

CHAPTER 76: PARKING REGULATIONS

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 76.01 PROHIBITION AGAINST PARKING ON HIGHWAYS.

(A) (1) Upon any highway, no person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or main traveled part of the highway if it is practicable to stop, park, or so leave such vehicle off the paved or main traveled part of the highway. In every event a clear and unobstructed portion of the highway opposite such standing vehicle shall be left for the free passage of other vehicles, and a clear view of such stopped vehicle shall be available from a distance of 200 feet in each direction upon such highway.

(2) This section does not apply to the driver of any vehicle which is disabled while on the paved or improved or main traveled portion of a highway in such manner and to such extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving the disabled vehicle in such position.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(ORC § 4511.66) Penalty, see § [76.99](#)

§ 76.02 CONDITION WHEN MOTOR VEHICLE LEFT UNATTENDED.

(A) (1) No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the ignition, effectively setting the parking brake, and, when the motor vehicle is standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway.

(2) The requirements of this section relating to the stopping of the engine, locking of the ignition, and removing the key from the ignition of a motor vehicle shall not apply to an emergency vehicle or a public safety vehicle.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(ORC § 4511.661) Penalty, see § [76.99](#)

§ 76.03 POLICE MAY REMOVE ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE.

(A) Whenever any police officer finds a vehicle standing upon a highway in violation of § [76.01](#), such officer may move such vehicle, or require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move the same, to a position off the paved or improved or main traveled part of such highway.

(B) Whenever any police officer finds a vehicle unattended upon any highway, bridge, or causeway, or in any tunnel, where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, such officer may provide for the removal of such vehicle to the nearest garage or other place of safety.

(ORC § 4511.67) Penalty, see § [76.99](#)

§ 76.04 PARKING PROHIBITIONS.

(A) No person shall stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the provisions of this title, or while obeying the directions of a police officer or a traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

- (1) On a sidewalk, except a bicycle;
- (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 of, and upon the approach to, any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic-control device;

(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 a traffic-control device;

(9) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;

(10) Within 20 feet of a driveway entrance to any fire station and, on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station, within 75 feet of the entrance when it is properly posted with signs;

(11) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such standing or parking would obstruct traffic;

(12) Alongside any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

(13) Upon any bridge or elevated structure upon a highway, or within a highway tunnel;

(14) At any place where signs prohibit stopping;

(15) Within one foot of another parked vehicle;

(16) On the roadway portion of a freeway, expressway, or thruway.

(17) On a bicycle path;

(18) On a bridle path;

(19) Within four feet of a public or private driveway;

(20) On or across a sidewalk, including sidewalks traversing driveways, except for bicycles;

(21) At any place where signs or yellow painted curbs or pavement prohibit parking or stopping.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(ORC § 4511.68) (Am. Ord. 4263, passed 10-4-1982) Penalty, see § [76.99](#)

§ 76.05 PARKING NEAR CURB; PRIVILEGES FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

(A) Every vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there is an adjacent curb shall be

stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with and not more than 12 inches from the right-hand curb, unless it is impossible to approach so close to the curb; in such case the stop shall be made as close to the curb as possible and only for the time necessary to discharge and receive passengers or to load or unload merchandise. Local authorities by ordinance may permit angle parking on any roadway under their jurisdiction, except that angle parking shall not be permitted on a state route within a municipal corporation unless an unoccupied roadway width of not less than 25 feet is available for free moving traffic.

(B) Local authorities by ordinance may permit parking of vehicles with the left-hand wheels adjacent to and within 12 inches of the left-hand curb of a one-way roadway.

(C) No vehicle shall be stopped or parked on a road or highway with the vehicle facing in a direction other than the direction of travel on that side of the road or highway.

