

CHAPTER 6

PARKING

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15-601. Generally. Except as hereinafter provided, every vehicle parked upon a street within this municipality shall be so parked that its right wheels are parallel to and within eighteen (18) inches of the right edge or curb of the street. On one-way streets where the municipality has not placed signs prohibiting the same, vehicles may be permitted to park on the left side of the street and in such cases the left wheels shall be required to be within eighteen (18) inches of the left edge or curb of the street.

No person shall park or leave a vehicle, motorized or non-motorized, or any trailer parked on any other public street for more than twenty-four (24) hours without prior approval of the chief of police. Upon written request, the chief of police, or his/her designee, will investigate the proposed parking to ensure that the parked vehicle or trailer does not pose a traffic hazard and, upon determining that no hazard exists, may grant approval for the vehicle or trailer to be parked on the public street. In no case will permission be granted for more than seven (7) days.

Furthermore, no person shall wash, grease, or work on any vehicle, except to make repairs necessitated by an emergency, while such vehicle is parked on a public street. (1972 Code, § 9-501, as amended by Ord. #917, April 2004)

15-602. Angle parking. On those streets which have been signed or marked by the municipality for angle parking no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle indicated by such signs or markings. No person shall angle park any vehicle which has a trailer attached thereto or which has a length in excess of twenty-four (24) feet. (1972 Code, § 9-502)

15-603. Occupancy of more than one space. No person shall park a vehicle in any designated parking space so that any part of such vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the official markings on the street or curb designating such space unless the vehicle is too large to be parked within a single designated space. (1972 Code, § 9-503)

15-604. Where prohibited. No person shall park a vehicle in violation of any sign placed or erected by the municipality, nor:

- (1) On a sidewalk.
- (2) In front of a public or private driveway.
- (3) Within an intersection or within fifteen (15) feet thereof.
- (4) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
- (5) Within a pedestrian crosswalk.
- (6) Within fifty (50) feet of a railroad crossing.
- (7) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station, and on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of the entrance.
- (8) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when other traffic would be obstructed.
- (9) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
- (10) Upon any bridge.
- (11) Alongside any curb painted yellow or red by the municipality.
- (12) Alongside or within a fire lane provided such fire lane has been properly sign posted or indicated by pavement marking. (1972 Code, § 9-504, as amended by Ord. #783, Nov. 1993)

15-605. Loading and unloading zones. No person shall park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or merchandise in any place marked by the municipality as a loading and unloading zone. (1972 Code, § 9-505)

15-606. Regulation of parking. (1) Lines, markings to designate free parking spaces. The city manager shall have lines or markings painted or placed upon the curb and/or upon the street for the purpose of designating the parking spaces to be used and each vehicle parking adjacent or next to any parking space shall park within the lines or markings so established. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle across any such line or marking or to park said vehicle in such position that the same shall not be entirely within the area designated by such lines or markings.

(2) Overtime parking prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, allow, permit, or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of, or operated by such person, to be parked overtime or beyond the period of legal parking time established for any parking zone.

(3) Drivers implied consent to parking control marks on tires; erasure or concealment of parking control marks on vehicle tires prohibited; evading parking time limitation prohibited. (a) Any person who operates any vehicle upon the streets, thoroughfares and public travelways within the corporate limits of the city and who utilizes the two (2) hour free on-street

parking spaces provided herein gives his or her consent to the placement of nonpermanent parking control marks upon the tires of any vehicle parked in said designated two-hour free parking spaces.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, allow, or permit the movement of any vehicle within the same parking space as to cover up or otherwise conceal said nonpermanent parking control marks placed upon vehicle tires by law enforcement officers to compute overtime parking or to in any manner, erase, wash, remove, obscure, obliterate, or otherwise wipe off said time marks placed upon said vehicle's tires while parked in the same parking space.

(c) It shall be unlawful for a vehicle to be moved with the purpose of evading parking time limitation to another parking space located within the same city block. The movement of a vehicle less than thirty (30) minutes before or after the expiration of said parking time limitation from one parking space to such other parking space shall be presumed to have been moved with the purpose of evading the parking limitation.

(d) Any person found in violation of this section shall be deemed guilty of an offense and upon conviction shall pay a fine as assessed by the city judge. (Ord. #770, Dec. 1992)

15-607. Unlawful to park in space designated for handicapped persons. Unless qualified, it shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to park in a space designated for handicapped persons, unless the driver or an occupant of the vehicle meets the definition of a medically handicapped person.

A handicap parking stall is defined as a stall so designated by a handicap parking sign as well as pavement marking symbols. Said sign shall be in accordance with the Tennessee Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. (1972 Code, § 9-507)

15-608. Presumption with respect to illegal parking. When any unoccupied vehicle is found parked in violation of any provision of this chapter, there shall be a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle is responsible for such illegal parking. (1972 Code, § 9-508)

15-609. Municipally owned parking lots. On any municipally owned parking lots, not used in connection with a municipal function or facility, the same may be used by the general public for parking motor vehicles, under such rules and regulations as the city council may make. No spaces may be reserved except by special permission of the city council. No vehicle shall be parked on said municipally owned parking lots more than 24 consecutive hours. Any vehicle parked in violation of this section or parking regulations made by the city council may be removed at the owner's expense and the owner or operator would be guilty of a misdemeanor. (1972 Code, § 9-509)

CHAPTER 8

ENFORCEMENT

SECTION

15-801. Issuance of traffic citations.

15-802. Failure to obey citation.

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15-804. Impoundment of vehicles.

15-801. Issuance of traffic citations.¹ When a police officer halts a traffic violator other than for the purpose of giving a warning, and does not take such person into custody under arrest, he shall take the name, address, and operator's license number of said person, the license number of the motor vehicle involved, and such other pertinent information as may be necessary, and shall issue to him a written traffic citation containing a notice to answer to the charge against him in the city court at a specified time. The officer, upon receiving the written promise of the alleged violator to answer as specified in the citation, shall release such person from custody. (1972 Code, § 9-702)

15-802. Failure to obey citation. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate his written promise to appear in court after giving said promise to an officer upon the issuance of a traffic citation, regardless of the disposition of the charge for which the citation was originally issued. (1972 Code, § 9-703)

15-803. Illegal parking. Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by this code, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its license number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a citation for the driver and/or owner to answer for the violation within four (4) days during the hours and at a place specified in the citation. (1972 Code, § 9-704)

15-804. Impoundment of vehicles. Members of the police department are hereby authorized to remove from the streets and impound any vehicle whose operator is arrested, or any vehicle which is illegally parked or abandoned. Any vehicle left parked on any street or alley for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours without permission from the chief of police shall be presumed to have been abandoned if the owner cannot be located after a reasonable investigation. (1972 Code, § 9-701, modified)

¹State law reference

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 7-63-101, et seq.