

Chapter 10.44

STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

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Section 10.44.010 Application of regulations.

A. The provisions of this title prohibiting the stopping, standing or parking of a vehicle shall apply at all times or at those times herein specified, except when it is necessary to stop a vehicle to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device.

B. The provisions of this title imposing a time limit on standing or parking shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of the Vehicle Code or the ordinances of this City, prohibiting or limiting the standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times. (Ord. 2940 § 12.1, 1961)

Section 10.44.020 Standing in parkways prohibited.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within any parkway. (Ord. 2940 § 12.2, 1961)

Section 10.44.025 Parking on recreational trails prohibited.

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle upon any designated and signed City recreational trail. (Ord. 6831 § 2, 2005)

Section 10.44.030 Use of streets for storage of vehicles prohibited.

A. No person shall park, leave standing, or store, or cause to be parked, left standing, or stored, a vehicle upon any highway, street, or alley for more than seventy-two consecutive hours. A vehicle shall be considered to be parked, left standing, or stored if it has not been moved more than two-tenths of a mile (1056 feet or 352 yards) within seventy-two consecutive hours. A vehicle may be parked, left standing, or stored whether occupied or not.

B. If subsection A is violated, any City employee authorized by the Chief of Police; and with the concurrence of the Chief of Police, any City employee authorized by the City Manager may remove or cause the removal of the vehicle from the highway, street, or alley, subject to the requirements of the Vehicle Code. (Ord. 6872 § 5, 2006; Ord. 6650 § 2, 2003; Ord. 2940 § 12.3, 1961)

Section 10.44.035 Parking prohibited in front of driveway or across sidewalk.

No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle whether attended or unattended, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a peace officer or official traffic control device in either of the following places:

A. In front of a public or private driveway, except that a bus engaged as a common carrier, school bus, or a taxicab may stop to load or unload passengers when authorized pursuant to this title.

B. On or across a sidewalk except electric carts as may be authorized by this title as specified in Section 21114.5 of the Vehicle Code. (Ord. 5179 § 1, 1984)

Section 10.44.040 Parking for certain purposes prohibited.

No person shall park a vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle, except to complete repairs necessitated by an emergency. (Ord. 5408 § 3, 1986)

Section 10.44.043 Handicapped/disabled parking.

It is unlawful for any person to park or leave standing any vehicle in any stall or space on private or public property designated for handicapped/disabled persons, as provided under the California Vehicle Code, unless the vehicle displays either one of the distinguishing license plates or a placard issued pursuant to Sections 22511.55 or 22511.59 of the California Vehicle Code. (Ord. 6649 §1, 2003 Ord. 5179 § 2, 1984)

Section 10.44.045 Misuse of disabled placard.

A. For purposes of the Section, "disabled placard" means a distinguishing placard issued pursuant to California Vehicle Code Sections 22511.55 or 22511.59.

B. It is unlawful for any person to park or stand a vehicle upon any street, highway, or publicly or privately owned or operated metered or time regulated parking space, stall or lot when the vehicle displays, in order to obtain special parking privileges, a disabled placard and the Department of Motor Vehicles record for the identification number assigned to such placard indicates that such placard has either (i) been reported as lost or stolen; or (ii) was issued to a person who has been reported as being deceased for a period exceeding 60 days.

C. This Section is enacted pursuant to the authority conferred by California Vehicle Code Section 22511.57. (Ord. 6649 § 2, 2003; Ord. 6183 § 1, 1994; Ord. 4587 § 2, 1978)

Section 10.44.050 Parking parallel with curb.

A. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there are adjacent curbs shall be so stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of such vehicle parallel to and within eighteen inches of the right-hand curb.

B. Subject to other and more restrictive limitations, a vehicle may be stopped or parked parallel to the left-hand curb facing in the direction of traffic movement upon any one-way street unless signs are in place prohibiting such stopping or parking.

C. In the event a highway includes two or more separate roadways and traffic is restricted to one direction upon any such roadway, no person shall stand or park a vehicle upon the left-hand side of such one-way roadway unless signs are in place permitting such standing or parking.

