

CHAPTER 72: PARKING REGULATIONS

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§ 72.01 GENERAL REGULATIONS.

A. Angle parking shall be allowed on the following streets: First Avenue N.W. , east side, abutting on all school property. Every vehicle which is angle parked shall be parked with the front of such vehicle facing the curb or the edge of the traveled portion of the street at an angle of approximately 60 degrees and facing between the painted or other markings on the curb or street indicating the parking space. On all streets other than First Avenue N.W., parallel parking shall be required. On any such street with a curb, every vehicle parked shall be parked parallel to the curb and with the right hand wheels of such vehicle within 12 inches of the curb. On any such street without a curb, every vehicle parked shall be parked to the right of the main traveled portion thereof and parallel thereto and in such a manner as not to interfere with the free flow of traffic. The foregoing requirements shall not apply, however, to any vehicle disabled upon any street, but any police officer/city staff may require the person in charge thereof to move it to a place of safety; and if such movement is not made or if any motor vehicle is left alone or abandoned in any such position, the police officer/city staff may provide for the removal of such vehicle to the nearest convenient garage or other place of safekeeping.

B. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

1. On a sidewalk or blocking a sidewalk;
2. In front of a public or private driveway;
3. Within an intersection;
4. Within ten feet of a fire hydrant;
5. On a crosswalk;
6. Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
7. Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;
8. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by signs or markings;

9. Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
10. Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and, on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station, within 75 feet of the entrance when properly sign posted;
11. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
12. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
13. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway, except as otherwise provided by ordinance;
14. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

C. No person shall, for camping purposes, leave or park a motorhome on any street or the right-of-way thereof.

D. No person shall stop or park a vehicle on a street when directed to proceed by any police officer/city staff with authority to direct traffic.

E. A "snow removal period" shall be a period of time commencing at the beginning of each snowfall or ice which is significant enough in depth that there is a possibility of plows being dispatched or during an event defined as a snow emergency. This may last for forty eight (48) hours after said snowfall/snow emergency event. During a snow removal period it is unlawful to park or leave standing a vehicle on any street or public alley. City staff will make every effort to contact local media outlets regarding the declaration of a snow emergency and the snow removal period.

F. A "snow emergency" is defined as:

1. Continuous or intermittent snowfall that has accumulated to three (3) inches or more of snow.
2. Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel;
3. Icy conditions which seriously affect travel; and
4. Time of snowfall in relationship to heavy use of street.

i) The City may issue a citation for the parking violation. If after twelve (12) hours after the first ticket the vehicle hasn't been moved a second citation may be issued and after twenty-four (24) hours the vehicle may be towed.

ii) Road clean up, including snow left on roadway from parked cars, will occur during next plowing of that roadway. City crews will not be dispatched for unscheduled road plowing.

G. No person shall stop or park a vehicle, truck, trailer or semitrailer which is being used for the display of advertising, or for informational purposes on any street, alley or highway.

H. No vehicle shall be parked on any street, alley or highway for a period longer than 72 hours.

I. In City-owned parking lots, the Council may limit the size and types of vehicles to be parked,

hours of parking and prescribed method of parking, provided that such limitations and restrictions are marked or sign-posted. It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle in any City-owned parking lot contrary to the restrictions or limitations marked or sign-posted.

J. It shall be unlawful for any person to service, repair, assemble or disassemble a vehicle parked upon a street, alley or City-owned parking lot, or attempt to do so, except to service such vehicle with gas or oil, or to provide emergency repairs, but in no event for more than twenty-four (24) hours.

K. *Parking of certain vehicles restricted.* No person shall park any of the following described vehicles on any residential street, alley or city-owned public parking lot for more than twelve hours.

1. Trucks having a capacity of more than one ton, according to the manufacturer's rating.
2. Motor vehicle and trailer combinations having an over-all length of more than 20 feet, or width at any point of more than eight (8) feet.
3. Dump trucks, tractors, truck-tractors, trailers, boats and boat trailers, semi-trailers or heavy machinery.
4. This limited twelve hour restriction does not apply to overnight parking related to emergencies, public works projects, construction projects or community events where such overnight parking is approved by the Public Works Department and/or City Hall. Construction project parking shall not exceed 48 hours.

L. *Removing marks.* No person shall obliterate, erase or remove any mark or sign placed on a vehicle by a police officer for the purpose of measuring the length of time such vehicle has been parked.

M. *No parking to access school property.* Where official signs are posted, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle to access school property.

(Ord. 459, passed 7-24-97; Am. Ord. passed 1-23-08) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 72.02 COMMERCIAL AND USER PARKING AND DELIVERY.

(A) Parking and delivery is prohibited on grassy areas and shall be limited to hard-surfaced areas only. Vehicles illegally parked are subject to tow at the owner's expense.

(B) No firm or corporation owning, driving or in charge of any bus, motor truck, truck, tractor or commercial vehicle to cause or permit the same to be parked or stand longer than 12 hours continuously on, in front of or beside any property in any commercial district. For the purpose of this section, a bus is a vehicle designed for carrying passengers and having a seating capacity of more than nine persons and a motor truck, truck; tractor or commercial vehicle is a vehicle having either a capacity of more than one ton or a weight of more than 5,000 pounds, or both.

