

Sec. 11:415. - Stopping, standing or parking prohibited; general rules.

- (a) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, or permit a vehicle registered in his name to be stopped, standing or parked, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a law enforcement officer or traffic-control device, or parking-control device in any of the following places:
- (1) On a sidewalk;
  - (2) In front of or blocking a public or private driveway;
  - (3) Within an intersection;
  - (4) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant;
  - (5) On a crosswalk;
  - (6) Within twenty-five (25) feet of a crosswalk or curblin at an intersection;
  - (7) Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;
  - (8) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within twenty (20) feet on points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the department of public works has indicated a different length by signs or markings;
  - (9) Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
  - (10) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of the entrance (when properly signposted);
  - (11) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
  - (12) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
  - (13) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel;
  - (14) At any place where official signs prohibit such;
  - (15) On the driver's left-hand side of any two-way street or highway;
  - (16) At any place where the curb has officially been painted red;
  - (17) Within any zone or officially marked place designated as a fire lane at all schools, hospitals, churches and other places of public assembly, as well as commercial and shopping facilities, and apartment complexes;
  - (18) Within a lane of traffic that is clearly marked by lines to identify it as a lane for the movement of traffic;
  - (19) Any place where parking will obscure or obstruct visibility of any traffic-control device;
  - (20) Upon the traveled portion of any roadway except to yield to other traffic, or as directed by a signal or sign, or as directed by a law enforcement officer;
  - (21) Alongside a neutral ground curb;
  - (22) On the grass in the front yard between the front of the residence and the street of any lot in the A1, A2, A2.5, A3 or A4 districts and in recognized subdivisions in the rural district.
  - (23) In such location as to block United States Postal Service access to a residential mailbox.
- (b) No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under his control into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful.

(Ord. No. 7504, § 22, 4-25-84; Ord. No. 12725, § 1, 8-25-03; Ord. No. 13688, § 1, 7-26-06; Ord. No. 14928, § 1, 5-26-10)

Sec. 11:416 - Parking on neutral ground, parks, rights-of-way, sidewalks and other public and private places prohibited.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle or permit a vehicle registered in his name to be stopped, standing or parked, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the law and directions of a police officer or traffic parking-control device, at any of the following places:

- (1) Upon a neutral ground, right-of-way, sidewalk, strip of land between a property line and street curb, or other public way.
- (2) Upon any area of property comprising parks, playgrounds, recreational areas or facilities owned or operated by the recreation and parks commission that has not been specifically designated for parking and which interferes with the designed purpose thereof.
- (3) Upon any portion of the levee of the east bank of the Mississippi River opposite the Louisiana Arts and Science Center.
- (4) Upon privately owned property without the prior authorization and consent of the owner thereof.

(Ord. No. 7504, § 22, 4-25-84; Ord. No. 9876, § 1, 4-27-94; Ord. No. 13688, § 1, 7-26-06; Ord. No. 15011, § 1, 10-27-10)

Sec. 11:417. - Parking for certain purposes prohibited.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle or permit any vehicle registered in his name to be standing or parked upon any roadway for the principal purpose of:

- (1) Displaying such vehicle for sale;
- (2) Washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency;
- (3) For any commercial advertising purposes;
- (4) Making major repairs to such vehicle.

(Ord. No. 7504, § 22, 4-25-84; Ord. No. 13688, § 1, 7-26-06)

Sec. 11:418. - Standing or parking close to curb.

- (a) No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with passenger-side wheels of the vehicle within eighteen (18) inches of the curb or edge of the roadway except as otherwise provided in this chapter.
- (b) The director of the department of public works may place signs prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on any highway or upon proper request, private property, where in his opinion such stopping, standing or parking is dangerous to those using the highway or private property, or where such would unduly interfere with the free movement of traffic thereon. Such signs shall be official signs; and no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle or permit any vehicle registered in his name to be stopped, standing or parked in violation of the restrictions stated on such signs.

(Ord. No. 7504, § 22, 4-25-84; Ord. No. 13688, § 1, 7-26-06)

Sec. 11:419. - Angle parking.

- (a) The director of the department of public works shall determine upon what streets angle parking shall be permitted and shall mark or sign such streets without interfering with traffic.
- (b) Angle parking shall not be indicated or permitted at any place where passing traffic would thereby be caused or required to drive upon the left side of the street.
- (c) Upon those streets which have been signed or marked by the department of public works for angle parking, no person shall stand or park a vehicle or permit a vehicle registered in his name to be standing or parked other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings.

(Ord. No. 7504, § 22, 4-25-84; Ord. No. 13688, § 1, 7-26-06)

Sec. 11:420. - Lights on parked vehicles.

- (a) Whenever a vehicle is lawfully parked at nighttime upon any street within a business or residence district, no lights need be displayed upon such parked vehicle.
- (b) Whenever a vehicle is parked upon a roadway during the hours between one-half (½) hour after sunset and one-half (½) hour before sunrise, such vehicle shall be equipped with one (1) or more lamps which shall exhibit a white light on the roadway side visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front of the vehicle and a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear.
- (c) Any lighted headlamps upon a parked vehicle shall be depressed or dimmed.

