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Sec 27-166 Applicability

The provisions of this division prohibiting the standing or parking of a vehicle shall apply at all times or at those times herein specified or as indicated on official signs 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. The fines and penalties which shall be imposed for general restrictions and prohibitions violations shall be in an amount determined pursuant to section 27-8 titled Fees, fines and penalties.

(Code 1969, § 27-321; Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), 2-12-13)

Sec 27-167 Time Limits Not Exclusive

The provisions of this article imposing a time limit on parking shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.

(Code 1969, § 27-322)

Sec 27-168 Stopping, Standing Or Parking Prohibited

(a) It shall be unlawful at all times to stop, stand or park a vehicle in any of the following places:

(1) Within any intersection;

(2) On any sidewalk except during or within twenty-four (24) hours after a snowfall specified under section 27-171, subsection (a) and then only upon the driveway of a residential premises, or on any crosswalk;

(3) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

- (4) In any place where such vehicle would reduce to less than eighteen (18) feet the width of the roadway available for use by moving traffic;
- (5) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction if it would result in the obstruction of moving traffic;
- (6) On any railroad tracks;
- (7) In any fire lane;
- (8) In any subway or upon any bridge or viaduct;
- (9) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb, or within twenty (20) feet of a point on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone;
- (10) On that area of any front yard which lies as an open space between the front lot line and the nearest line of a principal building on that lot and which extends across the full width of the lot; unless that area has been covered with concrete, asphalt, blacktop or otherwise improved with a permanent material and commonly known as a driveway for automobiles;
- (11) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.
- (12) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of any street (double parking);
- (13) In such a manner as to occupy more than one (1) adjoining parking space or encroaching in any way into an adjoining parking space (occupying more than one (1) parking space);
- (14) Parking on any public street, alley or in any parking facility, regardless of whether signs are posted or not, for forty-eight (48) continuous hours unless a valid parking permit issued by the city is properly displayed in said vehicle.

- (b) Except while momentarily engaged in the pickup or discharge of passengers, it shall be unlawful to stop, stand or park a vehicle or any part thereof in any of the following places:
- (1) In front of, or within five (5) feet on either side of, a public or private driveway;
 - (2) At any curb within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant;
 - (3) Within twenty (20) feet of any crosswalk;
 - (4) Within thirty (30) feet of any flashing signal, stop sign or other traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;
 - (5) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and, on the opposite side of the street, within seventy-five (75) feet of such an entrance;
 - (6) Within ten (10) feet of any mail box, Monday through Saturday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except on postal holidays. (Exemption: This section shall not apply to residents parked in front of their mailbox only).
 - (7) At any place where official signs prohibit standing.

- (c) Except while temporarily engaged in the act of loading or unloading merchandise or passengers, it shall be unlawful to stop, stand or park a vehicle in any of the following places:
- (1) Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
 - (2) At any place where official signs prohibit parking, unless a valid parking permit issued by the city is properly displayed in said vehicle.

- (d) No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under his control into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such a distance as is unlawful.

(Code 1969, § 27-323; Ord. No. O87-5621, § 1, 1-17-87; Ord. No. O94-27, § 1, 4-19-94; Ord. No. O01-167, § 1, 12-11-01; Ord. No. O02-04, § 1, 1-29-02; Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), 2-12-13; Ord. O18-048, 6-12-18)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. [O23-077](#) on 11/14/2023

Sec 27-169 Parking Prohibited At All Times On Certain Streets

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets described in the appropriate schedule on file in the office of the city clerk.

(Code 1969, § 27-324)

Sec 27-170 Duration Limits On Certain Streets, Alley And City Owned Parking Facilities

- (a) When signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than the duration restriction posted pursuant to the parking management policies on file in the office of the city clerk.
- (b) No person shall park a vehicle in any such block or parking facility for a consecutive period of time longer than that limited period of time which represents the maximum period for which the duration limit is set.
- (c) It shall be a violation of this article to remove or in any way obscure a chalk mark placed on a vehicle tire for purposes of enforcement.

