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Mayor and City Council
City of Annapolis
160 Duke of Gloucester St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Recommendation for O-3-18 and R-1-18

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council:

The Transportation Board met on January 24, 2018 to discuss O-3-18 "Abandoned Vehicles" and the companion R-1-18 "Wrecked or Nonoperating Vehicles on Public Property"

The Board unanimously supports the legislation with the following administrative language changes.

Rationale:

The board agrees with the addition of the delegation of enforcement to an "authorized agent" as the city has tasked its parking contractor SP+ with other similar duties and it makes sense to offload this responsibility from the Police Department which has other pressing responsibilities. We also agree with the addition of the criteria for abandoned vehicles as defined in Maryland Transportation Article 21, Section 25-201 or its successor. However, we do offer the following wording modifications for clarification:

1. Strike lines 21, 22, 23 in section 12.44.020: "No person shall leave any vehicle at any place for a time and under circumstances which cause the vehicle reasonably to appear to have been abandoned." as it is redundant and conflicting with that specified in Maryland Transportation Article 21, Section 25-201 and no longer needed with this addition
2. Add a definition of "inoperable" in section 12.44.010: "D. "Inoperable" means any circumstances which cause the vehicle reasonably to appear to not operate."

3. In section 12.44.030 A, change the word "nonoperating" to "inoperable" to make the language consistent
4. In section 12.44.030 A, add the word "unattended": "No person shall leave unattended any partly dismantled..." to make sure inoperable vehicles that are actively being attended to during a repair situation are not considered in violation

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, you can reach me at alex@teampline.org or 443-510-7297.

Respectfully submitted,



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