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Can you be ticketed for parking in an expectant mother or veteran-only spot if you're not one?

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Signs, signs, everywhere a sign. What about the signs that designate parking spots for expectant mothers, senior citizens and veterans? Will you get slapped with a ticket or towed if you park there and haven't served our country or don't have a real baby bump?

The answer is no, according to Taylor Police Chief John Blair. Taylor has several parking spaces designated for expectant mothers and veterans near municipal buildings, but they're there for courtesy.

“There’s no provision in the law that would make those signs enforceable,” he said. “It’s a courtesy in deference to mothers and a sign of respect for our veterans. We would surely hope people would honor that, using basic respect for people.”

These spaces are not like designated parking for a person with a disability, which are enforceable as people who can use those legally have a registered license disability plate or a parking placard from the Secretary of State.

Blair said the Taylor Police Department has received calls from people who see somebody park in a disability parking space without the license plate placard; however, they haven’t received calls for the expectant mother and veteran-only parking spaces.

In addition to not being enforceable locally, Michigan State Police Lt. Mike Shaw said there are no state laws either regarding expectant mother and veteran-only parking spaces.

But, everyone agrees: Do the right thing and park where you’re supposed to.

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