "For Handicapped Parking Spaces Only" or by a clearly designated decal painted on the surface of the parking space. The mounting height of the sign shall be approximately 3½ feet from the pavement surface to the bottom of the sign. The sign may be mounted on a building or on a sturdy metal post which is not accessible to parked vehicles normally parked within such space so as to avoid damage or destruction thereof.”

Section 2. If any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, thing or circumstances, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the provisions or application of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, the provisions of this code and such amendments and statutes are declared to be severable.

Section 3. No other provisions of the City Code are amended by this Ordinance, unless specifically stated and referenced herein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and proper publication as required by law.

READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of July 2024.

Ranae Bartlett, Council President
City of Madison, Alabama

ATTEST:

Lisa D. Thomas, City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Madison, Alabama

APPROVED this ____ day of July 2024.

Paul Finley, Mayor
City of Madison, Alabama