

Sec. 17-101. - On-site shopping cart retention system—Required.

- (a) It is unlawful for any business establishment which uses twenty (20) or more shopping carts at any business location within the city to fail to install and maintain an on-site shopping cart retention system for the location. A "shopping cart" is a device which consists of a basket mounted on a frame with wheels capable of being moved by a person, which device is generally and ordinarily found and used in a retail commercial business establishment by a customer or employee of the establishment for the purpose of transporting goods or merchandise from one place to another.
- (b) Each such business establishment shall post signs in conspicuous locations within the business establishment premises to notify shopping cart users that an on-site shopping cart retention system is in place. Such signs shall describe how the system operates.
- (c) Permitted methods of retention shall include any one (1) of the following systems or methods:
 - (1) A physical barrier or barriers may be installed, such as bollards, which restrict shopping carts to the main or primary entryway to the business;
 - (2) Shopping carts may be equipped with protruding devices, arms or similar devices, which operate to prohibit the cart from being removed from the interior of the business establishment;
 - (3) A system may be used, which may be mechanical in nature, requiring a monetary deposit which is of a reasonable amount such that it does not deter usage of the cart but encourages return of the cart and allows for a refund of the deposit; or
 - (4) A shopping cart wheel locking system may be used in conjunction with an electronic barrier along the perimeter of the business establishment premises; such a system causes the shopping cart wheels to lock when the cart approaches or crosses the barrier location by activating the electronic barrier.
- (d) Any business establishment that does not provide one (1) of the foregoing systems or methods shall be afforded a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this section within which to comply.
- (e)

The owner or operator of any business establishment who or which fails to provide and maintain an on-site shopping cart retention system shall be in violation of this section.

(Ord. No. 841, § 1, 5-27-03; Ord. No. 906, §§ 2, 3, 9-12-06)