

CHAPTER 72: PARKING RULES

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STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING

§ 72.01 ANGLE PARKING PROHIBITED.

There shall be no angle parking on any of the streets of the city except on the south side of 4th Street from Main Street west to the lakefront alleyway.
(Prior Code, § 10-14) (Ord. 278, § 9) (Ord. 2008-57, § 4)

§ 72.02 TRUCKS; PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS; EXCEPTION.

(A) It is unlawful to park any truck, trailer or vehicle designed or operated for the transportation of property that has a gross vehicle weight in excess of 11,000 pounds on, or within

200 feet of any residential dwelling within the City; provided that, any such truck, trailer or vehicle may stop or park in such places solely for the purpose of delivery, loading or unloading material or it is parked on the property of its primary place of business. If the truck, trailer or vehicle is not parked at its primary place of business, such parking shall be permitted only for that length of time reasonably necessary to accomplish the delivery, loading or unloading.
(Ord. 2009-14, § 1; Ord. 2021-22)

(B) This section shall not apply to recreational vehicles.
(Prior Code, § 10-15) (Ord. 89-01, § 3; Ord. 2009-14 § 2) Penalty, see [§ 72.99](#)

§ 72.03 MOBILE HOMES; PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

Mobile homes, motor homes, boats, trailers and recreational vehicles are prohibited from parking or being parked on any residential street, alley or front yard within the city.
(Prior Code, § 10-16) (Ord. 556, § 2; Ord. 97-08, § 1) Penalty, see [§ 72.99](#)

§ 72.04 ALLEY RESTRICTIONS; EXCEPTION.

No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than 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 a position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property; provided, however, that, any of the above motor vehicles or conveyances may park in the alleys for the purpose of loading and unloading, not to exceed a period of 30 minutes, at any 1 place.
(Prior Code, § 10-17) (Ord. 461, § 1; Ord. 92-17, § 2) Penalty, see [§ 72.99](#)

§ 72.05 UNLOADING PERMIT REQUIRED.

In the event that it shall become necessary for any of the above motor vehicles or conveyances to park for a greater length of time, the person desiring so to do shall first obtain from the Chief of Police of the city a permit to do so.
(Prior Code, § 10-18) (Ord. 461, § 2)

§ 72.06 AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE AND ENFORCE.

(A) The Chief of Police is authorized to designate, with the approval of the Common Council, streets, alleys, parts of streets or alleys and all city-owned property, including parking areas where parking shall be prohibited at all times, or at certain times, or shall be restricted to certain vehicles.

(B) When signs are in place giving notice thereof, parking in contravention of these provisions is prohibited. Any person who shall park a vehicle in violation of this section shall be subject to the provisions of [§ 72.99\(A\)](#) of the Municipal Code.
(Prior Code, § 10-19) (Ord. 91-29, § 1; Ord. 92-05, § 1) (Ord. 2009-17, § 4)

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§ 72.07 MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS.

It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle in a municipal parking lot for a period exceeding 2 hours, unless otherwise permitted in this chapter.

(Prior Code, § 10-20.1) (Ord. 94-03, (part)) Penalty, see [§ 72.99](#)

§ 72.08 REPEALED.

(Prior Code, § 10-20.2) (Ord. 94-03, (part)) (Repealed by Ord. 2008-57, §5)

§ 72.09 REPEALED.

(Prior Code, § 10-20.3) (Ord. 94-03, (part)) (Repealed by Ord. 2008-57, §5)

§ 72.10 REPEALED.

(Prior Code, § 10-20.4) (Ord. 94-03, (part)) (Repealed by Ord. 2008-57, §5)

§ 72.11 REPEALED.

(Prior Code, § 10-20.5) (Ord. 94-03, (part)) (Repealed by Ord. 2008-57, §5)

§ 72.12 STOP SIGNS; AUTHORITY.

The Chief of Police is authorized to designate, with the approval of the Common Council, those intersections where vehicles shall come to a complete stop before proceeding through the intersection. When “stop” signs are in place, no person shall proceed past the sign without first bringing his or her vehicle to a complete stop.

(Prior Code, § 10-21) Penalty, see [§ 72.99](#)

HANDICAPPED PARKING

§ 72.25 DEFINITIONS.