(C) The presence of a vehicle in or upon any public street, alley or highway in the municipality stopped, standing or parked in violation of this section shall be prima facie evidence that the person in whose name such vehicle is registered as owner committed or authorized the Commission of such violation.

(Ord. 459, passed 7-24-97; Am. Ord. passed 1-23-08)

§ 72.03 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING.

(A) *Definition.* The words **RECREATIONAL VEHICLE** shall mean any of the following:

1. **BOAT TRAILER** means a vehicle without its own power, designed to transport a recreational watercraft and which is eligible to be licensed or registered and insured for highway use. A recreational watercraft, when mounted upon a boat trailer, and its towing vehicle, when parked or stored shall be considered one unit;

2. **CAMPING TRAILER** means a folding structure mounted on wheels and designed to be towed and used for travel, recreation or vacation use;

3. **MOTOR HOME** means a portable, temporary dwelling to be used for travel, recreation or vacation and constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle;

4. **PICKUP COACH** means a structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation or vacation use;

5. **TRAVEL TRAILER** means a vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational or vacation use; or

6. **UTILITY TRAILER** means a vehicle, without its own power, designed or used for the transportation of automobiles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, ice fishing houses, horse or other livestock or all other types of motor vehicles, goods or materials, and which trailer is eligible to be licensed or registered and insured for highway use. Snowmobiles when mounted upon a snowmobile trailer, and its towing vehicle, when parked or stored, shall be considered one unit.

(B) *Minimum requirements.*

1. *General.* All recreational vehicles and including, but not limited to, boats and other vehicles that are stored on trailers when parked, shall meet the minimum requirements of this section.

2. *Residential districts.*

(a) All recreational vehicles shall be required to be parked off of any public right-of-way and no part of the recreational camping vehicle shall extend into the public right-of-way.

(b) Side yard parking may be permitted where only one side yard is used for recreational vehicle parking and where a vehicle is parked between the side lot line and the principal building the vehicle shall be no closer than three feet to the side line.

(c) Front yard parking may be permitted where the vehicle is not parked between the principal building and the front lot line.

(d) In Cluster Development and Planned Residential Developments, there shall be provided a separate area to be used for parking, indoors or outdoors, of the occupants' recreational vehicles. Such storage shall have the parking spaces marked and be suitably landscaped so as to be harmonious with the rest of the development.

(e) In Zero Lot Line Developments, parking in the side yard shall be permitted only in an area that is a minimum of 15 feet from the side lot line and the parking area shall be suitably landscaped so as to be harmonious with the rest of the development.

(Ord. 459, passed 7-24-97; Am. Ord. passed 1-23-08)

§ 72.04 SPECIAL REGULATIONS IN CONGESTED DISTRICT.

(A)The Council, by resolution, may establish a district to be known as the congested district within which the rules set forth in this section shall be in force.

(B)The Council, by resolution, may establish "No Truck Parking" zones in the congested district and shall mark by appropriate signs any zone so established. Such zones shall be established in the congested district where heavy traffic by commercial vehicles or other traffic congestion makes parking by commercial vehicles a hazard to the safety of vehicles or pedestrians. No person shall park a commercial vehicle of more than one ton capacity between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any week day upon any street in any "No Truck Parking" zone, but parking of such vehicles for a period of not more than 30 minutes shall be permitted in such zone for the purpose of having access to abutting property when such access cannot conveniently be secured from an alley or from a side street where truck parking is not so restricted.

(C)The Council, by resolution, may designate certain blocks within the congested district as 30 minute, one hour or two hour limited parking zones and shall mark by appropriate signs any zones so established. Such zones shall be established in the congested district wherever necessary for the convenience of the public or to minimize traffic hazards and to preserve a free flow of traffic. No person shall park any vehicle in any limited parking zone between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. of any weekday for a longer period than is specified on the signs marking such zone.

(D)The Council, by resolution, may establish in each block in the congested districts one or more loading zones and shall mark by appropriate signs any zone so established. Such zones shall be located at places most convenient for the use of the public with regard to traffic conditions in the block. No person shall, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. of any weekday, park any vehicle in any loading zone, except for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers or freight and then only for a period no longer than is necessary for the discharge or receipt of such passengers or freight.

(E) No person shall turn a vehicle on any street in the congested district so as to reverse its direction.

(F) The Council, by resolution, may, whenever necessary to preserve a free flow of traffic or to prevent accidents, designate any intersection within the congested district as one where the turning of vehicles to the left or to the right, or both, is to be restricted and shall mark by appropriate signs any intersection so designated; but no intersection on a trunk highway shall be so designated until the consent of the State Commissioner of Public Safety to such designation is obtained. No person shall turn a vehicle at any such intersection contrary to the directions on such signs.
(Ord. 459, passed 7-24-97)

72.05 VIOLATIONS. Unless otherwise indicated, any person who violates any of the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.