

CHAPTER 10.12 - PARKING¹²¹

Editor's note— Ord. No. 852, § 1(Att. A), adopted May 28, 2019, in effect, repealed ch. 10.12, §§ 10.12.010—10.12.160 and enacted a new ch. 10.12 as set out herein. Former ch. 10.12 pertained to stopping, standing and parking and derived from Ord. 352-O, adopted 1981; Ord. 382-O adopted 1982; Ord. 489-O, adopted 1986; Ord. 626, adopted 1995; Ord. 673, adopted 1999; and Ord. 721, adopted 2002.

10.12.010 - Parking methods and standards.

- A. Parked or standing vehicles shall park or stand in the indicated direction of travel with the wheels parallel to and within twelve inches of the curb, or if none, as close as possible to the edge of the shoulder, and, if spaces are marked, within a single marked parking space unless the size or shape of the vehicle makes compliance impossible.
- B. The operator who first begins maneuvering a motor vehicle into a vacant parking space on a street shall have priority to park in that space, and no other vehicle operator shall attempt to interfere.
- C. Whenever the operator of a vehicle discovers the vehicle is parked within one hundred fifty feet of a building to which the fire department has been summoned, the operator shall immediately remove the vehicle from the area, unless otherwise directed by police or fire officers.

10.12.020 - Unlawful parking or standing.

- A. In addition to the laws prohibiting parking, stopping, and standing contained within the Oregon Vehicle Code, ORS 811.550 through ORS 811.637, no person shall on a public or private street:
 1. Park or stand a vehicle in an alley other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of persons or materials, and in no case for a period in excess of thirty consecutive minutes.
 2. Park or stand a vehicle (including trailers, boats, trucks, truck tractors, buses, mobile homes, and recreational vehicles) which exceeds eight thousand pounds gross weight, twenty-one feet in length or eight feet in height upon any street or parking strip in any residential area of the city, except as provided in TMC 10.12.050.
 3. Park or stand an unattended vehicle (including trailers, boats, trucks, truck tractors, buses, mobile homes, and recreational vehicles) which exceeds eight thousand pounds gross weight, twenty-one feet in length or eight feet in height upon any street or parking strip in any non-residential area of the city, except as provided in TMC 10.12.050.
 4. Park, or permit a vehicle owned, operated or controlled by the person to be parked, on a public or private street and do any of the following:
 - a. Park where official signs or markings such as curbs painted yellow or red, have been installed prohibiting standing, stopping, or parking.

- b. Park for a longer period of time than designated by official signs, parking meters or other markings placed by the city, county or state, except on Sundays and holidays. Parking time limits shall be effective only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., unless designated "no parking at any time," or otherwise designated by official signs or markings.
 - c. Park for more than 96 consecutive hours in a place where time limitations are not designated by official signs, parking meters, or other markings.
 5. Park or stand a vehicle in a manner that obstructs a driveway unless the vehicle is owned by the property owner of the driveway or a guest of the property owner.
 6. Park or stand a vehicle other than in the indicated direction of travel with the wheels parallel to and within twelve inches of the curb, or if none, as close as possible to the edge of the shoulder, and, if spaces are marked, within a single marked parking space unless the size or shape of the vehicle makes compliance impossible.
 7. Park or stand a hazardous or abandoned vehicle.
 8. Park or stand where official signs or markings prohibit standing, stopping, or parking due to street maintenance.
 9. Park or stand a vehicle in front of the entrance of any post office or postal station, or other place where mail is received or deposited, or within ten feet of a private mailbox between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 10. No operator shall park or stand and no owners shall allow a vehicle to be parked or left standing upon a street or public right-of-way for the principal purpose of:
 - a. Repairing or servicing the vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency;
 - b. Displaying advertising from the vehicle;
 - c. Selling merchandise from the vehicle; or
 - d. Offering the vehicle for sale.
 11. Park without having a valid permit issued by the manager where official signs designate parking is allowed only with a permit.
 12. Park or stand within ten feet of a fire hydrant.
- B. For the purposes of this section, "residential areas" means and includes all parts of the city zoned for residential use and any street adjacent to a hotel, motel, church, school, residence, multiple-family dwelling, hospital, park or playground.
- C. The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to prohibit the lawful parking of such equipment upon any street, avenue or public way in the city for the actual loading or unloading of goods, wares or merchandise; provided, however, that "loading" and "unloading," as used in this section, shall be limited to the actual time consumed in such operation, not to exceed four hours.

10.12.030 - Public parking lots.