(D) Notwithstanding any statute or any rule, regulation, resolution, or ordinance, air compressors, tractors, trucks, and other equipment, while being used in the construction, reconstruction, installation, repair, or removal of facilities near, on, over, or under a street or highway, may stop, stand, or park where necessary in order to perform such work, provided a flagperson is on duty or warning signs or lights are displayed as may be prescribed by the Director of Transportation.

(E) Special parking locations and privileges for persons with disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk, also known as handicapped parking spaces or disability parking spaces, shall be provided and designated by all political subdivisions and by the state and all agencies and instrumentalities thereof at all offices and facilities where parking is provided, whether owned, rented, or leased, and at all publicly owned parking garages. The locations shall be designated through the posting of an elevated sign, whether permanently affixed or movable, imprinted with the international symbol of access and shall be reasonably close to exits, entrances, elevators, and ramps. All elevated signs posted in accordance with this division and R.C. § 3781.111(C) shall be mounted on a fixed or movable post, and the distance from the ground to the top edge of the sign shall measure five feet. If a new sign or a replacement sign designating a special parking location is posted on or after October 14, 1999, there also shall be affixed upon the surface of that sign or affixed next to the designating sign a notice that states the fine applicable for the offense of parking a motor vehicle in the special designated parking location if the motor vehicle is not legally entitled to be parked in that location.

(F) (1) No person shall stop, stand, or park any motor vehicle at special parking locations provided under division (E) of this section, or at special clearly marked parking locations provided in or on privately owned parking lots, parking garages, or other parking areas and designated in accordance with that division, unless one of the following applies:

(a) The motor vehicle is being operated by or for the transport of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk and is displaying a valid removable windshield placard or special license plates; or

(b) The motor vehicle is being operated by or for the transport of a disabled person and is displaying a parking card or special handicapped license plates.

(2) Any motor vehicle that is parked in a special marked parking location in violation of division (F)(1)(a) or (F)(1)(b) of this section may be towed or otherwise removed from the parking location by the law enforcement agency of the municipality. A motor vehicle that is so towed or removed shall not be released to its owner until the owner presents proof of ownership of the motor vehicle and pays all towing and storage fees normally imposed by the municipality for towing and

storing motor vehicles. If the motor vehicle is a leased vehicle, it shall not be released to the lessee until the lessee presents proof that that person is the lessee of the motor vehicle and pays all towing and storage fees normally imposed by the municipality for towing and storing motor vehicles.

(3) If a person is charged with a violation of division (F)(1)(a) or (F)(1)(b) of this section, it is an affirmative defense to the charge that the person suffered an injury not more than 72 hours prior to the time the person was issued the ticket or citation and that, because of the injury, the person meets at least one of the criteria contained in R.C. § 4503.44(A)(1).

(Am. Ord. 4064, passed 1-19-1981)

(G) When a motor vehicle is being operated by or for the transport of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk and is displaying a removable windshield placard or a temporary removable windshield placard or special license plates, or when a motor vehicle is being operated by or for the transport of a disabled person and is displaying a parking card or special handicapped license plates, the motor vehicle is permitted to park for a period of two hours in excess of the legal parking period permitted by local authorities, except where local ordinances or police rules provide otherwise or where the vehicle is parked in such a manner as to be clearly a traffic hazard.

(H) No owner of an office, facility, or parking garage where special parking locations are required to be designated in accordance with division (E) of this section shall fail to properly mark the special parking locations in accordance with that division or fail to maintain the markings of the special locations, including the erection and maintenance of the fixed or movable signs.

(I) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a person or organization to apply for a removable windshield placard or special license plates if the parking card or special license plates issued to the person or organization under prior law have not expired or been surrendered or revoked.

(J) As used in this section:

DISABLED PERSON means any person who has lost the use of one or both legs or one or both arms, who is blind, deaf, or so severely handicapped as to be unable to move without the aid of crutches or a wheelchair, or whose mobility is restricted by a permanent cardiovascular, pulmonary, or other handicapping condition.

PERSON WITH A DISABILITY THAT LIMITS OR IMPAIRS THE ABILITY TO WALK has the same meaning as in R.C. § 4503.44.

SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES and **REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARD** mean any license plates or removable windshield placard or temporary removable windshield placard issued under R.C. §§ 4503.41 or 4503.44, and also mean any substantially equivalent license plates or removable windshield placard or temporary removable windshield placard issued by a state, district, country, or sovereignty.

(K) Penalty.

(1) Whoever violates division (A) or (C) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(2) (a) Whoever violates division (F)(1)(a) or (b) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in division (K)(2)(a) and (b) of this section. Except as otherwise

provided in division (K)(2)(a) of this section, an offender who violates division (F)(1)(a) or (b) of this section shall be fined not less than \$250 nor more than \$500. An offender who violates division (F)(1)(a) or (b) of this section shall be fined not more than \$100 if the offender, prior to sentencing, proves either of the following to the satisfaction of the court:

1. At the time of the violation of division (F)(1)(a) of this section, the offender or the person for whose transport the motor vehicle was being operated had been issued a removable windshield placard that then was valid or special license plates that then were valid but the offender or the person neglected to display the placard or license plates as described in division (F)(1)(a) of this section.

2. At the time of the violation of division (F)(1)(b) of this section, the offender or the person for whose transport the motor vehicle was being operated had been issued a parking card that then was valid or special handicapped license plates that then were valid but the offender or the person neglected to display the card or license plates as described in division (F)(1)(b) of this section.

(b) In no case shall an offender who violates division (F)(1)(a) or (b) be sentenced to any term of imprisonment.

(c) An arrest or conviction for a violation of division (F)(1)(a) or (b) of this section does not constitute a criminal record and need not be reported by the person so arrested or convicted in response to any inquiries contained in any application for employment, license, or other right or privilege, or made in connection with the person's appearance as a witness.

(d) The clerk of the court shall pay every fine collected under division (K)(2) of this section to the municipality. Except as provided in division (K)(2) of this section, the municipality shall use the fine monies it receives under division (K)(2) of this section to pay the expenses it incurs in complying with the signage and notice requirements contained in division (E) of this section. The municipality may use up to 50% of each fine it receives under division (K)(2) of this section to pay the costs of educational, advocacy, support, and assistive technology programs for persons with disabilities, and for public improvements within the municipality that benefit or assist persons with disabilities, if governmental agencies or nonprofit organizations offer the programs.

(3) Whoever violates division (H) of this section shall be punished as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (K)(3) of this section, the offender shall be issued a warning.

(b) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (H) of this section or of a municipal ordinance that is substantially equivalent to that division, the offender shall not be issued a warning but shall be fined not more than \$25 for each parking location that is not properly marked or whose markings are not properly maintained.

(ORC § 4511.69) Penalty, see § [76.99](#)

§ 76.06 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES EXCEPTION.

(A) Notwithstanding § [76.04](#)(A)(12), a commercial truck may park alongside any stopped or parked vehicle when in front of a business establishment for the purpose of loading or unloading

merchandise, not to exceed 30 minutes but not when there is parking space available within reasonable distance of the establishment, when there is an alley or other facilities available in connection with the business or business establishment for such purpose, or when the operator of the truck is performing some act in connection with his or her personal affairs.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(Ord. 4148, passed 8-17-1981)

§ 76.07 NIGHT PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

(A) No person shall park a school bus, commercial tractor, agricultural tractor, truck of more than 1/2-ton capacity, bus, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or moving van on any street within the residential districts of the city between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(1980 Code, § 76.07)

§ 76.08 PARKING IN ALLEYS AND NARROW STREETS; EXCEPTIONS.

(A) No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle upon a street, other than an alley, in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic, except that a driver may stop temporarily during the actual loading or unloading of passengers or when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals or a police officer.

(B) No person shall park a vehicle within an alley, except while actually loading and unloading. The loading and unloading period shall not exceed 15 minutes.