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

HANDICAPPED PARKING PERMIT. Any tag, sticker or card issued by the city or any other municipality, a license plate issued by the state or any other regularly issued handicapped parking permit, indicating that the driver or a passenger in that vehicle is a physically handicapped person.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE. Any parking space intending to serve a multi-unit residential development of four (4) dwelling units or more, or a commercial, industrial, business or institutional structure or development and which has been established by designation, order, or direction of the City Plan Commission, Board of Public Works and Safety, or Common Council.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSON.

(1) A person with a permanent disability, who has been issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, a special handicapped plate;

(2) A person who has a temporary or permanent physical disability that requires the use of a wheelchair, walker, braces or crutches;

(3) A person who has permanently or temporarily lost the use of 1 or both legs;

(4) A person who is certified by a physician, having an unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana, to be severely restricted in mobility; by pulmonary or cardiovascular disability; by an arthritic condition; or by an orthopedic or neurological impairment; and/or

(5) A person who is certified by an optometrist or an ophthalmologist, licensed to practice in Indiana, to be blind as defined by state law.
(Prior Code, § 10-50) (Ord. 89-36, (part); Ord. 2014-24, § 1)

§ 72.26 REGULATIONS.

(A) Parking and handicapped parking spaces as defined in this subchapter shall be limited and reserved solely for the use of those vehicles prominently displaying a “handicapped parking permit”.

(B) No person shall use a handicapped parking permit granted under this subchapter when the vehicle is not being used to transport a physically handicapped person.

(C) Physically handicapped persons desiring a handicapped parking permit from the city may obtain same from the Police Department by making application on a form supplied by the Police Department and sworn to under oath.

(D) Persons seeking to qualify as a physically handicapped person, as defined in [§ 72.25](#), must have same verified by a doctor’s certificate.

(E) There shall be no charge for obtaining such a permit and the permit shall not be transferable.

(F) No person shall designate or attempt to designate, or mark or attempt to mark, any parking space upon the public streets, lands and thoroughfares of the City as reserved for use exclusively for a particular handicapped person, or for handicapped persons, generally, in any residential district of the City.

(G) Handicapped parking spaces which have been established by designation, order, or direction of the City Plan Commission, Board of Public Works and Safety, or Common Council shall be identified either by posting upon immediately adjacent thereto, and clearly visible from such space or spaces, a sign bearing the official international wheelchair symbol or facsimile thereof, or by other means of identification which the Plan Commission, Board of Public Works and Safety, or Common Council may prescribe.

(H) From and after the taking effect of this sub-section, the City, acting by and through its

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Department of Public Works, except as to handicapped parking spaces serving multi-unit residential developments of four (4) dwelling units or more and which have been established previously by designation, order, or direction of the City Plan Commission, Board of Public Works and Safety, or Common Council, shall remove any sign or identifying marking attempting to establish handicapped parking spaces upon the public streets, lands and thoroughfares of the City in any residential district.

(Prior Code, § 10-51) (Ord. 89-36, (part); Ord. 2014-24, § 2)

§ 72.27 SHOPPING CENTERS.

(A) *Defined.* The term **SHOPPING CENTER** means any group of 2 or more commercial establishments which provide public off-street parking.

(Prior Code, § 10-53) (Ord. 89-35, § 2)

(B) *Contract with city; handicapped parking and fire lanes.* The city be and is authorized, empowered and directed to enter into certain contracts with the owners or lessees of shopping centers located within the corporate limits in the city to regulate the parking of vehicles in handicapped and fire lane zones at the shopping centers.

(Prior Code, § 10-54) (Ord. 89-35, § 1)

§ 72.99 PENALTY.

(A) A person in violation of this chapter is subject to fine in an amount equal to the penalty provided for a Class “C” infraction under Indiana law.

(Ord. 2009-17, § 5)

(B) Any person, firm or corporation found liable in a court of law for violating 1 or more of the provisions of [§§ 72.01 et seq.](#) shall be subject to a fine of \$50 for each violation. Furthermore, any vehicle not prominently displaying a handicapped parking permit and parked in a handicapped parking space for more than 2 hours shall be towed away at the owner’s expense in addition to the fine.

(Prior Code, § 10-52) (Ord. 89-36, (part))

(C) The violations of the handicapped parking and fire lane parking regulations in effect at any “shopping center” under contract with the city shall be punishable as such parking violations are punishable generally under the traffic code of the municipal code of the city.

(Prior Code, § 10-55) (Ord. 89-35, § 3)

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