

Chapter 72. Stopping, Standing or Parking

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§ 72.01 STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIC PLACES.

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

- (A) On the sidewalk;
- (B) Within an intersection;
- (C) On a crosswalk;
- (D) Within 30 feet of any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a street or roadway;
- (E) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction, when that stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic; and
- (F) In any area or between any points where official no parking signs have been erected or adjacent to any curb line where that street curb line has, pursuant to town authority, been painted yellow. ('72 Code, § 21-2-2) Penalty, see § 70.99
- (G) On any street or Town property during public festivals or events, upon designation by the Town Council and the erection of official "No Parking" sign upon said streets and Town property. (Ord. No. 1002, passed 8/24/98)
- (H) On any street when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct the movement of other vehicular traffic. (Ord. No. 1825, passed 11-14-11)

§ 72.02 PARKING WITHIN LINES WHERE PROVIDED.

On any street which is marked with lines indicating the parking space for vehicles, all vehicles shall be parked between those lines as indicated. ('72 Code, § 21-2-3) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 72.03 PARKING TIME LIMITATIONS

(A) In any parking space or area where a parking time limitation is imposed by an official sign or other device, it shall be unlawful for any person to park or stand a vehicle in any such parking space or area for a greater time than that indicated by that sign or device.

(B) Re-parking restriction in Time Parking Zones. Any vehicle left parked, standing or stopped for greater than the time allowed in that parking zone shall be in violation of parking time limitations if it is not moved out of the parking space. A vehicle shall not re-park in that same parking space for a period equal to one-half of the posted time limit.

(72 Code, § 21-2-4) Penalty, see § 70.99 (Ord. No. 1654, passed 11-24-08)

§ 72.04 PARKING PROHIBITED FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon any street or right-of-way for the purpose of:

(A) Displaying it for sale;

(B) Washing, greasing or repairing a vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency;

(C) Advertising any goods or merchandise for sale;

(D) Storage thereof by garages, dealers or other persons when that storage is not incident to the bona fide use of an automobile by its owner for more than 12 hours. The provisions of this division shall apply to a vehicle which is left standing in front of its owner's residence only when the vehicle has no license plates or expired license plates;

(E) Storage of any detached trailer, or van, when the towing unit has been disconnected for the purpose of transferring merchandise, or freight, from one vehicle to another;

(F) Parking for any purpose a vehicle greater than one-ton capacity for a period longer than two hours unless in an officially designated loading zone, then only within the restrictions imposed thereon; or

(G) Parking or storage of any commercial vehicle in residential districts unless it meets one of the exemptions below.

1. A mid-range commercial vehicle shall be permitted to park on any public street, right-of-way or public property overnight (9 p.m. to 7 a.m.) adjacent to any property zoned for or occupied by any single- or multi-family residential use. A mid-range commercial vehicle is defined at § 153.116.

2. A rental or moving van or truck may only park in these zoning districts for the purposes of loading or unloading personal belongings for the lot at which it is parked. Such vehicles parked in residential areas shall not exceed three (3) consecutive nights.

3. Emergency response vehicles, road and utility repair and maintenance vehicles, delivery trucks, and similar vehicles used for emergency situations, repair of public infrastructure, or for the delivery of goods and services are exempt from this parking limitation while they are needed on the site.

4. Commercial and construction vehicles and equipment at an active development site or active construction staging area are exempt from this parking limitation. (72 Code, § 21-2-1) (Ord. 1902, passed 11-12-12) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 72.05 PARKING ON RESTRICTED STREETS OR AREAS PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or stand a vehicle along any street or in any area contrary to any restriction imposed or prohibition thereof established by ordinance which described the street or area so controlled, whether or not that street or area has been posted or marked so as to indicate the restrictions or prohibition imposed. Ordinances imposing restrictions or prohibitions on parking or standing vehicles will be set forth in Chapter 74, Schedules I and II. ('72 Code, § 21-2-5) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 72.06 HANDICAPPED PARKING.

(A) *Purpose.* It is the purpose of this section to protect the health and safety of physically handicapped citizens and to insure their equal access to public facilities by designating and reserving “Handicapped Only” parking spaces at or near public facilities, and to provide for the enforcement of G.S. § 20-37.6, which makes it unlawful to park or leave standing any vehicle in a space designated for physically handicapped persons when that vehicle does not display the distinguishing license plate or placard provided by North Carolina law, and where appropriate, above ground signs or symbols and words giving notice thereof are erected marking the designated space.

(B) *Designation of spaces.* “Handicapped Only” parking spaces may be designated on any publicly owned or controlled street or property, including, but not limited to, streets, off-street parking lots, parks and recreation facility sites, and may be further designated on any privately owned or controlled shopping center parking lot. “Handicapped Only” parking spaces shall be clearly marked with above ground signs in accordance with the requirements of G.S. § 20-27.6.

(C) *Duties of law enforcement officers.* It shall be the duty of the law enforcement officers of the town to enforce the provisions of G.S. Chapter 20, Article 2A, specifically G.S. §§ 20-37.1 through 20-37.6, in accordance with § 70.99(B). ('72 Code, § 21-2-7) (Ord. 41, passed 9-10-79; Am. Ord. 561, passed 2-13-89) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 72.07 PERMIT PARKING.

(A) *Purpose.* The purpose of this Section is to establish a Downtown Parking Permit Program in specifically designated off-street, publicly maintained parking lots to create convenient parking for employees and to therefore provide on-street spaces for customers and clients.

(B) *Rules and Regulations.* The following rules and regulations shall apply to the Downtown Parking Permit Program:

1. A Downtown Parking Permit may be issued to eligible employers of Downtown Matthews with a physical location in the 100 and 200 blocks of North Trade Street, odd-numbered side of Cotton Gin Alley, even-numbered side of Library Lane, 100 blocks of East and West Charles Street and 100 and 200 blocks of Matthews Station Street.
2. The permit is to be placed in a visible position within the vehicle.
3. Permits will be issued on a calendar year basis at a cost of \$120 and will expire on December 31st of each year. After April 1st, partial year permits will be prorated at a cost equal to \$10 for each full month left in the year. Permits must be re-registered every calendar year and will be issued with

a new permit. Any vehicle bearing an expired permit after January 31st of each year shall be subject to the same penalty as a vehicle parking in the permit lot without a permit. (Ord. No. 1653, passed 11-24-08)