(C) Whoever violates division (A) or (B) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(1980 Code, § 76.08)

§ 76.09 SELLING OR REPAIRING VEHICLE ON ROADWAY.

(A) No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of displaying the vehicle for sale, or for the purpose of washing, greasing, or repairing the vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(1980 Code, § 76.09)

§ 76.10 PARKING MORE THAN 24 HOURS.

(A) No person shall park a vehicle on any of the public streets or alleys in the city for a continuous time longer than 24 hours.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(1980 Code, § 76.10)

§ 76.11 NO PARKING DURING RESTRICTED HOURS.

(A) No person shall park between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. in those areas where signs are properly posted and have been posted prior to 6:00 p.m. of the previous evening. This no parking may be designated by Council in the traffic-control file or, when public convenience or necessity requires clearing the areas for street cleaning or snow removal purposes, the city administrator may designate prohibited areas and authorize the erection of temporary signs.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(1980 Code, § 76.11)

§ 76.12 FAILURE TO PAY PARKING TICKETS.

(A) No person who has violated any provision of this chapter for which payment of a prescribed fine may be made and who has received a parking ticket therefor shall fail to pay the prescribed fine in the manner indicated on the issued parking ticket within 72 hours of the violation.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(1980 Code, § 76.12)

§ 76.13 COPY OF REGISTRATION; PROOF OF OWNERSHIP.

In any hearing on a charge of illegally parking a motor vehicle, testimony that a vehicle bearing a certain license plate was found unlawfully parked as prohibited by the provisions of this traffic code, and further testimony that the record of the registrar or deputy registrar of motor vehicles for the state shows that the license plate was issued to the defendant, shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle which was unlawfully parked was so parked by the defendant. A certified copy showing such fact from the registrar or deputy registrar shall be proof of ownership.

(1980 Code, § 76.13)

§ 76.14 PENALTY AND WAIVER.

Any person charged with a violation of any provision of §§ [76.06](#) through [76.12](#) for which payment of a prescribed fine may be made, may pay the sum in the manner prescribed on the issued traffic ticket. The payment shall be deemed a plea of guilty, waiver of court appearance, and acknowledgment of conviction of the alleged offense, and may be accepted in full satisfaction of the prescribed penalty for

the alleged violation. Payment of the prescribed fine need not be accepted when laws prescribe that a certain number of such offenses shall require court appearance.

(1980 Code, § 76.14)

§ 76.15 UNLAWFUL PARKING.

(A) No person being the owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall allow the vehicle to enter, without lawful authority, upon the land or premises of another; or being upon the land or premises of another, upon being notified to remove the vehicle therefrom by the owner or occupant of the premises, or the agent or servant of either, without lawful authority, neglect or refuse to depart therefrom.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

§ 76.16 PARKING UPON SIDEWALKS, STREET LAWNS, OR CURBS.

(A) No person shall park in the devil strip or street lawn area, except in areas where parking is authorized by motion of Council.

(B) No person shall stand or park a motor vehicle on a sidewalk in the devil strip or street lawn area, except in areas where parking is authorized by motion of Council.

(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(1980 Code, § 76.16)

§ 76.17 PARKING PROHIBITIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; PRIVATE TOW-AWAY ZONES.

(A) If an owner of private property posts on the property, in a conspicuous manner, a prohibition against parking on the property or conditions and regulations under which parking is permitted, no person shall do either of the following:

(1) Park a vehicle on the property without the owner's consent; or

(2) Park a vehicle on the property in violation of any condition or regulation posted by the owner.

(B) Except as provided in R.C. § 4513.60 through 4513.65 and subject to the requirements of this section, the owner of private property or his or her authorized agent may remove, or cause to be removed, any vehicle parked on the property in violation of a posted parking prohibition, condition, or regulation.

