

## CHAPTER 72: PARKING

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### § 72.01 DEFINITION.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**OVERSIZED VEHICLES.** Motor vehicle more than 20 feet in length or more than eight feet in width or more than nine feet in height.

**SEMI-TRACTOR.** A motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed to carry a load other than a part of the weight off the vehicle and load so drawn.

**SEMI-TRAILER.** A vehicle of the trailer type so designed and used in connection with a motor

vehicle that some part of its own weight and that of its own load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle, but does not include a mobile home. A vehicle used with a ready-mix motor truck to spread the load is considered a **SEMI-TRAILER**.

**VEHICLE.** Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, including trailers and campers. (Ord. 95J, passed 2-3-00)  
(Ord. 95C, passed 7-1-91; Am. Ord. 95D, passed 12-7-92)

### § 72.02 TOWING OF VEHICLES.

(A) Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 349.13, whenever any traffic officer finds a vehicle is standing upon a highway in violation of a prohibition, limitation, or restriction on stopping, standing, or parking imposed under this chapter, the traffic officer is authorized to tow the vehicle or to require the operator in charge thereof to move the vehicle to a position where parking is permitted or to either private or public parking or storage premises.

(B) Under this chapter, a city superintendent or a city foreman or any other person designated by the city has the authority, if a vehicle is in violation of §§ 72.04, 72.05 or 95.01, to tow the vehicle or to require the operator in charge thereof to move the vehicle to a position where parking is permitted or to either private or public parking or storage premises.

(C) The towing may be contracted for by local authorities. The operator or owner of the vehicle removed shall pay the reasonable charges for towing or any storage involved in an amount equal to the actual cost of such towing or storage.  
(Ord. 95E, passed 6-6-96; Am. Ord. 72.02, passed 12-12-13) Penalty, see § 70.99

### § 72.03 SEMI-TRACTOR, SEMI-TRAILER AND OTHER OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING.

(A) *Purpose.* The regulations and restrictions established in this section have been made in accordance with the policy to preserve and maintain the integrity of the city by:

- (1) Limiting traffic congestion and noise.
- (2) Preserving aesthetic harmony.
- (3) Limiting deterioration of streets.
- (4) Ensuring the safety, peace, and quiet of its residents.

(B) *Semi-tractor and semi-trailer parking prohibited.* No person shall park any semi-tractor or semi-trailer at any time on any public street in any business district or residence district as determined under the city zoning code, except for such time as is reasonably necessary to facilitate the loading or unloading of the vehicle. This prohibition shall not apply with respect to the following:

- (1) River Street; or
- (2) Any private property.

(C) *Oversized vehicle parking regulated.* No person shall park in excess of four hours any oversized vehicle on Main Street between Cedar Street and County Trunk Highway E.  
(Ord. 95C, passed 7-1-91; Am. Ord. 95D, passed 12-7-92) Penalty, see § 70.99

### § 72.04 PARKING IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES.

(A) No person shall park or suffer to be parked any vehicle of any kind or description in an area marked by a temporary "No Parking" sign if a highway is being constructed, reconstructed, maintained, or repaired.

(B) The City Superintendent or his or her designee is authorized to erect temporary "No Parking" signs along highways within the city if the highway is being constructed, reconstructed, maintained, or repaired. The "No Parking" signs shall be posted at least 12 hours prior to enforcement of this section.

(C) Whenever any traffic officer finds a vehicle standing upon a highway in violation of this section, the traffic officer is authorized to move the vehicle or to require the operator in charge thereof to move the vehicle to a position where parking is permitted or to either private or public parking or storage premises. The removal may be performed by or under the direction of the traffic officer or may be contracted for by the city. The operator or owner of the vehicle removed shall pay the reasonable charges for moving or towing the vehicle and any storage thereof.  
(Ord. 95H, passed 3-11-99) Penalty, see § 70.99

### § 72.05 PARKING WITHIN PARKS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL PROPERTY.

(A) Except when done in places designated and in the manner prescribed by regulation or special permission of the Common Council or its designee, no person may within any public park or other municipal property within the city:

- (1) Ride, drive, or park any vehicle except along designated drives;
- (2) Move at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour unless otherwise posted;
- (3) Otherwise operate or drive any vehicle in a manner which is likely to endanger persons and/or property; or
- (4) Ride or drive any vehicle on the grass or park outside designated parking areas.  
(Ord. 95K, passed 11-3-99) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.06 PARKING DURING SNOWSTORM EMERGENCY.**

*(A) Emergency declarations.*

(1) The Common Council declares that snow accumulations pose a serious public hazard requiring transportation and public health, safety, and welfare. A snow emergency shall exist within the city whenever the City Superintendent or his or her designee declares snow accumulation or snowfall to pose such a significant public hazard. The emergency shall continue for a period of 48 hours or until such time as snow removal operations have been declared completed by the City Superintendent.

(2) Further, the Common Council declares that due to the heavier traffic volume along Main Street, the higher volume of pedestrian travel between sidewalks and vehicles parked along Main Street, and the lack of alternative areas for temporary snow storage during routine plowing operations, it is desirable to have one side of the street free of parked vehicles during the early morning hours of the winter months.

