

## What is an improved surface?

An improved surface is an area which provides a hard driving surface, such as concrete, crushed rock, or gravel, that is laid over subsoil, resists rutting, provides for sufficient water runoff, and is graded and drained to dispose of all surface water.

The minimum size of a parking pad is 9' X 18'.

For a vehicle to be considered parked on an improved surface,

- The improved surface must be maintained and clearly visible,
- The entire vehicle must be parked on the improved surface,
- The improved surface must be approved by the Building Inspector's Office.

For information on how to apply for a variance or add an improved surface to your lot, please contact the Building Inspectors Office at 715-232-2221, Option # 3.

Business hours are Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

If you are not the property owner, please contact your landlord.

To view the complete ordinance, please visit the City of Menomonie ordinance website, Title 4, Chapter 6.

<https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/menomoniewi/latest/overview>



If you have any additional questions, please contact the Menomonie Police Department Business Office at **(715) 232-2198**.

Business hours are Monday – Thursday,

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

And Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## Residential Front Yard Parking



## Frequently Asked Questions

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## What is Residential Front Yard Parking?

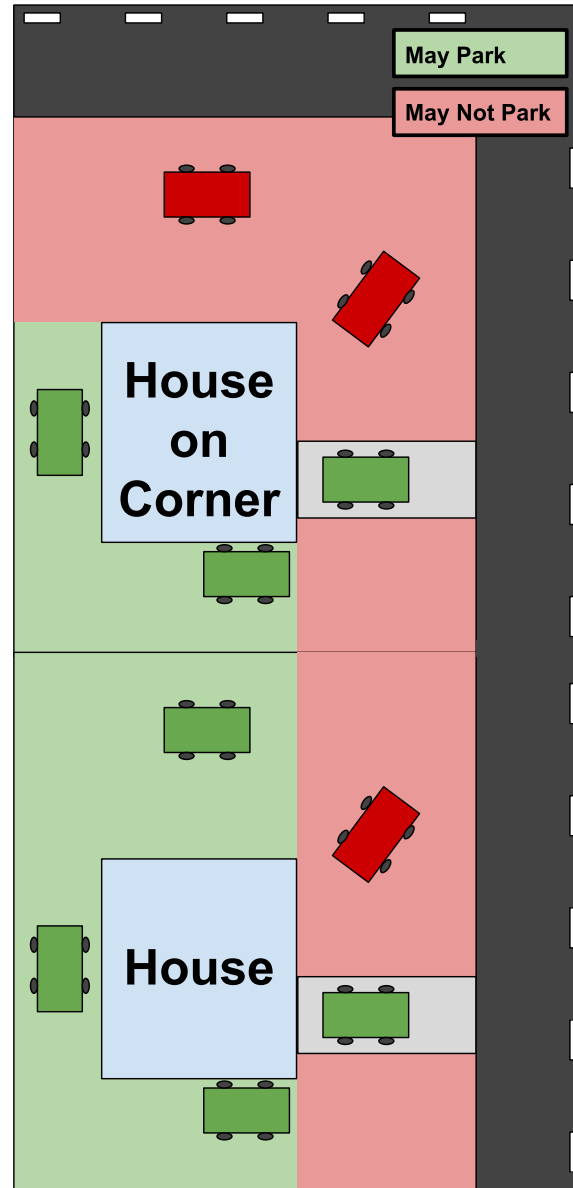
This ordinance regulates the parking of motor vehicles upon residential lots. Motor vehicles within the front yard or street side yard must be on an improved surface such as a driveway or parking pad.

This ordinance does not regulate parking in commercial zones, backyards, side yards that are not adjacent to a street, or the parking of non-motorized vehicles.

## What is the purpose of this ordinance?

Residential front yard parking is one of Menomonie's Health and Sanitation ordinances, which states;

"It is hereby recognized that uncontrolled residential off-street parking, specifically in residential front yards, is a public nuisance. The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the regulation of residential off-street parking and to specify the requirements for residential off-street parking as they pertain to the appearance and the health, safety and welfare of the city."



## Where else can I park?

Motor vehicles may be parked;

- On an improved surface
- In a garage
- In a backyard or side yard that is not adjacent to a street\*
- On the street\*\*  
(Depending on signage)

\*An improved surface is still highly recommended for vehicles parked in a backyard or side yard that is not adjacent to a street.

\*\* Vehicles may not be stored on city streets for over 24 hours, so vehicles parked on the street must be moved daily.