(C) The owner of private property may create a private tow-away zone only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The owner posts on his or her property a sign, that is 18 inches by 24 inches in size, that is

visible from all entrances to the property, and that contains at least all of the following information:

(a) A notice that the property is a private tow-away zone and that vehicles not authorized to park on the property will be towed away;

(b) The telephone number of the person from whom a towed away vehicle can be recovered and the address of the place to which the vehicle will be taken and from which it may be recovered; and

(c) A statement that the vehicle may be recovered at any time during the day or night upon the submission of proof of ownership and the payment of a towing charge and storage charge in the amount established by the business or entity which was contacted by the owner of the private property for purposes of towing the vehicle.

(2) The place to which the towed vehicle is taken and from which it may be recovered is conveniently located, is well lighted, and is on or within a reasonable distance of a regularly scheduled route of one or more modes of public transportation, if any public transportation is available in the municipality.

(D) If a vehicle is parked on private property that is established as a private tow-away zone in accordance with division (C) hereof, without the consent of the owner of the property, the owner and the operator of the vehicle shall be deemed to have consented to the removal and storage of the vehicle, and to the payment of the towing and storage charges specified in division (C)(1)(c) hereof, and the owner may recover the vehicle only upon submission of proof of ownership and the payment of such charges. However, if the owner or operator of the vehicle arrives after the vehicle has been prepared for removal but prior to its actual removal from the zone, the owner or operator shall be given the opportunity to pay a fee of not more than one-half of the normal towing charge of the person who has prepared the vehicle for removal in order to obtain release of the vehicle. Upon payment of this fee, the vehicle shall be released to the owner or operator and upon release of the vehicle, the owner or operator immediately shall move the vehicle so that it is not parked on the private property established as a private tow-away zone without the consent of the owner.

(E) If an owner of private property, or his or her authorized agent, removes or causes the removal of a vehicle from that property pursuant to this section, the owner or agent shall notify the Police Division of the removal and of the vehicle's license plate number.

(Ord. 4305, passed 2-7-1983; Am. Ord. 4990, passed 2-6-1989; Am. Ord. 5250, passed 2-4-1991)

PARKING METERS

§ 76.20 PARKING METER ZONES.

The areas, streets, or portions of streets or parking lots named and described in this section, and such other areas, streets, or portions of streets or parking lots as may hereafter be included in this chapter by amendment hereto, all lying within the corporate limits of the city, shall constitute parking meter zones.

(A) On Main Street, from the south side of Clay Street to the north side of Pearl Street, both sides, or any portion thereof.

(B) On Wooster Street, from the east side of Church Street to the west side of Summit Street, both sides, or any portions thereof.

(C) All streets or any portion thereof, within the area bounded by the south side of Clay Street, the east side of Church Street, the north side of Pearl Street, to a point easterly from Pearl Street to its intersection with Prospect Street, the east side of Prospect, from Clough Street to East Oak Street.

(D) All parking lots owned, leased, or cooperatively operated by or with the city.

(Ord. 3094, passed 3-4-1974)

§ 76.21 DESIGNATION OF SPACES; PARKING WITHIN SPACE LIMITS.

(A) The Safety Director is directed and authorized to cause individual parking spaces, in the parking zones designated and described in § [76.20](#), to be marked off, and also to mark off the spaces in such other zones as may hereafter be established. The parking spaces thus marked off are to be designated by lines painted or durably marked on the curbing or surface of the street or parking lot.

(B) At each space so marked off, no person shall park any vehicle in such a way that the vehicle shall not be entirely within the limits of the space so designated.

(Ord. 3094, passed 3-4-1974)

§ 76.22 INSTALLATION OF METERS; METER SIGNALS.

(A) In all parking meter zones or areas, the Safety Director may cause parking meters to be removed or installed, or, if already installed, to be maintained, upon the curb or sidewalk immediately adjacent to the parking space, in such manner as to be either at the side of or at the front of the parked vehicle when the vehicle is located in the parking space. Parking meters may be set two on a single parking meter post located between parking spaces or in close proximity thereto so that it shall be possible to determine which meter regulates each parking space. The Safety Director and the parking meter attendant shall be responsible for the regulation, control, operation, maintenance, and use of the parking meters. Each device shall be set as to display a signal showing legal parking upon the deposit of the appropriate coin or coins, lawful money of the United States, or approved tokens for the period of time prescribed by this chapter.