*(B) Parking regulations during snow emergencies.* Whenever an emergency exists, no person shall park, or suffer to be parked, any vehicle of any kind or description in an area marked by "No Parking" signs on the east side of Main Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., inclusive, in the city, provided that, notwithstanding such emergency restrictions, vehicles may be parked for a period of time not longer than three minutes of actually loading or unloading of passengers or 30 minutes for actually loading or unloading property, and provided further that no other regulation restricting parking as to place, time or manner is violated thereby. "No parking" signs shall be posted at least 12 hours prior to the hours regulated by this section.

*(C) Authorization of erection of no parking signs.* Pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stats. § 166.23, the City Superintendent is authorized to erect temporary "No Parking" signs during the

existence of an emergency created by a snowstorm or excessive snowfall which impairs or prevents the full use of any highway, street, or roadway for transportation.

*(D) Winter parking on west side of Main Street.* No person shall park, or suffer to be parked, any vehicle of any kind or description on the west side of Main Street from the intersection of Main Street and Cemetery Road extending north to the intersection of Main Street and Riverview Drive between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 15 to the following March 31.

*(E) Snow tow-away zones.* Whenever any traffic officer finds a vehicle standing upon a highway in violation of this section, the traffic officer is authorized to move the vehicle or to require the operator in charge thereof to move the vehicle to a position where parking is permitted or to either private or public parking or storage premises. The removal may be performed by or under the direction of the traffic officer or may be contracted for by the city. The operator or owner of the vehicle removed shall pay the reasonable charges for moving or towing the vehicle and any storage thereof. (Ord. 122A, passed 1-16-92; Am. Ord. 122B, passed 3-11-99) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.07 ANGLE PARKING.**

No person shall park, stop, or leave standing any vehicle not parked at an angle (for example, no parallel parking) on the following streets:

<i>Street</i>	<i>Side</i>	<i>Location</i>
River Street	West	South of Elm Street in the areas marked for angle parking only.
River Street		South of Pine Street
Orange Street	South	Between Main Street and River Street.
Elm Street	—	Between Main Street and River Street.

(Ord. 95E, passed 6-6-96; Am. Ord. 72.07, passed 12-5-13)

**§ 72.08 ANGLE PARKING ON SOUTH SECOND STREET.**

When angle parking is clearly authorized by official traffic-control signs or markers, no person shall park, stop, or leave standing any vehicle not parked at an angle and within the spaces indicated on the east side of South Second Street between the southernmost property line of 105 South Second Street and the north entrance to the parking lot located immediately south of 307 South Second Street. (Ord. 95F, passed 11-4-96; Am. Ord. 72.07B passed 7-11-13) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.09 TALL VEHICLE PARKING.**

(A) No person may park, stop, or leave any motor vehicle exceeding six feet in height for any purpose in the curbed parking stalls located between the two parking lot entrances in front of 603 North Main Street.

(B) Whenever any traffic officer finds a vehicle standing upon a highway in violation of this chapter, the traffic officer is authorized to move the vehicle or to require the operator in charge thereof to move the vehicle to a position where parking is permitted or to either private or public parking or storage premises. The removal may be performed by or under the direction of the traffic officer or may be contracted for by the city. The operator or owner of the vehicle removed shall pay the reasonable charges for moving or towing the vehicle and any storage thereof. (Ord. 95I, passed 3-4-99) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.10 PATIENT LOADING ZONE.**

(A) (1) Parking is prohibited in the northerly of the two curb parking stalls located immediately in front of 204 South Main Street, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading or in receiving or discharging passengers and while the vehicle is attended by a licensed operator so that it may be moved promptly in case of an emergency or to avoid obstruction of traffic.

(2) The parking stall at the bottom of the stairs immediately adjacent to the clinic shall be designated as "Doctor Only Parking".

(B) The southerly of the two curb parking stalls located immediately in front of 204 South Main Street shall be designated as "Disabled Only" parking, requiring a disabled parking ID card, disabled license plates or disabled Veterans license plates as issued by the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation designating the vehicle as being operated by or for a physically disabled individual. (Ord. 131, passed 10-3-88; Am. Ord. passed 3-10-11) Penalty, see § 70.99

***LIMITED-TERM PARKING***

**§ 72.20 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PARKING LIMIT.**

(A) When official traffic-control devices are erected in any block given notice thereof, no person shall park, stop, or leave standing any vehicle for more than 24 hours on any public street or public property in the city.

(1) Northernmost designated parking stall located on the west side of Main St. immediately in front of 200 South Main St.