(Code 1969, § 27-325; Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), 2-12-13)

Editor's note— Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), adopted Feb. 12, 2013, changed the title of § 27-170 from "Limited parking" to "Duration limits on certain streets, alley and city owned parking facilities."

Sec 27-171 Parking During Snow Removal Prohibited; Removal Of Vehicles

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle or, if parked, to allow a motor vehicle to remain parked or standing in any public street or alley during or after a snowfall in which there is an accumulation of two (2) inches of snow or more. This prohibition shall remain in effect until such time as the street or alley has been plowed or the snow has been removed therefrom. A city street shall not be deemed to have been plowed until the lane of traffic nearest the curb has been plowed or the snow has been removed therefrom.
- (b) Whenever a police officer or persons authorized by the chief of police of the city finds a vehicle parked in violation of this section, and where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, interferes with the use of streets or in any other manner creates a dangerous or unsafe condition, such vehicle is declared a nuisance and a hazard to public safety, and the police officer or persons authorized by chief of police may cause the removal of such vehicle to a public garage or other place of safety during snow removal operations of the city on such streets, and the expense of such removal and storage in such public garage shall be paid by the owner or operator of the vehicle, in addition to any other penalties imposed by this chapter.

(Code 1969, § 27-326)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. [021-011](#) on 3/23/2021

Sec 27-172 Signs, Yellow Painted Curbs Required

Whenever by this chapter, or any other ordinance of this city, any parking time limit is imposed or parking is prohibited on designated streets, it shall be the duty of the city traffic engineer to erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof or to affix yellow paint to the curb immediately adjacent to any street or portion thereof where parking is prohibited. No such regulation or ordinance shall be effective unless such signs are erected and in place or the curb is painted yellow at the time of any alleged offense. This requirement shall not be applicable to the provisions of section 27-171.

(Code 1969, § 27-327; Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), 2-12-13)

Sec 27-173 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 eighteen (18) feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic.

(Code 1969, § 27-328)

Sec 27-174 Parking In Alleys

No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic, and no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within an alley in such position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property.

(Code 1969, § 27-329)

Sec 27-175 All-Night Parking Prohibited On Certain Streets; Exception

- (a) No person shall park a vehicle on any street herein below provided between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. of any day:
 - (1) Within the area defined in section 27-2 as the central business district unless a valid parking permit issued by the city is properly displayed in said vehicle.;
 - (2) On any other arterial or major collector street (except as provided in subsection (b)), as both are designated in the city comprehensive plan; or
 - (3) On any other street specifically designated by the city council, a list of which shall be on file in the office of the city clerk.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) hereof, parking of vehicles shall not be prohibited between 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on said major collector streets unless a valid parking permit issued by the city is properly displayed in said vehicle.
- (c) All-night parking permits may be issued by the traffic compliance administrator pursuant to the guidelines outlined in the parking management policies on file at the office of the city clerk. Permits may be revoked by the city for cause.

(Code 1969, § 27-330; Ord. No. O87-5708, § 1, 8-18-87; Ord. No. O91-100, § 1, 12-17-91; Ord. No. O98-48, § 1, 5-12-98; Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), 2-12-13)

Sec 27-176 Parking Commercial Vehicles, Trailers, Truck Tractors

No commercial vehicle, or truck tractor, with or without a trailer, shall be permitted to park on any public street in the city if the vehicle exceeds 8,000 lbs., according to vehicle registration, gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR), or loaded weight:

- (a) Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.; or
- (b) For a period longer than two hours between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; or
- (c) In a manner to obstruct other vehicular traffic or cause a hazard.

The parking restrictions of this section shall also apply to any type of trailer, regardless of whether the trailer or semi-trailer is attached to another vehicle. For the purposes of this section, trailer is defined as: Every vehicle without motive power in operation, designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle including but not limited to watercraft trailers, utility trailers, travel trailers, truck campers, camping trailers, landscape trailers, and vehicle transport trailers.

