

**Law No. (18) of 2009  
concerning the regulation of  
vehicles parkings in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi**

We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi;

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental Body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (2) of 1971 concerning the National Advisory Council and its amendments;
- Law No. (32) of 2005 concerning the regulation of the transportation sector in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi;
- Law No. (4) of 2006 concerning the establishment of the Department of Transport as amended by law No. (5) of 2008;
- Law No. (23) of 2006 concerning the Judicial Department in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi as amended by Law No. (11) of 2008;
- Law No. (14) of 2008 concerning Abu Dhabi Accountability Authority;
- Federal Law No. (3) of 1987 concerning the issuance of the Penal Code and its amendments;
- Federal Law No. (35) of 1992 concerning the issuance of the Penal Procedures Law and its amendments;

- Federal Law No. (21) of 1995 concerning traffic and its amendments; and
- Based on what presented to and approved by the Executive Council;

Issued the following law:

### **Article (1)**

For the purpose of this law the following terms and expressions shall have the meanings herein assigned to them, unless the context requires otherwise:

**The Emirate:** Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

**The Executive Council:** The Executive Council of the Emirate.

**The Department:** The Department of Transport in the Emirate.

**The Licensing Authority:** The authority authorised to register and license vehicles in the Emirate.

**The Vehicle:** Any means of transportation assigned for any purpose whether registered or not registered by the licensing authority that may occupy a designated parking bay.

Regulated Zones:	Any areas specified by the department, in the Emirate, to regulate Private and Public Parkings including parkings in commercial and residential buildings.
Public Parkings:	Paid or unpaid parking bays specified and supervised by the Department within the Regulated Zones whether these bays are covered or uncovered, or inside a building.
Private Parkings:	Areas owned by third parties and used as paid parkings pursuant to prior authorisation by the department.
Parking Fee:	An amount collected in exchange for parking a vehicle in paid Public Parkings for a specified period of time, for which a parking ticket or an electronic notice is issued to prove payment and specify the duration of parking.
Automated Collection: Device:	An electronic device used for the payment of Parking Fees and the issuance of parking ticket or an electronic notice thereof.
Building Landlord:	The owner of any residential or commercial building consisting of apartments, offices or shops.

The Violation: Any act, or omission, which constitutes a violation of the provisions of this law, and the implementing regulations, instructions, and resolutions issued thereunder.

Inspectors: Judicial investigation officers legally authorised to supervise compliance of the application of this law in Public and Private Parkings and proving violations committed therein.

Building Permit: A permit issued by the concerned municipality for the construction of residential and commercial buildings.

## Article (2)

The provisions of this law , the regulations and resolutions issued thereunder shall apply to all users of Public Parkings in the Emirate, specified and organised pursuant to a resolution issued by the head of the department. They shall also apply those authorized by the department to exploit and manage Private Parkings and to users of those parkings, as well as to the building Landlords where it concerns parkings therein.

### Article (3)

The Department shall assume the following:

1. Specify areas which are not privately owned, allocate them as paid or unpaid parkings and organise them, in coordination with the concerned entities in the Emirate.
2. Manage and supervise Public Parkings. It may also entrust others to carry out these tasks.
3. Allocate free and paid parking lots within the Regulated Zones, and specify those in which parking is to be limited to a specific group of people, as well as specifying areas where parking is prohibited in accordance with the requirements of public interest.
4. Specify places, inside or outside parkings, where parking is prohibited, so as to achieve ideal use of these parkings.
5. Issue free or low fee permits to be used in Public Parkings. The executive regulations shall specify the beneficiaries of such permits and the mechanism of their use.
6. Grant necessary approvals to owners of built or un-built properties in order to use the same as paid Private Parkings.
7. Grant permits to third parties to practice management of Private and Public Parkings. In all cases it may supervise the organisation of these parkings and set Parking Fees therein.
8. Specify parkings allocated to people with special needs, grant and supervise relevant permits.

- 9.Specify, organise and supervise parkings allocated to civil defense vehicles, ambulance, public transport and taxis in coordination with concerned authorities.
- 10.Organise and supervise traffic closure, affecting Public Parkings, by construction companies, grant , regulate necessary permits and specify periods when this measure is allowed.

#### **Article (4)**

The following shall be considered with regard to paid parkings:

- 1.The Department shall collect Parking Fee for Vehicles in Public Parkings except during those times and days when parking is free.
- 2.It is prohibited to park vehicles without payment of the set Parking Fees.
- 3.The Department or entity entrusted with managing paid Public Parkings shall install collection devices necessary to collect Parking Fees. It may, in future, develop the method of collection relying on more sophisticated equipment, software and systems in this field.