- A. **Reserved Areas.** Provision may be made within any public parking lot for an area to be reserved exclusively for parking of electric vehicles, bicycles, motorcycles, mopeds, carpools, or trucks.
- B. **Signs.** The manager shall post and maintain at each entrance to a public parking lot a sign stating in substance the following:
 - 1. Parking is limited to a specific time limitation except for overnight and monthly parking;
 - 2. Overnight and monthly parking is permitted only in the designated areas;
 - 3. Parking is restricted to vehicles of less than ten thousand pounds GVW;
 - 4. If special parking is provided for electric vehicles, bicycles, motorcycles or mopeds, carpools, or trucks, where such special parking is permitted.

10.12.040 - Private property parking.

- A. Properties in areas zoned for any density of residential shall have no more than five motor vehicles per primary residential unit, including not more than two recreational vehicles and not more than one abandoned vehicle, parked or stored on private property, day event parking excluded.
- B. All motor vehicles parked on private property shall be parked on a hard surface, such as compacted gravel, concrete, asphalt or similar durable material. Soil, vegetation, and loose rock, gravel or stone is prohibited as a parking surface.
- C. Except upon a driveway or other approved surface, no vehicle shall be parked on private property within the front yard, except for the immediate loading and unloading of persons or property.
- D. No vehicle or recreational vehicle shall be parked on private property so as to extend into the public right-of-way, roadway, sidewalk, or in the clear vision area of corner lots.
- E. Vehicles actively used for construction, excavation or farming may be on the property for up to thirty days.

10.12.050 - RV and other vehicle parking.

- A. It is unlawful to park, or permit any of the following vehicles or property owned, operated or controlled by the person to be parked, on any public highway, road, street, or right-of-way within the city, except for the loading or unloading of persons or property not to exceed four (4) hours, or as otherwise set forth below:
 - 1. Recreational vehicle unless issued a permit pursuant to TMC 10.08.060;
 - 2. Vehicle or combination of vehicles (vehicle plus any towed unit) in excess of ten thousand pounds GVW;
 - 3. Trailer; or
 - 4. Boat.

10.12.060 - Loading zones.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of persons or materials, in a place designated as a loading zone when the hours applicable to that loading zone are in effect. In no case, when the hours applicable to the loading zone are in effect, shall the stop for loading and unloading of materials exceed the time limits posted. If no time limits are posted then the use of the zone shall not exceed thirty minutes.

10.12.070 - Bus stops and taxicab stands—Stand use restrictions.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle other than a taxicab or rideshare vehicle in a taxicab stand, or a bus in a bus stop, except that the operator of a passenger vehicle may temporarily stop for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers when stopping does not interfere with a bus, rideshare vehicle or taxicab waiting to enter or about to enter the restricted space.

10.12.080 - Buses and taxicabs—Standing and parking.

The operator of a bus, rideshare vehicle or taxicab shall not stand or park the vehicle upon a street in a business district at a place other than a bus stop or taxicab stand, respectively, except that this provision shall not prevent the operator of a taxicab or rideshare vehicle from temporarily stopping the taxicab outside a traffic lane while loading or unloading passengers.

10.12.090 - Children in parked vehicles.

- A. It is unlawful for any person who has under his or her control, custody or guidance any minor child under ten years of age to, at any time, lock, confine or permit to be locked or confined or to leave unattended, any such child in any automobile, truck or other motor vehicle upon any public street, alley or public parking facility or other public or private property where parking or drive-in facilities are offered to the public within the city limits for any period of time. A child is unattended within the meaning of this chapter if the oldest person with such child is a person under the age of ten years.
- B. It shall be lawful for any peace officer of the city who finds a child confined in an automobile, truck or other vehicle to enter such vehicle to remove any child if the peace officer has reason to believe that the confinement is hazardous to the child's health. The peace officer may lawfully do whatever is reasonably necessary in order to remove the child from the vehicle, including breaking windows or doors.
- C. Any such child so removed from any such vehicle shall be taken to a suitable place in the county, and a report thereof made to the juvenile authorities of the county.

10.12.100 - Parking time—Extensions.

10.04.020 - Abandoned vehicles.

A vehicle that has been deserted, relinquished or has one or more of the following existing conditions:

1. The vehicle license plate or registration sticker has expired or has been canceled.
2. The vehicle has no license plate.
3. The vehicle has no visible vehicle identification number (VIN).
4. The vehicle appears to be inoperative or disabled.
5. The vehicle appears to be unlawful to operate on a public street.

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