For the purposes of this section, commercial vehicles actively being used to make a delivery or render a service to a nearby business or residence shall not be subject to the parking restrictions contained herein, except that such vehicles shall not park in a manner to obstruct other vehicular traffic or cause a hazard, as determined by a police officer or other person authorized by the chief of police.

Vehicles in violation of this section shall be subject to immediate towing by order of the police department, and fines as provided by section 1-10 of this Code.

(Code 1969, § 27-331; Ord. No. O02-60, § 3, 5-28-02; Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), 2-12-13; Ord. No. O20-013, § 1(Exh. A), 2-11-20)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. [O25-028](#) on 4/22/2025

Corrected by Ord. [O25-032](#) Supersedes O25-028 to correct scrivener's errors on 5/13/2025

Sec 27-177 Parking For Certain Purposes Prohibited

No person shall park a vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of:

- (a) Displaying such vehicle for sale;
- (b) Washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

(Code 1969, § 27-332)

Sec 27-178 Parking In School Zones

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or permit to be parked any vehicle in a school zone between the school hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. of days in which school is in regular session; provided, that such restrictions as to parking shall not be in force on Saturdays, school holidays and during the summer vacation period when school is not in regular session for all pupils attending such school, or in such places where other parking regulations are in force and effect under the provisions of this chapter.

(Code 1969, § 27-333; Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), 2-12-13)

Sec 27-179 Parking On Narrow Streets

- (a) The city traffic engineer may erect signs indicating no parking upon any street when the width of the roadway does not exceed twenty (20) feet, or upon one (1) side of a street if indicated by such signs when the width of the roadway does not exceed thirty (30) feet.

- (b) When official signs prohibiting parking are erected upon narrow streets, as authorized in this section, no person shall park a vehicle upon any such street in violation of any such sign.

(Code 1969, § 27-334; Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), 2-12-13)

Sec 27-180 Standing, Parking On One-Way Streets

The city traffic engineer is authorized to erect signs upon the left-hand side of any one-way street to prohibit the standing or parking of vehicles. When such signs are in place, no person shall stand or park a vehicle upon such left-hand side in violation of any such sign.

(Code 1969, § 27-335; Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), 2-12-13)

Sec 27-181 Standing, Parking On One-Way Roadways

If a highway includes two (2) or more separate roadways and traffic is restricted to one (1) 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 erected to permit such standing or parking. The city traffic engineer may determine when standing or parking may be permitted upon the left-hand side of any such one-way roadway and to erect signs giving notice thereof.

(Code 1969, § 27-336; Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), 2-12-13)

Sec 27-182 Stopping, Standing, Parking Near Hazardous Or Congested Places

- (a) The city traffic engineer may determine and designate by proper signs places not exceeding one hundred (100) feet in length in which the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles would create an especially hazardous condition or would cause unusual delay to traffic.
- (b) When official signs are erected at hazardous or congested places, as authorized in this section, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in any such designated place.

(Code 1969, § 27-337; Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), 2-12-13)

Sec 27-183 Removal Of Violating Or Abandoned Vehicles

- (a) Whenever any police officer or persons authorized by the chief of police finds a vehicle standing, stopped or parked in violation of the provisions of this chapter, such officer or persons authorized by the chief of police may move the vehicle or require the driver or other person in charge to move the same to such a place as will not interfere with the use of the streets and highways.
- (b) Whenever any police officer or persons authorized by the chief of police finds a vehicle unattended in any street where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, or the use of the streets, driveways, sidewalks and other public places in the city, or such vehicle remains parked in one (1) location for a period of forty-eight (48) hours or more, such officer or persons authorized by the chief of police may cause the removal of such a vehicle to a public garage or other place of safety, and the expense of such removal and storage in such public garage shall be paid by the owner or operator of said vehicle.

