

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2019**

**HOUSE BILL 187
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ELON TO AUTHORIZE THE
TOWN TO ADOPT AND ENFORCE ORDINANCES RELATING TO PARKING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Charter of the Town of Elon, being Chapter 109 of the Session Laws of 1985, as amended, is amended by adding a new Article to read as follows:

"Article VI. MISCELLANEOUS.

"Sec. 6.1. (a) The board of aldermen may provide by ordinance that each 24-hour period a vehicle remains illegally parked in the same on-street parking space is a separate offense, and the violator may be given a ticket for each offense.

(b) The board of aldermen may provide by ordinance that any vehicle that has been towed for a parking violation is to be held until the towing fee and penalties related to all outstanding parking tickets and parking penalties owed to the Town are paid in full, or a bond is posted in the amount of the towing fee and all outstanding parking tickets and parking penalties. Payment of the towing fee and all outstanding parking tickets and parking penalties shall not constitute a waiver of a person's right to contest the towing or the outstanding parking tickets and parking penalties.

(c) The board of aldermen may provide by ordinance for the use of wheel locks on and towing of a vehicle parked in a public vehicular area for which there is one or more outstanding, unpaid, and overdue parking tickets for a period of 45 days. The ordinance shall provide for notice or warning to be affixed to the vehicle, immobilization, towing, impoundment, appeal, an immobilization fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), and charges for towing and storage. The Town shall not be responsible for any damage to an immobilized vehicle parked in a public vehicular area that results from unauthorized attempts to free or move that vehicle."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10th day of July, 2019.

s/ Ralph E. Hise
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