(B) Each device shall be so arranged that upon the expiration of the lawful time limit it will indicate by a proper visible signal that the lawful parking period has expired. In such cases the right of the vehicle to occupy the space shall cease and the operator, owner, possessor, or manager thereof shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided.

(Ord. 3094, passed 3-4-1974; Am. Ord. 5703, passed 5-2-1994)

§ 76.23 OPERATION OF METERS, COIN DEPOSIT, AND TIME MECHANISM.

(A) Except in a period of emergency determined by an officer of the Fire or Police Division, or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control sign or signal, when any vehicle shall

be parked in any parking space alongside or next to which a parking meter space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited in the meter the proper coin of the United States or approved token as is required for the parking meter and as is designated by proper directions on the meter. When required by the directions on the meter, the operator of the vehicle, after the deposit of the proper coin or coins or approved token, shall also set in operation the timing mechanism on the meter in accordance with directions properly appearing thereon. Failure to deposit the proper coin or approved token or to set the timing mechanism in operation when so required shall constitute a violation of this chapter.

(B) Upon depositing the coin or approved token and setting the timing mechanism in operation when so required, the parking space may be lawfully occupied by the vehicle during the period of time which has been prescribed for the part of the street in which the parking space is located. However, any person placing a vehicle in a parking meter space adjacent to a meter which indicates that unused time has been left in the meter by the previous occupant of the space shall not be required to deposit a coin or approved token so long as his or her occupancy of the space does not exceed the indicated unused parking time. If the vehicle shall remain parked in any parking space beyond the parking time limit set for the parking space, and if the meter shall indicate illegal parking, then the vehicle shall be considered as parking overtime and beyond the period of legal parking time. Such parking overtime shall be deemed a violation of this chapter. However, no person shall park a bicycle, tricycle, or child's wagon in any parking space.

(C) On application to the Safety Director and with advance payments of established rates to the Finance Director, parking permits in specified metered spaces shall be permitted.

(1) Identification permits will be issued by the Police Division. The permits shall be placed on the internal rear view mirror of the vehicle.

(2) Issuing of the permits shall allow parking only at long-term meters in accordance with the parking space allocation plan filed in the office of the Safety Director. However, no long-term meters will be reserved for permit holders.

(3) (a) Permits will only be issued for 13 weeks, 26 weeks, 39 weeks, or 52 weeks. Established rates, effective September 1, 2008, are 13 weeks, \$52; 26 weeks, \$104; 39 weeks, \$156; and 52 weeks, \$208. No reduction shall be made for holidays occurring within the permit period.

(b) Effective September 1, 2010, rates for permits will increase to: 13 weeks, \$65; 26 weeks, \$130; 39 weeks, \$195; and 52 weeks, \$260. No reduction shall be made for holidays occurring within the permit period.

(4) The issuing of, display of, or purchase of a parking permit shall not permit the use of any other type of parking meter than a long term (ten hour) meter without inserting the proper coins or approved tokens.

(5) The Safety Director is authorized to recall any issued permit and refund the prorated monies collected for the permit for failure to comply with all requirements of this section.

(Ord. 3094, passed 3-4-1974; Am. Ord. 3428, passed 3-15-1976; Am. Ord. 3454, passed 5-3-1976; Am. Ord. 3796, passed 11-6-1978; Am. Ord. 4056, passed 12-15-1980; Am. Ord. 5703, passed 5-2-1994; Am. Ord. 6864, passed 11-5-2001; Am. Ord. 7788, passed 7-21-2008)

§ 76.24 PARKING TIME LIMITS.

