

# City of Oak Ridge

## Parking

## Violations

As one of the initiatives of the Not in Our City campaign, Oak Ridge City Council recently approved the amendments to the current City Code Parking Ordinances. A thirty day “grace” period began for the purpose of educating the community about the new ordinances. Effective **June 18, 2012**, the Oak Ridge Police Department will begin issuing citations for violations of these ordinances. If a vehicle is found to be in violation of the parking ordinances, a citation to appear in Oak Ridge City Court will either be issued to the *driver* of the vehicle or to the *registered owner* of the vehicle.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

#### **What is the purpose of these amendments to the city ordinances?**

The purpose of addressing the parking violations throughout the city is to provide adequate space for pedestrians to utilize the sidewalks and ensure the ability for emergency vehicles and other large vehicles to safely maneuver on residential streets.

#### **When will enforcement begin?**

The Oak Ridge Police Department will be issuing citations regarding the amendments in to the Oak Ridge City Court beginning on **MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012.**

#### **How much will a citation cost?**

The maximum fine and city court cost is **\$158.75.**

#### **Who do I report a violation to if I observe a vehicle parked illegally?**

The Oak Ridge Police Department should be contacted through the non-emergency dispatch line at 865-425-4399.

#### **Where can I learn more about the parking ordinances and definitions?**

Information regarding the definitions for the parking ordinances is outlined on the back of this flyer. Also, information can be found at **[www.oakridgetn.gov](http://www.oakridgetn.gov)** which includes photographs of violations as well as detailed definitions.

## City of Oak Ridge Parking Ordinances

PROHIBITED VEHICLES FOR ON-STREET PARKING	CITY CODE
<p><i>Junked Vehicles:</i> Definition – Any motorized or non-motorized vehicle, including but not limited to campers, trailers and semi-trailers, the condition of which is one or more of the following: wrecked, abandoned, discarded, in a state of disrepair, lacking vital component parts or poses a safety hazard.</p> <p>Exception: When vehicle becomes disabled in such a manner and to such an extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping the vehicle in an on-street parking space; provided, however, that such disabled vehicle be removed within forty-eight (48) hours.</p>	15-101(11) & 15-616
<p><i>Recreational vehicles:</i> Definition – Any vehicular-type unit used primarily for recreational purposes including, but not limited to, boats, boat trailers, personal watercraft carriers, personal watercraft trailers, travel trailers, ten trailers, pick-up campers or coaches (designed to be mounted on automotive vehicles), motor coaches, motorized homes, and non-motorized vehicles.</p> <p>Exception: An operational recreational vehicle may be temporarily legally parked/stored in on-street parking for a period not to exceed seven (7) consecutive days for the purpose of loading, unloading, trip preparation, or minor, routine maintenance and repair. Recreational vehicles may not be relocated to another on-street location after expiration of the allowed temporary parking period. At no time shall any un-mounted camper enclosure, personal watercraft carrier, or boat not mounted on a utility trailer be parked or stored within any designated on-street parking space.</p>	15-101(30) & 15-617
<p><i>Utility trailers:</i> Definition – Any wheeled structure, without motive power, designed to be towed by a motor vehicle and which is generally and commonly used to carry and transport personal effects and/or property.</p> <p>Exception: An operational utility trailer may be temporarily legally parked/stored in on-street parking for a period not to exceed seven (7) consecutive days for the purpose of loading, unloading, trip preparation, or minor, routine maintenance and repair. Utility trailers may not be relocated to another on-street location after the expiration of the allowed temporary parking period.</p>	15-101(54) & 15-617
Motorized and non-motorized vehicles for sale	15-609
Vehicles obstructing traffic	15-607

INFORMATION: PROPER ON-STREET PARKING	CITY CODE
For marked spaces, vehicles shall be only within such designated stalls or spaces.	15-605(1)
No portion of the vehicle – including any “protruding items” such as side mirrors or lumber – can be outside of the marked space or within the prohibited place.	15-603(b)
Vehicles must be headed in the direction of the flow of traffic or an angle indicated by appropriate markings.	15-605(1)
For parking on the street in an unmarked space, there must be at least eighteen (18) feet width left for the free passage of other vehicles. Streets of twenty-two (22) feet in width accepted by the City prior to July 1, 1991 must provide a minimum of sixteen (16) feet width for the free passage of other vehicles and a clear view of the vehicle from 200 feet in each direction of the street.	15-602
For unmarked spaces on two-way streets, the vehicle’s right hand wheels must be parallel to and within twelve (12) inches street side of the right hand curb or edge of roadway.	15-605(1)
For unmarked spaces on one-way streets, the vehicle’s right hand wheels must be parallel to and within twelve (12) inches street side of the right hand curb or edge of roadway, or the vehicle’s left hand wheels must be parallel to and within twelve (12) inches street side of the left hand curb or edge of roadway, whichever is applicable.	15-605(1)
Unattended vehicles must have a stopped motor, the ignition key removed, and the brake set with front wheels turned toward the nearest curb or gutter when on any grade.	15-604
Marked loading and unloading zones are for the expeditious loading and unloading of passengers and merchandise only.	15-611

For more information about where vehicles, recreational vehicles, and utility trailers can be parked see the city website under “Featured Projects” or under the heading of “Residents” and “Not in Our City” [www.oakridgetn.gov](http://www.oakridgetn.gov).