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Parking, traffic, and pedestrian ordinances

Sec. 1 The governing boards of state universities and colleges may each enact parking, traffic, and pedestrian ordinances for the government and control of their respective campuses. If an ordinance is enacted, the governing board shall specify whether a particular violation is a misdemeanor or a civil infraction. Enforcement of the ordinance shall be by law enforcement officers of this state or the county, township, or city where the violation of the ordinance occurs. The ordinance shall be in substantial conformity with the uniform traffic code promulgated pursuant to Act No. 62 of the Public Acts of 1956, being sections 257.951 to 257.954 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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Violations, penalties; disposition of fines collected

Sec. 2 If violation of a particular provision of the ordinance is designated a misdemeanor pursuant to section 1, that violation is punishable by a fine of not to exceed $25.00 for each violation and may be enforced in any court having jurisdiction and venue over misdemeanors in the political subdivision where the violation occurs. Fines collected by the court for these ordinance violations shall be paid to the treasurer of the political subdivision in which the offense is tried within 30 days after collection, and costs shall be handled in the same manner as provided for costs imposed for violation of misdemeanors under state statutes.¹

Civil sanctions for civil infractions

Sec. 2a. If the violation of a particular provision of the ordinance is designated a civil infraction pursuant to section 1, the governing board may establish civil sanctions for those civil infractions, but a civil fine shall not exceed $25.00. A civil sanction in excess of that prescribed in Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended, being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is in conflict with that act and is void to the extent of the conflict. The ordinance shall not impose a misdemeanor penalty for an act or omission which is a civil infraction under Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended. Except as provided in section 3, the violation of a provision designated a civil infraction in the ordinance shall be processed in the same manner as a civil infraction under Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended.²

Parking violations bureau for state university or college, establishment, jurisdiction, duties, expenses, personnel

Sec. 3 The governing board of a state university or college may establish a parking violations bureau as an exclusive agency to accept admissions of responsibility in cases of violation of any university or college parking ordinance and to collect and retain fines and costs as prescribed in the ordinance if the violation is designated a civil infraction The expense of operating the bureau shall be borne by the governing board and the personnel of the bureau shall be university or college employees.³

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