D. The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to determine when standing or parking shall be prohibited upon the left-hand side of any one-way street or when standing or parking may be permitted upon the left-hand side of any one-way roadway of a highway having two or more separate roadways and shall erect signs giving notice thereof. (Ord. 2940 § 12.5, 1961)

Section 10.44.055 Removing ignition key.

A. No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended in any public place, or on any motor vehicle sales or parking lot, without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the ignition key from the vehicle, and effectively setting the brake thereon.

B. Any police officer who finds a motor vehicle standing unattended with the ignition key in the vehicle in violation of this section is authorized to remove the ignition key from such vehicle and to deliver the key to the officer in charge at the nearest police station.

C. The registered owner of a vehicle found in violation of this section shall be held prima facie responsible for any such violation. (Ord. 4170 § 1, 1974)

Section 10.44.060 Angle parking.

A. The City Traffic Engineer shall determine upon what streets angle parking shall be permitted and shall mark or sign such streets.

B. Angle parking shall not be indicated or permitted at any place where passing traffic would thereby be caused or required to drive upon the left side of the street.

C. On those streets which have been signed or marked by the City Traffic Engineer for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings.

D. The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to prohibit the parking of vehicles on one side of any street when angle parking is permitted on the opposite side, and shall erect signs giving notice thereof. (Ord. 2940 § 12.6, 1961)

Section 10.44.065 Parking prohibited near fire hydrant.

No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant except when such vehicle is attended by a licensed driver who is seated in the front seat and who can immediately move such vehicle in case of necessity. This section shall not apply in respect to any vehicle owned or operated by a Fire Department and clearly marked as a Fire Department vehicle. (Ord. 5179 § 3, 1984)

Section 10.44.070 Parking adjacent to schools.

A. The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to erect signs indicating no parking upon either or both sides of any street adjacent to any school property when such parking would, in his opinion, interfere with traffic or create a hazardous situation.

B. When official signs are erected indicating no parking upon either side of a street adjacent to any school property, no person shall park a vehicle in any such designated place. (Ord. 2940 § 12.7, 1961)

Section 10.44.080 Parking prohibited on narrow streets.

A. The City Traffic Engineer, subject to the prior approval by the Parking and Traffic Commission, is authorized to place signs or markings indicating no parking upon any street when the width of the roadway does not exceed twenty-six feet, or upon one side of a street as indicated by such signs or markings when the width of the roadway does not exceed thirty-two feet.

Any person aggrieved or adversely affected by the action of the Parking and Traffic Commission may appeal to the City Council for review of the action. Such appeal shall be in writing and shall be filed with the City Clerk within fifteen days after the date of the Commission's action. The appeal shall fully state the grounds for such appeal and the action or relief requested. The City Clerk shall set the matter to be heard by the City Council within forty-five days of the filing of the notice of appeal.

B. When official signs or markings prohibiting parking are erected upon narrow streets as authorized herein, no person shall park a vehicle upon any such street in violation of any such sign or marking. (Ord. 4423 § 1, 1977; Ord. 2940 § 12.8, 1961)

Section 10.44.090 Parking not to obstruct traffic.

No person shall 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. (Ord. 2940 § 12.9, 1961)

Section 10.44.100 Parking in alleys.

A. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time other than for expeditious unloading and delivery or pickup and loading of passengers or materials in any alley.

B. Subject to prior approval by the Transportation Commission, the City Traffic Engineer is authorized to place signs or markings indicating no parking upon any alley when such parking prohibits ingress or egress to abutting property. When official signs or markings prohibiting parking are erected upon any alley as authorized in this subsection, no person shall park a vehicle upon any such alley in violation of any such sign or marking. (Ord. 6650 § 3, 2003; Ord. 4566 § 1, 1978; prior code § 19.7)

Section 10.44.110 Parking on hills.

No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle unattended on a highway when upon any grade exceeding three percent within any business or residence district without blocking the wheels of said vehicle by turning them against the curb or by other means. (Ord. 2940 § 12.11, 1961)

Section 10.44.115 Parking on private property prohibited.