(Ord. No. 7504, § 22, 4-25-84; Ord. No. 13688, § 1, 7-26-06)

Sec. 11:421. - Parking not to obstruct traffic.

No person shall stand or park any vehicle or permit any vehicle registered in his name to be standing or parked upon a street, highway or within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of the width of the street, highway or alleyway for free movement of vehicular traffic or blocking the driveway entrance to any abutting property.

(Ord. No. 7504, § 22, 4-25-84; Ord. No. 13688, § 1, 7-26-06)

Sec. 11:422. - All-night parking prohibited.

No person shall stand or park or permit any vehicle registered in his name to remain standing or parked on either side of the following streets, between the hours of 2:45 a.m. and 5:30 a.m., on any day except Sunday:

- (1) Riverside Mall, between North Boulevard and North Street;
- (2) North Fourth Street, from North Boulevard to North Street;
- (3) North Boulevard, between Fourth Street and Lafayette Street;
- (4) Convention Street, between Fourth Street and Lafayette Street;
- (5) Florida Street, between Fourth Street and Lafayette Street;

- (6) Lafayette Street, from North Boulevard to North Street;
- (7) Laurel Street, between Fourth Street and Lafayette Street;
- (8) Main Street, between Fourth Street and Lafayette Street;
- (9) North Street, between Fourth Street and Lafayette Street.

(Ord. No. 7504, § 22, 4-25-84; Ord. No. 13688, § 1, 7-26-06)

Sec. 11:423. - Time limitation on parking on any street.

No person shall permit his vehicle, either as an operator or registered owner, to remain parked on any street for a period of time longer than nine (9) hours of any twenty-four-hour period beginning at 6:00 a.m., of one day to 6:00 a.m., of the next day, and the vehicle can only be so parked if parking is specifically permitted under other provisions of this title.

(Ord. No. 7504, § 22, 4-25-84; Ord. No. 13688, § 1, 7-26-06)

Sec. 11:424. - Reserved.

**Editor's note**— Ord. No. 11590, § 2, adopted November 10, 1999, amended the Code by repealing former § 11:424. Former § 11:424 pertained to parking for handicapped persons, and derived from Ord. No. 7504, § 22, adopted April 25, 1984.

Sec. 11:425. - Parking for out-of-town visitors and tourists.

The director of the department of public works is hereby authorized to determine and designate, by proper signs, places on public streets and in publicly owned parking areas for the exclusive use of out-of-town visitors and tourists. When properly designated, no person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle registered in his name to be parked in such an area if the vehicle's license plate bears the letter designation "A," indicative of a Baton Rouge residence.

(Ord. No. 7504, § 22, 4-25-84; Ord. No. 13688, § 1, 7-26-06)

Sec. 11:426. - Curb loading zones.

- (a) The director of the department of public works is hereby authorized to determine the location of passenger and freight curb loading zones and shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the same and stating the hours during which the provisions of this section are applicable.
- (b) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle or permit a vehicle registered in his name to be stopped, standing or parked for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers in any place marked as a passenger curb loading zone during hours when the regulations applicable to such curb loading zone are effective, and then only for a period not to exceed that specified for the zone.
- (c) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle or permit a vehicle registered in his name to be stopped, standing or parked for any purpose or length of time other than for the expeditious unloading and delivery or pickup and loading of materials in any place marked as a freight curb loading zone during hours when the provisions applicable to such zones are in effect. In no case shall the stop for loading and unloading for materials exceed that specified for the zone.

- (d) The driver of a passenger vehicle may stop temporarily, not longer than three (3) minutes, at a place marked as a freight curb loading zone for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers when such stopping does not interfere with any motor vehicle used for the transportation of materials which is waiting to enter or about to enter such zone.

(Ord. No. 7504, § 22, 4-25-84; Ord. No. 13688, § 1, 7-26-06)

Sec. 11:427. - Public carrier stops and stands.

- (a) The director of the department of public works is hereby authorized and required to establish bus stops, bus stands, taxicab stands and stands for other passenger common carrier motor vehicles on such public streets in such places and in such number as he shall determine to be of the greatest benefit and convenience to the public; and every such bus stop, bus stand, taxicab stand or other stand shall be designated by appropriate signs.
- (b) The operator of a bus shall not stand or park such vehicle upon any street at any place other than a bus stand so designated as provided herein.
- (c) The operator of a bus shall not stop such vehicle upon any street at any place for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or their baggage other than at a bus stop, bus stand or passenger loading zone so designated as provided herein, except in case of an emergency.
- (d) The operator of a bus shall enter a bus stop, bus stand or passenger loading zone on a public street in such a manner that the bus when stopped to load or unload passengers or baggage shall be in a position with the right front wheel of such vehicle not further than eighteen (18) inches from the curb so as not to unduly impede the movement of other vehicular traffic.
- (e) The operator of a taxicab shall not stand or park such vehicle upon any street at any place other than in a taxicab stand so designated as provided herein. This provision shall not prevent the operator of a taxicab from temporarily stopping in accordance with other stopping or parking regulations at any place for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers.

(Ord. No. 7504, § 22, 4-25-84; Ord. No. 13688, § 1, 7-26-06)