

CITY OF MORO
ORDINANCE NUMBER 276

AN ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF PARKING; ALL
AMENDING ORDINANCES; AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

THE CITY OF MORO ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1.0 APPLICABILITY OF STATE TRAFFIC LAWS

(A) Violations of provisions in O.R.S. Chapters 153, 743, and 801 through 823, inclusive as now constituted, is an offense against the city.

(B) If an ordinance or provision thereof of the city is in conflict with the motor vehicle laws of the state, the motor vehicle laws of the state shall prevail.

(C) Violation of a provision identical to a state statute is punishable by a fine or imprisonment not to exceed the penalty prescribed by the state statute.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this traffic code, the following definitions as well as those terms defined in O.R.S. Chapter 801 shall apply, unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ALLEY. A narrow street through the middle of a block.

LOADING ZONE. A space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers or materials or freight.

PARK or PARKING. The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when a vehicle is temporarily standing for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading.

PASSENGER LOADING ZONE. A loading zone reserved only for the loading or unloading of passengers and their luggage.

RECREATION VEHICLE. A vehicle with or without motive power, which is designed for human occupancy and is to be used temporarily for recreational, seasonal, or emergency purposes.

TRAILER. An unpowered vehicle towed by another.

Related provisions, see O.R.S. Chapter 180

3.0 POWERS OF CITY COUNCIL

(A) The City Council may, by resolution, establish traffic controls which shall become effective upon the installation of appropriate signs, signals, or other markings; provided, however, where required by the motor vehicle laws of the state, approval of the State Highway Commission has first been obtained.

(B) The powers of the City Council include, but are not limited to, the authority to regulate:

(1) The parking and standing of vehicles by:

(a) Classifying portions of streets upon which either parking or standing or both shall be prohibited or prohibited during certain hours or days;

(b) Establishing the time limit for legal parking in limited parking areas;

(c) Designating the angle of parking if other than parallel to the curb.

4.0 DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

The City delegates to the Sherman County Sheriff's Office the ability to enforce this Ordinance.

The Sherman County Sheriff's Office, through its officers:

(A) Shall enforce the provisions of this parking code;

(B) Be requested, by the city, to assist with a parking code violation upon request.

(C) [IGA reference here]

5.0 MANNER OF PARKING

(A) Where a curb is present, no person shall stand or park a vehicle in a street other than parallel with the edge of the curb, headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement, except where the street is marked or signed for angle parking.

(B) Where parking space markings are placed on a street, no person shall stand or park a vehicle other than in the indicated direction and within a single marked space.

(C) Whenever the owner or driver of a vehicle discovers that such vehicle is parked immediately in front of or close to a building to which the Fire Department has been summoned, such person shall immediately remove such vehicle from the area unless otherwise directed by police or fire officers.

(D) During the hours between 12:00 AM and 5:00 AM when snow is present or predicted no vehicles will be allowed to park on Main Street (U.S. Highway 97) inside the City limits to allow ODOT to plow and maintain the parking areas.

(E) Parking of a trailer in the commercial zone for more than 24 hours is prohibited, with the exception of a trailer being used for the repair of, or construction of a building.

(F) The council may set time limits on parking in the Commercial Zone. Time-limited parking will be posted and marked with the time limit, hours of limitations and day of the week.

(1) Individuals residing in the Commercial Zone may request a parking permit from the City Council to grant parking privileges in the Commercial Zone.

6.0 PROHIBITED PURPOSES FOR PARKING

(A) In addition to provisions of the motor vehicle laws of the state regulating parking, no person shall park any vehicle upon any public street for the principal purpose of:

(1) Washing, greasing, or repairing such vehicle except repairs made necessary by an emergency;

(2) Storing of such vehicle or trailer for a time period of more than 7 days.

(B) Parking upon Main Street (U.S. Highway 97) for a period of more than 8 consecutive hours shall constitute “storing” as prohibited by division (A)(2) above;

(1) A vehicle will be considered “stored” if the vehicle is parked anywhere on Main Street for the consecutive 8 hours. Moving a vehicle to a new parking location on Main Street does not break the time limit as defined by division (B) above.

(C) A motor truck, as defined by Oregon Revised Statutes, shall not have the motor or auxiliary motors on the truck or trailer continuously running when parked on a public street between the hours of 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

(D) Parking in an alley, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of persons or materials and in no case for a period in excess of thirty (30) consecutive minutes.

(E) Except in a recreational vehicle park, it shall be unlawful to park any recreational vehicle on any public way, road, street, or place within the city while using it for sleeping or living purposes for any period of time exceeding three hours except in residential neighborhoods where the period of time will not exceed 24 hours.

(F) Any non-vehicular property stored in a regulated parking zone will be considered a nuisance by the City Council and may be summarily abated.

(G) Sleeping in the public street is not permitted.

7.0 EXEMPTION FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES

The provisions of this traffic code regulating the parking or standing of vehicles shall not apply to any vehicle of a city department or public utility while necessarily in use for construction or repair work on the street or any vehicle owned by the United States while in use for the collection, transportation, or delivery of United States mail.

8.0 SEVERABILITY

Invalidity of a Section or part of a Section of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remaining Sections or parts of Sections.

9.0 PENALTY

In addition to any other provisions and penalties provided by this traffic code, any person convicted of a violation of this traffic code shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500 for any one offense, each day constituting a separate offense. However, if a substantially similar offense is described by state law, the penalty shall not exceed that provided by state law.


(A) All fees, fines, towing and storage costs, and bails required by this Ordinance shall be established by Resolution of the City Council of the City of Moro, Oregon.


Section 1. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption by the City Council of the City of Moro, Oregon, and its approval by the Mayor; specifically, February 4, 2025.

ADOPTED this 7 day of January, 2025, by 3 Councilor's present and 2 voting in the affirmative.

APPROVED this 4 day of February, 2025.


Bert Perisho, City of Moro Mayor


ATTEST: Brittany Wood, City Administrator