A. No person shall park a vehicle in a private driveway or on private property without the direct or implied consent of the owner or person in lawful possession of such driveway or property if there is displayed in plain view on the property a sign prohibiting public parking and containing the telephone number of the local traffic law enforcement agency.

B. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle on private property adjacent to a street which has been designated a no-cruising zone pursuant to Chapter 10.53 of this code on Friday

or Saturday between the hours of ten p.m. and two a.m. of the next day if there is displayed in plain view on the property a sign prohibiting public parking and containing the telephone number of the local traffic law enforcement agency. (Ord. 5917 § 2, 1991; Ord. 3917 § 1, 1972)

Section 10.44.120 Stopping or parking prohibited.

The City Traffic Engineer is authorized to place signs or markings indicating no stopping, standing, or parking in the following places and when so signed or marked no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in any of said places:

- A. Within fifty feet of the nearest rail or a railroad crossing;
- B. Within twenty feet of a crosswalk at an intersection except that a bus may stop at a designated bus stop;
- C. Within thirty feet of the approach to any traffic signal, stop sign or flashing beacon;
- D. At any place where the City Traffic Engineer determines that it is necessary in order to eliminate dangerous traffic hazards;
- E. Within two hundred fifty feet of any intersection on any arterial highway or collector street as indicated on the official master plan of streets and highways of the City, except within the central traffic district; within fifty feet of any other intersection; and within twenty-five feet of any commercial driveway. (Ord. 3553 § 1, 1968; Ord. 2940 § 12.12, 1961)

Section 10.44.130 Emergency parking signs.

A. Whenever the City Traffic Engineer or the Chief of Police determines that an emergency traffic congestion is likely to result from the holding of public or private assemblages, gatherings, or functions, or for other reasons, he shall have power and authority to order temporary signs to be erected or posted indicating that the operation, parking or standing of vehicles is prohibited on such streets and alleys as he shall direct during the time such temporary signs are in place. Such signs shall remain in place only during the existence of such emergency and the City Traffic Engineer shall remove such signs promptly thereafter.

B. When signs authorized by the provisions of this section are in place giving notice thereof, no person shall operate, park or stand any vehicle contrary to the directions and provisions of such signs. (Ord. 2940 § 12.13, 1961)

Section 10.44.140 Unlawful parking by peddlers and vendors.

A. No person shall stand or park any vehicle or pushcart from which goods, wares, merchandise, fruits, vegetables or foodstuffs are sold, displayed, solicited or offered for sale or bartered or exchanged, or any lunch truck or vehicle, on any portion of any street within this City, except that such vehicles may stand or park only at the request of a bona fide purchaser for a period of time not to exceed ten minutes at any one place outside of business district and except that such pushcarts as are permitted pursuant to Chapter 5.38 of this code or other ordinance of the City. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to persons delivering such articles upon order of, or by agreement with a customer from a store or other fixed place of business or distribution.

B. The provisions of subsection A shall not in any way exclude any person from the requirements of the business licenses, ordinances or other laws of City, County and State. (Ord. 5618 § 2, 1988; Ord. 2940 § 12.14, 1961)

Section 10.44.150 Display of warning devices when commercial vehicle disabled.

Every motor truck having an unladen weight of four thousand pounds or more, and every truck tractor irrespective of weight when operated upon any street or highway during darkness shall be equipped with and carry at least two flares or two red lanterns, or two warning lights or

shall be equipped with and carry at least two flares or two red lanterns, or two warning lights or reflectors, which reflectors shall be of a type approved by the California Department of Highway Patrol. When any vehicle above mentioned or any trailer or semi-trailer is disabled upon streets or highways outside of any business or residence district within this City and upon which street or highway there is insufficient street lighting to reveal a vehicle at a distance of two hundred feet during darkness, a warning signal of the character indicated above shall be immediately placed at a distance of approximately one hundred feet in advance of, and one hundred feet to the rear of, such disabled vehicle by the driver thereof. The continuous flashing of at least four approved Class A-Type I turn signal lamps, at least two toward the front and at least two toward the rear of the vehicle, shall be considered to meet the requirements of this section until the devices mentioned above can be placed in the required locations. The warning signals herein mentioned shall be displayed continuously during darkness while such vehicle remains disabled upon such street or highway. (Ord. 2940 § 12.15, 1961)

Section 10.44.155 Parking of certain commercial vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers prohibited; exceptions.