(B) No person shall park, stop, or leave standing any vehicle for more than 24 hours on Main Street, from its intersection with Riverview Drive to its intersection with the north end of Old State Highway 35. (Ord. 95B, passed 7-1-91; Ord. 95J, passed 2-3-00; Am. Ord. 19-04, passed 5-6-19) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.21 SEVENTY-TWO HOUR PARKING LIMIT.**

No person shall park, stop, or leave standing any vehicle for more than 72 hours on any street, alley, or other public way within the city. If a shorter parking

time limit is provided by this chapter or any ordinance or law, the shorter limit shall apply. (Ord. 95J, passed 2-3-00) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.22 LIMITED-TERM PARKING.**

(A) Whenever official traffic-control devices are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, for more than the following time periods between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays on any of the following streets within the city:

(1) *Two hour parking.* The east side of Second Street from the two designated parking stalls located immediately in front of the building located at 317 South Second Street (Courthouse Annex) extending southward to the designated parking stall in front of 501 South Second Street (St. Paul and St. Luke United Church of Christ).

(2) *One hour parking.* Parking of vehicles is restricted to a maximum time of one hour, seven days a week, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the sites designated:

(a) Parking stall located on the west side of Main St. at the junction of CTH E and Hwy 35 (Main St.). This has been designated a NO PARKING area.

(b) Southernmost parking stall located on the west side of Main St. in front of 324 South Main St.

(c) Southernmost parking stall located on the east side of Main St. at 333 South Main St.

(d) (Reserved)

(e) Northernmost parking stall located on the east side of Main St. at 205 S. Main St.

(f) Southernmost parking stall located on the west side of Main St. in front of 120 S. Main St.

(g) Southernmost parking stall located on the east side of Main St. at 121 S. Main St.

(h) Northernmost parking stall located on the west side of Main St. in front of 100 S. Main St.

(i) Northernmost parking stall located on the east side of Main St. at 101/103 S. Main St.

(j) Southernmost parking stall located on the west side of Main St. in front of 100 N. Main St.

(k) Southernmost parking stall located on the east side of Main St. at 101 N. Main St.

(l) Northernmost parking stall located on the west side of Main St. in front of 118 N. Main St.

(m) Northernmost parking stall located on the east side of Main St. in front of 125 N. Main St.

(n) Southernmost parking stall located on the west side of Main St. in front of 200 N. Main St.

(o) Southernmost parking stall located on the east side of Main St. in front of 201 N. Main St.

(p) Northernmost parking stall located on the west side of Main St. in front of 212 N. Main St.

(q) Northernmost parking stall located on the east side of Main St. in front of 215 N. Main St.

(r) Parking stall located north of the driveway between 210 and 312 S. Main St. on the west side of Main St. in front of 310 S. Main St.

(s) Parking stall located south of the driveway between 210 and 312 S. Main St. on the west side of Main St. in front of 312 S. Main St.

(t) Southernmost parking stall located on the west side of Main St. at 500 N. Main St. (walk over bridge).

(u) Southern most parking stall located on the east side of Main St. in front of 501 N. Main St.  
(Ord. 137, passed 11-5-90; Am. Ord. 137A, passed 5-11-09; Am. Ord. 72.22, passed 11-9-10; Am. Ord. 19-04, passed 5-6-19)

(B) (1) When official traffic-control devices are erected giving notice thereof, parking is prohibited in the following areas:

<i>Street</i>	<i>Side</i>	<i>Location</i>
River Street	East	Between Pine Street and Orange Street
River Street	East	Between Pine Street and Elm Street, except parallel parking shall be permitted in one designated stall located immediately south of the intersection of Orange Street and River Street.
River Street	West	South of Pine Street.
Pine Street	—	Between Main Street and River Street.
Third Street	—	Between Elms Street and Pine Street.

(2) The "No Parking" restriction shall not apply to any vehicle using the stall temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in, loading or unloading or in receiving or discharging passengers and while the vehicle is attended by a licensed operator so that it may be moved promptly in case of an emergency or to avoid obstruction of traffic.  
(Ord. 95E, passed 6-6-96)

(C) (1) Whenever official traffic-control devices are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park on Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in two curb parking stalls located in front of the Alma Lions Club building located at 110 North Main Street, such stalls being the first two curb parking stalls on the West side of Main Street, located immediately southerly of the present drive entrance to 114 North Main Street

(2) This "No Parking" restriction shall not apply to the following:

(a) Any vehicle using the stall temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading or in receiving or discharging passengers and while the vehicle is attended by a licensed operator so that it may be moved promptly in case of an emergency or to avoid obstruction of traffic; or

(b) A bus operated by Buffalo County for transporting senior citizens to the Alma Nutrition Site located in the Lions Building.  
(Ord. 125A, passed 2-5-96)

(D) Whenever official traffic-control devices are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall park, stop, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, for more than ten minutes in the one designated parking stall located south of the pedestrian crosswalk in front of the main entrance to the apartment building located at 302 S. Main St., such crosswalk running from Lot 5, Block 23 to Lot 9, Block 24, Probst and Wengers Addition to the city.  
(Ord. 95G, passed 4-6-98; Am. Ord. 95N, passed 2-2-06; Am. Ord. 18-02, passed 10-18-18; Am. Ord. 19-04, passed 5-6-19) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 72.99 PENALTY.**

Whoever shall violate any provisions of this chapter shall be subject to forfeiture not to exceed \$50 plus costs as provided by law.  
(Ord. passed 1-8-09)