Each parking meter within the parking meter zones as set forth in § [76.20](#) shall have the maximum allowable time affixed on the meter post. The maximum times shall be as follows:

- (A) Twenty-five cents per hour, two-hour maximum parking. No person shall park a motor vehicle in a two-hour maximum meter space for a continuous time longer than two hours.
- (B) Twenty-five cents per hour, ten-hour maximum parking;
- (C) Twenty-five cents per hour, one-hour maximum parking. No person shall park a motor vehicle in a one-hour maximum meter space for a continuous time longer than one hour.
- (D) Vehicles parked in short-term, on-street parking spaces must move vehicle at least one city block every two hours.

(Ord. 3094, passed 3-4-1974; Am. Ord. 3306, passed 6-16-1975; Am. Ord. 5185, passed 7-16-1990; Am. Ord. 5703, passed 5-2-1994; Am. Ord. 6104, passed 2-3-1997; Am. Ord. 7493, passed 11-7-2005)

§ 76.25 DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION.

Parking meters shall be operated in parking meter zones every day between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. For the purpose of this section, the term *HOLIDAYS* includes those holidays as set forth and defined in § [33.20](#) and other days designated by the Mayor as parking holidays. When the Mayor designates a parking holiday for the purposes of this section, he or she may do so for any number or all of the parking meter zones.

(Ord. 3094, passed 3-4-1974; Am. Ord. 4373, passed 12-5-1983; Am. Ord. 5185, passed 7-16-1990)

§ 76.26 COLLECTIONS BY TWO INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED.

It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to designate some member of the Police Department to accompany the parking meter attendant, and together they shall make regular collections of the money deposited in the meters and courtesy boxes. It shall be the duty of the persons so designated to deliver the funds to the City Finance Director or such person as designated by him or her to receive the funds for the city. No individual alone is authorized to make any collections.

(1980 Code, § 76.26)

§ 76.27 ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF FUNDS.

(A) The income derived from the parking meters is required and shall be used to defray the expense of regulation, control, and parking of traffic on the public streets; the supervision and regulation of the parking of vehicles in the parking meter zones created hereby; the cost of leasing, installing, maintaining, supervising, and controlling the parking meters described herein; providing funds for the

construction of additional off-street parking facilities in the city, and the payment of notes or bonds incurred for such purpose. There are established special funds known as the parking meter fund and the off-street parking reserve fund.

(B) The parking meter fund shall be used for the regulation and control of parking of traffic on public streets and also for the regulation and control of parking traffic in the parking meter zones created hereby, and to cover the cost of leasing, installing, maintaining, supervising, and controlling of the parking meters in the parking meter zones described herein.

(C) The off-street parking reserve fund shall be used for the acquisition by purchase or lease and the construction of off-street parking facilities in the city, and for the payment of obligations of the city incurred in connection with acquisition and construction of such lots.

(D) Each year the direct expenses attributable to the operation and maintenance of parking meters and other parking control devices (that is: the salary or salaries of the parking control device attendant or attendants, cost of meters or other devices, cost of maintenance, personnel fringe benefits, supplies, operation and maintenance of the enforcement vehicle or vehicles, cost of new meters or other parking control devices not procured with general or capital funds, and any other direct costs including cost of construction of walkways contiguous to city parking lots) shall be charged to the parking meter fund.

(Ord. 3094, passed 3-4-1974; Am. Ord. 3227, passed 12-16-1974; Am. Ord. 4393, passed 3-5-1984)

§ 76.28 PROHIBITIONS.

(A) It shall be unlawful and a violation of §§ [76.20](#) through [76.31](#) for any person:

(1) To cause, allow, permit, or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by the person to be parked overtime or beyond the period of legal parking time established for any parking meter as herein described;

(2) To deposit in any parking meter any coin for the purpose of parking beyond the maximum legal parking time for the particular parking meter;

(3) To permit any vehicle to remain or be placed in any parking space adjacent to any parking meter while the meter is displaying a signal indicating that the vehicle occupying the parking space has already been parked beyond the period prescribed for the parking space;

(4) To park any vehicle across any line or marking of a parking meter space or in such position that the vehicle shall not be entirely within the area designated by the lines or markings.