#### **Article (5)**

It is prohibited to park any Vehicle in Public Parking that does not have a licensed plate or for periods exceeding

those specified in the executive regulations of this law; in a way which obstructs the use of the other parkings; or in an area where parking is prohibited or limited to specific entities or categories. It shall also be prohibited to use Public Parkings, whether paid or unpaid, as a selling point for Vehicles, or for any commercial or advertising or promotional activity without prior permission from the Department.

## **Article (6)**

Third Parties shall be prohibited from using pavements and outdoor areas without obtaining prior approval from the Department and after paying the set fees and meeting the requirements specified by the Departments as set out in the executive regulations.

## **Article (7)**

-Prior to the construction of any building in the Emirate the provision of adequate parking lots for the Vehicles of the buildings occupants and visitors must be taken into account in the construction plans. Issuance of a Building Permit for any building whose design does not take into account parking bays of not less than those specified in

the executive regulations of this law shall be prohibited.

-Landlords of existing buildings which provide parkings, prior to or after the issuance of this law, shall be obliged to provide the necessary parking bays for occupants in a number not less than those specified in the executive regulations. Exploitation of the buildings parking for leasing, whether to the residents themselves or to others, shall be prohibited unless there is a surplus to the number specified by the Department; in this case, priority of leasing shall be given to the building occupants.

-If the number of parking bays does not meet the needs of the occupants of the building units, the Landlord must apply to the Department to consider the possibility of providing parking necessary for non-beneficiaries at the nearest site to the building and must bear any fees imposed by the Department.

-The Department may, at any time, check the compliance of Landlord to the provisions of this law, the regulations, resolutions and by-laws issued hereunder, and may conduct the required survey to determine the actual needs of parking in any building.

## Article (8)

Managing Private or Public Parkings or exploiting a property as a paid Private Parking in the Emirate shall be prohibited without prior authorisation of the Department.

## Article (9)

-Without prejudice to any more severe punishment provided by another law, anyone who commits a Violation of the provisions of this law, or the regulations , resolutions and by-laws issued in implementation thereof, shall be punished with a fine not exceeding (AED50,000) fifty thousand dirhams. The table annexed to the executive regulations of this law shall specify the Violation categories and the fine prescribed for each.

-The Department may amend the Violations provided in the aforesaid table, whether by omission or addition, provided that the fine does not exceed the maximum provided in the table and the prohibited act is contrary to the provisions of this law, or the regulations, resolutions and by-laws issued in implementation thereof.

-Anyone who commits any Violation of the provisions of this law may, in relation thereto, request reconciliation with the Department within a period not exceeding fifteen days from the date of committal. Upon payment of the fine within the specified period, the offender shall benefit from a discount equivalent to a quarter of its value prescribed in the fine table annexed to the executive regulations. The Department shall evidence the reconciliation offer in the Violation record. The value of reconciliation shall be specified in the executive regulations.

-The penal case shall be embedded with payment of the reconciliation amount.

- The Department must notify the concerned licenses department of each recorded Violation as well as of each paid or cancelled fine.
- A license may be renewed only after payment of fees, fines and amounts due in accordance with the provisions of this law , the regulations , resolutions and by-laws issued there under.

### **Article (10)**

- The Department shall form a committee to receive and settle complaints related to Violations as determined by the executive regulations.
- The aforesaid committee shall study proposals of parking users and submit its recommendations to the Head of the Department.

### **Article (11)**

- The Head of the Judicial Department shall issue, in agreement with Head of the Department, a resolution authorising certain employees of the Department to act as judicial investigation officers to monitor the implementation of the provisions of this law and the regulations issued there under, and to verify crimes within their jurisdiction that are related to their functions. They may seek the assistance of the competent security entities in the

Emirate for the implementation of any of the procedures stipulated in this law and its executive regulations.

-The Department, through its inspectors, shall monitor the commitment to the provisions of this law, the regulations, resolutions and by-laws issued there under.

-A Violation record shall be recorded for any Vehicle whose driver does not abide by the provisions of this law, the regulations, the resolutions and by-laws issued there under. A copy of the record shall be handed to the driver or fixed to the Vehicle, as appropriate, provided that the record contains the offending act and the amount of the fine.

-The Department, in cases specified by the executive regulations, may install a wheel-grip to the Vehicle wheel and tow it to a place designated for Vehicle's seizure.

## **Article (12)**

The executive regulations and the resolutions necessary to implement the provisions of this law shall be issued by a resolution of the Head of the Department, accompanied by:

-Table of Violations and the fines prescribed for each.

-Table of Fees prescribed for Vehicle parking - after being approved by the Executive Council. The Fees may be amended by a resolution of the Executive Council upon a proposal from the Head of the Department.

## **Article (13)**

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be effective from the date of its publication.

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