

Town of Paris Public Safety Ordinance

Article 10 Traffic Code, Chapter 15-§0905-15

Chapter 15-§0905-15.0...Parking and Impoundment of Vehicles

15-§0905-15.1...Obedience to Ordinance Required

It shall be unlawful and in violation of this chapter for any person to cause, allow, or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this Ordinance; provided, the fact that a vehicle is unlawfully parked shall be prima facie evidence of the unlawful parking of such vehicle by the person in whose name such vehicle is registered. Further, any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance (whether because of length of time, place, or the manner in which said vehicle is parked) is declared to be an obstruction in such street or public way and a menace to the safe and proper regulation of traffic.

15-§0905-15.2... Exception for nonresidents

Anything in this article to the contrary notwithstanding, the Chief of Police is authorized to waive payment on any parking violation ticket issued to a nonresident when in the opinion of the Chief of Police such violation is due to lack of knowledge of the violated provision of this chapter; provided, however, that this benefit shall not be extended to any violation deemed by the police chief to be deliberate, continued or flagrant, and provided that in no event shall this benefit extend to violation of the provision prohibiting parking in front of a hydrant area.

(New Ordinance)

15-§0905-15.3...Removal of **Parking Violation Notices from vehicles.**

No person shall remove from any vehicle a **Parking Violation Notice** placed on or in such vehicle by a police officer of the Town, except for the purpose of answering such notice or citation as required therein.

15-§0905-15.4...Police officer's duty upon finding illegally parked vehicle without driver.

Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by ordinance of the town or by state law, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its registration number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a **Parking Violation Notice**, on a form provided by the Town.

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15-§0905-15.5...Impoundment

- A. Members of the police department are hereby authorized to remove a vehicle from a Street or highways to the nearest garage or other place of safety or to a garage designated or maintained by the police department or otherwise maintained by the town under the circumstances hereinafter enumerated:
1. When any vehicle is left unattended upon a bridge, viaduct or causeway, where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic;
 2. When a vehicle upon a highway is so disabled as to constitute an obstruction to traffic and the person or persons in charge of the vehicle are by reason of physical injury incapacitated to such an extent as to be unable to provide for its custody or removal;
 3. When a vehicle is parked in a manner obstructing snow removal
 4. **When a vehicle has been left abandoned and parked on any street in the Town for a period of over 24 hours.**
- B. Whenever an officer removes a vehicle from a street as authorized in this section and the officer knows or is able to ascertain from the registration records in the vehicle the name and address of the owner thereof, such officer shall immediately give or cause to be given notice in writing to such owner of the fact of such removal the reasons therefor and the place to which such vehicle has been removed. In the event any such vehicle is stored in a public garage, a copy of such notice shall be given to the proprietor of such garage.
- C. Whenever an officer removes a vehicle from a street under this section and does not know and is not able to ascertain the name of the owner, or for any other reason is unable to give the notice to the owner as hereinbefore provided, and in the event the vehicle is not returned to the owner within a period of three (3) days then and in that event the officer shall immediately send or cause to be sent a written report of such removal by mail to the state department whose duty it is to register motor vehicles and shall file a copy of such notice with the proprietor of any public garage in which the vehicle may be stored. Such notice shall include, a complete description of the vehicle, the date, time and place from which removed, the reasons for such removal and the name of the garage or place where the vehicle is stored.

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- D. In the event of any impoundment under this section, the owner of the vehicle must pay all outstanding charges assessed against him under this Traffic Ordinance: including, but not limited to, reasonable towing and impoundment fees.

15-§0905-15.6....Standing or parking close to the curb

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 traffic, and with the curbside wheels of the vehicle within twelve (12) inches of the edge of the roadway, except as provided elsewhere in the Ordinance.

15-§0905-15.7....Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified places

No person shall stop, stand, park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, when there exists an emergency, etc. or in compliance with any direction of a Police Officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

- A. On a sidewalk
- B. In front of a public or private driveway
- C. Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant
- D. On a crosswalk
- E. Within twenty (20) feet of the near corner of the curbs at an intersection
- F. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic
- G. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb, of a street or double parked. ~~so-called~~
- H. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway
- I. At any place where official signs prohibit parking or stopping
- J. Trespassing - Parking of vehicle by trespassing on private or Town-owned property is prohibited
- K. Impeding Traffic - No vehicle shall be permitted to remain stationary within the limits of the street or public ways of the Town in such a manner as to constitute a traffic hazard or to impede or to obstruct the free movement of traffic thereon.

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15-§0905-15.8...Unlawful parking

No vehicle or combination of vehicles, except when permission of the Chief of Police is granted, in excess of twenty (20) feet in length shall remain parked in controlled or regulated parking areas prohibited in Schedules 5, 6 and 7 for more than twenty (20) minutes on any public way within the urban limits of the Town.

15-§0905-15.9...Signs for Marking Indicating Angle Parking

- A. The Traffic Engineer and Board of Selectmen shall determine upon what streets angle parking shall be permitted and shall mark or sign such streets, but such angle parking shall not be indicated upon any State-Aid or State Highway within the municipality unless the State Department of Transportation 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.
- 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.

15-§0905-15.10...Obedience to Angle Parking Signs or Markings

On those streets which have been signed or marked by the Traffic Engineer and Board of Selectmen for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at an angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings.

15-§0905-15.11...Parking Penalties

Unless other penalty is expressly provided by state law, every person found guilty of a violation of any provision of this **Parking** Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not less than Ten dollars (\$10.00) for each offense; provided however, for parking violations, a person may elect in lieu of such penalty, to waive his right to a court appearance by paying the applicable parking ticket waiver fee listed below:

1. No Parking Zone..... \$10.00
2. Wrong Side of Street.....\$10.00
3. Too Close to Hydrant.....\$25.00
4. Double Parking..... \$15*
5. All Night Parking.....\$15.00

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6.	Blocking Driveway.....	\$10.00
7.	Parking in Crosswalk.....	\$15.00
8.	Improper Parking.....	\$10.00
9.	Overtime Parking.....	\$10.00
10.	Parking in Designated Handicap Spaces.....	\$100.00
11.	Other.....	\$10.00
12.	Snow Emergency.....	\$25.00
13.	Unreasonable Deposit-Snow/Ice.....	\$50.00
14.	Impeding Traffic.....	\$10.00
15.	Vehicular Trespassing.....	\$15.00
16.	Fire Lane.....	\$25.00
17.	Parking within 20 feet of an intersection.....	\$10.00
18.	Unlawful Parking.....	\$10.00
19.	Parking greater than 12” from the curb.....	\$10.00

All fines and penalties collected under this Traffic Ordinance shall be paid into the Town Treasury, and the Board of Selectmen is authorized to employ all such procedures authorized by law which they deem prudent to collect the same. **Additional fees may include possible court costs if the Town of Paris prosecutes the case. The fee(s) set forth are in accordance with the approval by the Board of Selectman and will double if not paid within 15 days.**