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NOTICE

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING ENFORCEMENT PROJECT BEGINS NEXT MONDAY ARE YOU PROPERLY PARKED?

For More Information Go To
Hickorycreek-tx.gov/police

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Additional Information About Neighborhood Parking

- **What is the Neighborhood Parking Enforcement Project?**

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- **What do I do if I receive a parking citation?**

If you receive a citation you have ten days to contact the municipal court to pay the fine or arrange an appearance in court. The court is located at 1075 Ronald Reagan Ave, Hickory Creek, TX 75065, or you may call the court at [940-497-2564](tel:940-497-2564). Parking citation fines range between \$1 and \$200, plus court costs. For more municipal court information visit <https://www.hickorycreek-tx.gov/municipalcourt>.

- **What are some other parking laws that help improve my neighborhood and keep it safe?**

"Texas Transportation Code says an operator may not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger, stand or park an occupied or unoccupied vehicle in the following places:

- in front of a public or private driveway
- within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection
- within 30 feet on the approach to a flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway." (TC 545.302)

- **Can a vehicle park blocking the sidewalk if it's in a driveway?**

No. "The Texas Transportation Code says that you cannot park over a sidewalk. We want pedestrians to be able to use the sidewalk and not have to walk into the street." (TC 545.302)

- **Can I park in front of a mailbox?**

While there is no Texas Law or Town Ordinance against parking in front of a mailbox, the US Postal Service asked you to keep a 15 foot distance on either side of a mailbox as a courtesy to the Postal Drivers.

- **Can I store my RV or trailer on the street?**

No. Town Ordinance states "no recreational vehicle, travel trailer, boat or boat trailer, stock trailer, major vehicle equipment, or any other vehicle unable to operate under its own power shall be parked or stored on a public thoroughfare in any residential district. The provisions of this subsection shall not prevent the parking or standing of said vehicle upon the street in such zoned area for the purpose of expeditiously loading and unloading, provided such parking or standing shall not exceed 24 hours."

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- **I have an extra vehicle that runs but I don't use. Can I store my vehicle in the street?**

No. "It shall be unlawful to let stand or park any vehicle in the same location for a continuous period of 48 hours or more on a public street."

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- **I own an oversized vehicle that has a rated capacity in excess of one ton. Can I park it on my residential street or in my driveway?**

No. "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to park or store, or allow to be parked or stored, any oversized commercial motor vehicle as defined in [section 12.05.001](#) above, upon any public street, alley, parkway, boulevard, public place, railroad right-of-way, or property not zoned for commercial use within the corporate limits of the town."

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- **I received notice that my inoperable vehicle is subject to impound if not removed from the road. Can I just push it into my driveway?**

No. "Texas Transportation Code prohibits storing a "junked vehicle" including a part of a "junked vehicle", that is visible at any time of the year from a public place or public right-of-way." (TC 683.072, 683.073)

- **Is it illegal to park a vehicle facing the wrong direction on a street?**

Yes. "The Texas Transportation Code requires that the right-hand side of the wheels be within 18 inches of the curb. The easy way to remember that is your headlights should be facing in the direction, just like you were driving. This also applies to vehicles parking in a cul-de-sac." (TC 545.303)

- **My vehicle broke down and I won't be able to repair it until next month. Can I store it on the street?**

No. "The Texas Transportation Code says that a vehicle is considered abandoned if it is inoperable, is more than five years old, and has been left unattended on public property for more than 48 hours. Abandoned vehicles that are not removed after notice has been given are subject to impoundment." (TC 683.002, 683.011)

- **Our driveway isn't big enough for all our cars. Can I park my vehicle on my lawn or in the alley?**
- It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to park or allow to be parked on any property under his or its control on any property in a high density residential area or any property of one acre or less any vehicle on any portion of a front yard other than on an approved hard surface. Driving across the curb, parkway or front yard other than on an approved hard surface is prohibited. For the Harbor Grove Subdivision parking of noncommercial motor vehicles within ten feet of the paved roadway shall be allowed.

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- **What is a "junked vehicle"?**

Texas transportation says a "junked vehicle" includes a motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft that is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded; or inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than 30 consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property. A motor vehicle that displays an expired license plate or does not display a license plate or a watercraft that does not have lawfully on board an unexpired certificate of number is also considered a "junked vehicle". (TC 683.071)