

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

**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 that \$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 that \$50.00 and no more that \$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.

SAID ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON _____.

Brooke _____, Chapman _____, Hall _____, Hefner _____, McMinn _____, Ruble _____

YEAS: _____ **NAYS:** _____ Mayor (if needed) _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Charles Gastineau, Mayor

Krystal Rummel, City Clerk