(B) No person shall deface, injure, tamper with, open, or willfully break, destroy, or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the provisions of this chapter.

(C) No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device, metal substance, or other substitute for a lawful coin or approved token.

(D) No vehicle shall be backed into any metered parking space within any zoned parking lot.

(1980 Code, § 76.28) Penalty, see § [76.99](#)

§ 76.29 ENFORCEMENT.

It shall be the duty of police officers and other personnel assigned duties of parking enforcement to enforce the provisions of §§ [76.01](#) through [76.31](#). In order to do so, enforcing officers observing violations shall place tickets upon the vehicle indicating the violation.

(1980 Code, § 76.29) (Am. Ord. 5703, passed 5-2-1994; Am. Ord. 6749, passed 3-5-2001)

§ 76.30 PAYMENT OF FINES.

(A) Whoever violates parking time limitations and pays the fine within 120 hours of the issuance of the citation, shall pay a fine of \$5; however, if the fine is not paid within 120 hours of issuance of the citation, the fine shall be \$15.

For purposes of this division, ***OVERTIME PARKING*** shall be defined as parking at a meter while expired.

(B) Whoever parks a motor vehicle in a handicapped parking space without special handicap license plates as provided in R.C. § 4503.44 and pays the fine within 120 hours of the issuance of the citation, shall pay a fine of \$75; however, if said fine is not paid within 120 hours of the issuance of the citation, the fine shall be \$100.

(C) (1) Whoever violates any other parking regulations established by ordinance of the city shall pay fines as follows:

(a) Parking in timed zones and the fine is paid within 120 hours of the issuance of the citation, the fine shall be \$15; if said fine is not paid within 120 hours of the issuance of the citation, the fine shall be \$20.

(b) General violations and the fine is paid within 120 hours of the issuance of the citation, the fine shall be \$20; if said fine is not paid within 120 hours of the issuance of the citation, the fine shall be \$30.

(c) Parking in marked fire lanes and the fine is paid within 120 hours of the issuance of the citation, the fine shall be \$25; if said fine is not paid within 120 hours of the issuance of the citation, the fine shall be \$40.

(2) For purposes of this division, ***OTHER PARKING REGULATIONS*** except those listed above, shall include, but not be limited to, any violations of [Chapter 150](#) (the Zoning Code), as well as any violations of [Chapter 75](#) and [Chapter 76](#) of the city code not specifically addressed in divisions (A) and (B) herein.

(1980 Code, § 76.30) (Am. Ord. 4900, passed 6-20-1988; Am. Ord. 4918, passed 7-5-1988; Am. Ord. 5000, passed 6-4-1990; Am. Ord. 5703, passed 5-2-1994; Am. Ord. 7787, passed 7-21-2008)

§ 76.31 FAILURE TO PAY PARKING TICKETS.

No person who has violated any provision of §§ [76.01](#) through [76.31](#) for which payment of a prescribed fine may be made and who has received a parking ticket therefor shall fail to pay the prescribed fine in the manner indicated on the issued parking ticket within 96 hours of the violation. Any vehicle with three or more parking tickets issued and not paid within 30 days may be towed at owner's expense as ordered by police officers and other personnel assigned to duties of parking enforcement.

(1980 Code, § 76.31) (Am. Ord. 4900, passed 6-20-1988; Am. Ord. 5000, passed 6-4-1990; Am. Ord. 5703, passed 5-2-1994; Am. Ord. 6970, passed 8-5-2002) Penalty, see § [76.99](#)

§ 76.99 PENALTY.

Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter, or who shall counsel, aid, or abet any such violation or failure to comply, shall be deemed guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

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