

CHAPTER 72: STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

• 72.01 MANNER OF PARKING.

No vehicle shall stand, stop or park with the left side thereof closer than one-half of the width of the street or road upon which it is traveling to the left curb or edge of the road or street except when lawfully stopped in the process of making a left-hand turn from a designated left-hand turn lane, and except that on one-way streets, vehicles shall stop headed in the direction of lawful traffic, where parking is permitted.

(Ord. passed 11-5-74) Penalty, see ' 72.99

• 72.02 PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle except in compliance with the directions of a law enforcement officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

- (A) On any sidewalk.
- (B) Within any intersection.
- (C) On a crosswalk.

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(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 construction when the stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.

(F) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure or within any underpass structure.

(G) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped, standing or parked at the edge or curb of a street.

(H) In front of a private driveway.

(I) Upon any street in the town for a period of time exceeding 18 hours.

(J) Within any portion of the street right-of-way located between the curblineline or edge of pavement and the sidewalk or sidewalk area, paved or unpaved.

(K) Within any area that has been designated as a fire lane pursuant to ' 70.02; however, this section shall not apply to the fire-fighting vehicles of any duly organized fire department while responding to a fire alarm or other emergency or transacting services related to fire safety or prevention.
(Ord. passed 10-7-69; Am. Ord. passed 4-2-96) Penalty, see ' 72.99

' 72.03 PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park for more than one hour 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. except on Sundays from the stop light on South Main Street to Quinn Circle on both sides of the street.
(Ord. passed 10-7-69) Penalty, see ' 72.99

TOWING AND IMPOUNDING MOTOR VEHICLES

' 72.15 IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES AUTHORIZED.

(A) The Police Department and all members thereof are hereby authorized to have removed, towed away and stored by municipal facilities or by a commercial towing service, any car or other vehicle of any type which is parked legally or illegally in any place where the vehicle creates or constitutes a traffic hazard, impairs or may impair the full use of a fire hydrant, or obstructs, or may obstruct the movement or use of any emergency vehicle upon any street, road, highway or other means of public transit within the town limits, whether the roadway is maintained by the town, or any other public authority.

(B) The Police Department and all members thereof are similarly authorized to have removed, towed away and stored by municipal facilities or a commercial towing service, any car or other vehicle of any type when:

(1) The operator thereof is placed under arrest by any law enforcement officer within the jurisdiction of the Police Department; or

(2) Under circumstances wherein the operator of the vehicle is injured, or physically or mentally impaired to the extent that he is unable to safely operate the motor vehicle.
(Ord. passed 1-4-83) Penalty, see ' 72.99

▪ **72.16 APPLICATION OF STATE LAW.**

In any circumstance wherein a Police Officer tows away and stores any vehicle pursuant to the authority of G.S. 20-161, the provisions of G.S. 20-161.2 shall apply, but shall not apply under any other circumstances.
(Ord. passed 1-4-83)

▪ **72.17 REDEMPTION.**

The cost of any removal, towing and storage of privately-owned motor vehicles incurred under circumstances specified hereinabove shall be paid by the person owning or having the right to lawful possession of the vehicle before the vehicle shall be released from storage.
(Ord. passed 1-4-83)

▪ **72.18 ABANDONED VEHICLES.**

Abandoned vehicles, as defined in ' 90.02, shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 90.

▪ **72.99 PENALTY.**

If any person shall violate this chapter or any other ordinance of the town regulating the operation or parking of vehicles, he shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be required to pay a penalty of not more than \$50.
(G.S. ' 14-4(b))