(Code 1969, § 27-338)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. [O21-011](#) on 3/23/2021

Sec 27-184 (Reserved)

Editor's note— Ord. No. O02-60, § 4, adopted May 28, 2002, repealed § 27-184 in its entirety. Formerly, said section pertained to parking on streets within special service area. See the Code Comparative Table for derivation of the section.

Sec 27-185 Unauthorized Use Of Handicapped Parking Places

- (a) It shall be prohibited to park any motor vehicle which is not bearing registration plates or decals issued pursuant to The Illinois Vehicle Code [III. Rev. Stat. Ch. 95½, ¶ 1-100 et seq.] to a handicapped person or to a disabled veteran as evidence that the vehicle is operated by or for a handicapped person or disabled veteran, in any parking place, including any private or public off-street parking facility, specifically reserved, by the posting of an official sign, for motor vehicles bearing such registration plates.
- (b) Any person or local authority owning or operating any public or private off-street parking facility may, after notifying the police, remove or cause to be removed to the nearest garage or other place of safety any vehicle parked within a stall or space reserved for use by the handicapped which does not display handicapped registration plates or a special decal or device as required under this section.
- (c) Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall be fined in an amount determined pursuant to section 27-8 titled Fees, fines and penalties, in addition to any costs or charges connected with the removal or storage of any motor vehicle authorized under this section.

(Code 1969, § 27-341; Ord. No. O96-20, § 1, 2-27-96; Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), 2-12-13)

State Law reference— Handicapped parking, 625 ILCS 5/11-1301.1 et seq.

Sec 27-186 Parking Decals Or Devices For Temporarily Handicapped Persons

- (a) The city may issue handicapped parking decals or devices to persons with any temporary disability. Such decals or devices shall be in accordance with the administrative rule on design, size and color for handicapped decals and devices promulgated by the secretary of state and shall clearly set forth the date the decal or device expires. Such decals or devices shall be valid for no more than ninety (90) days; provided, however, that one (1) renewal for up to an additional ninety (90) days may be granted upon proper application.
- (b) Such decals or devices shall be issued or renewed only to residents of the city and only upon receipt of a completed application, accompanied by a certificate from a doctor attesting to the applicant's temporary disability or such other adequate documentation as may be provided by state law. The city may impose a fee for the issuance and renewal of such decals or devices in an amount determined pursuant to section 27-8 titled Fees, fines and penalties.
- (c) As used in this section "disability" shall be defined as provided by state law.

(Code 1969, § 27-342; Ord. No. O13-005, § 1(Exh. A), 2-12-13)

State Law reference— Handicapped parking, 625 ILCS 5/11-1301.1 et seq.

Sec 27-187 Parking Of Vehicles Used As Residence

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any owner or lessee of any lot, tract, parcel or plot of land, whether improved or unimproved, to permit the use of such lot, tract, parcel or plot of land by any person for the purpose of parking or otherwise occupying such lot, tract, parcel or plot of land with any

trailer, truck, bus, streetcar or other similar structure if used as a dwelling, abode, residence, habitation or home, either temporary or permanent; provided, however, that in case any such trailer, truck, bus, streetcar or other similar structure is demounted and attached in a stationary position, a building permit must be acquired and such structure must conform to the building ordinances, and be equipped with running water and connected to the city sewer. The terms of this section shall not apply where such parking or occupying shall not exceed seven (7) calendar days' duration.

- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to park or otherwise occupy any lot, tract, parcel or plot of land, either improved or unimproved, with any tractor, truck, van, bus, streetcar or other similar structure if used as a dwelling, abode, residence, habitation or home, either temporary or permanent; provided, however, the terms hereof shall not apply where such parking or occupying shall not exceed seven (7) calendar days' duration.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to park or otherwise occupy any street or alley with any tractor, truck, van, bus, streetcar or other similar structure, if used as a dwelling, abode, residence, habitation or home, either temporary or permanent; provided, however, the terms hereof shall not apply where such parking or occupying shall not exceed three (3) hours' duration.

(Code 1969, §§ 29-72, 29-73)