A. No person shall park or leave standing any commercial vehicle having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of ten thousand pounds or more, or any commercial trailer or semi-trailer regardless of weight, on any highway, street, or alley except as follows:

1. Any vehicle making pickups or deliveries of goods, wares or merchandise from or to any building or structure located on the restricted highway, street, or alley, or for the purpose of delivering materials to be used in the actual repair, alteration, remodeling or construction of any building or structure upon the restricted highway, street, or alley;

2. Any vehicle parked in connection with, and in the aid of, the performance of a service to or on a property in the block in which such vehicle is parked;

3. Any school or passenger bus under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission;

4. Any vehicle owned by a city, county, state, public entity or licensed contractor engaged in the installation, maintenance, or repair of any public property, utility or highway;

5. Any authorized emergency vehicle as defined by the California Vehicle Code;

6. Any commercial vehicle which is lawfully parked on a public highway, street, or alley designated for commercial vehicle parking.

B. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "Commercial vehicle" means a vehicle of a type required to be registered under the California Vehicle Code used or maintained for the transportation of persons for hire, compensation, or profit or designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.

2. "Trailers" and "semi-trailers" as defined in Sections 550, 630, 635, and 636 of the California Vehicle Code. (Ord. 6795 § 2, 2005; Ord. 5716 § 1, 1989)

Section 10.44.160 Parking of certain commercial vehicles prohibited in residential districts.

No person shall park any heavy-duty commercial vehicle or commercial non-self propelled vehicle on any highway, street, or alley in any residential district, except:

A. While loading or unloading of goods, wares or merchandise, or;

B. When such vehicle is parked in connection with, and in aid of, the performance of a valid commercial service to or on a property in the block on which such vehicle is parked. (Ord 6650 § 4, 2003; Ord. 5160 § 1, 1984; Ord. 3836 § 1, 1971; Ord. 2940 § 12.16, 1961)

Section 10.44.170 Restrictions to all night parking for recreational and other vehicles.

A. No person shall park any recreational vehicle or recreational non-self propelled vehicle on any highway, street, or alley between two a.m. and six a.m. except as follows:

1. A recreational vehicle may be parked for no more than 5 consecutive days in any one month by bona fide guests of owners or occupants of residential property.

2. A recreational vehicle or non-self propelled vehicle may be parked 24 hours before a recreational trip and 24 hours after a recreational trip for purposes of loading and unloading." (Ord. 7053 § 1, 2009; Ord. 6650 § 5, 2003; Ord. 5160 § 2, 1984; Ord. 3836 § 2, 1971; Ord. 2940 § 12.17, 1961)

Section 10.44.175 Use of vehicles for dwelling purposes prohibited; exceptions.

A. No person shall occupy or use, or cause to be occupied or used, any vehicle, including recreational and non-self propelled vehicles, for dwelling or residential purposes on any public or private highway, street, or alley, except as follows:

1. Pursuant to a conditional or other use permit in accordance with the Riverside Municipal Code.

2. For no more than 5 consecutive days in any one month by bona fide guests of owners or occupants of nearby residential property. (Ord. 6650 § 1, 2003)

Section 10.44.190 Parking on City property.

A. Whenever the City Council or City Manager shall determine that the orderly, efficient conduct of the business of the City requires that parking or standing of vehicles on City property be prohibited, limited, or restricted, the City Traffic Engineer shall erect signs indicating that the parking of vehicles is thus prohibited, limited, or restricted.

B. When official signs are erected under the provisions of this section, no person shall park or stand a vehicle contrary to the directions or provisions of such signs. (Ord. 2940 § 12.19, 1961)