

**CITY OF WARD
ORDINANCE O-2025-05**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING RULES FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS,
IDENTIFYING WHERE PARKING IS PROHIBITED, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED (A.C.A.) 24-49-106 provides that the City Council has the authority to regulate parking or vehicles on the streets and highways within the City and to provide signs notifying the public; and,

WHEREAS, parking on certain streets within the City of Ward, Arkansas poses a danger to vehicles utilizing the roadway and impedes access by school busses and emergency vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on March 18, 2025 regarding the restriction of parking on certain road/streets within the city; and,

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD, following public input, desires to impose parking restrictions on several streets within the City to help protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS:

- Parked vehicle means any vehicle which is not in motion and which is not under control of the driver.
- "Park or parking" shall mean the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

SECTION 1 – NO PARKING ALLOWED: No on-street parking¹ is allowed on any street in which there is no curb.

SECTION 2 – PARKING ALLOWED: On-street parking is allowed on any street that is curb-lined and as noted in Section 3.

SECTION 3 – STAGGERED PARKING: Where parking is authorized, vehicles should be staggered (positioned) in such a manner as to not impede the passage of emergency vehicles or other large vehicles.

¹ A vehicle is considered "parked" if any wheel is touching the road itself.

SECTION 4– A.C.A. 27-51-1301 AND A.C.A. 27-51-1302 as amended therein, are hereby adopted and enforced as attached and by reference.

SECTION 5 – TEMPORARY PARKING RESTRICTIONS: The Ward Police Department, Fire Department, and/or Public Works Department are hereby authorized to temporarily restrict parking on any city street or highway, as needed.

SECTION 6 – BUILDERS ASSURANCE, HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, ETC: Any parking restrictions outlined in any Builders Assurance, Home Owners Association or any other such document is not binding on the City and will not be enforced by the City.

SECTION 7 – ENFORCEMENT: The Ward Police Department, Ward Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, and the Ward Fire Department Fire Marshall are hereby authorized to enforce this Ordinance to include towing of vehicles with or without notice if the vehicle is impeding traffic to the point that emergency vehicles and/or school buses, etc. cannot traverse the street.

SECTION 8 – PENALTY: Any person parking a vehicle or causing a vehicle to be parked in violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of no less than \$25.00 and no more than \$150.00 plus court costs for the first offence. For a second and subsequent offence with a 12-month period, a fine of no less than \$50.00 and no more than \$300.00 plus court cost may be levied at the discretion of the Judge.

SECTION 9 – SEVERABILITY: If, for any reason, any portion or portions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions.

SECTION 10 – EFFECTIVE DATE OF ENFORCEMENT: May 1, 2025

SAID ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON 3-18-25.

Brooke Yes, Chapman Yes, Hall Absent, Hefner Yes, McMinn Yes, Ruble Yes

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0

Mayor (if needed) _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Charles Gastineau, Mayor



Krystal Rummel, City Clerk



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27-51-1301. Restrictions on stopping, standing, or parking generally.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there are adjacent curbs shall be stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel to and within eighteen inches (18") of the right-hand curb.
- (b) Local authorities may, by ordinance, permit parking of vehicles with the left-hand wheels adjacent to and within eighteen inches (18") of the left-hand curb of a one-way roadway.
- (c) Local authorities may by ordinance permit angle parking on any roadway, except that angle parking shall not be permitted on any federal-aid or state highway unless the State Highway Commission has determined by resolution or order entered in its minutes that the roadway is of sufficient width to permit angle parking without interfering with the free movement of traffic.
- (d)
- (1) The commission, with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, may place signs prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on any highway where in its opinion, as evidenced by resolution or order entered in its minutes, stopping, standing, or parking is dangerous to those using the highway or where the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles would unduly interfere with the free movement of traffic thereon.
- (2) Signs shall be official signs, and no person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle in violation of the restrictions stated on the signs.

History

Acts 1937, No. 300, § 93; Pope's Dig., § 6750; Acts 1959, No. 307, § 38; A.S.A. 1947, § 75-650.



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27-51-1302. Stopping, standing, or parking prohibited in specified places.

(a) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device, in any of the following places:

- (1)** On a sidewalk;
- (2)** In front of a public or a private driveway;
- (3)** Within an intersection;
- (4)** Within fifteen feet (15') of a fire hydrant;
- (5)** On a crosswalk;
- (6)** Within twenty feet (20') of a crosswalk at an intersection;
- (7)** Within thirty feet (30') upon the approach to any flashing beacon, any stop sign, or any traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;
- (8)** Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty feet (30') of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the local traffic authority indicates a different length by signs or markings;
- (9)** Within fifty feet (50') of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
- (10)** Within twenty feet (20') 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 feet (75') of the entrance when properly signposted;
- (11)** Alongside or opposite any street excavation or any street obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;
- (12)** On a roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge of a curb or 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 stopping; or
- (15)** On the shoulders, the median, the ramps, and all other highway rights-of-way along interstate or fully controlled access highways, except in designated parking areas, provided that stopping, standing, or parking that is brief in duration and is due to an emergency, a vehicle disablement, or to correct or avert an unsafe condition shall not be considered a violation of this section.
- (b)** No person shall move a vehicle not owned by the person into any such prohibited area or away from a curb a distance that is unlawful.

History

Acts 1937, No. 300, § 92; Pope's Dig., § 6749; A.S.A. 1947, § 75-649; Acts 2007, No. 997, § 1.

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