



Chapter 15 - Parking

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

Parking vehicles on city streets, in established city parking lots, and in the city parking garage requires regulation and enforcement to maintain order, protect property, promote business, and support the safety and welfare of the public. This chapter includes provisions prohibiting the standing or parking of a vehicle and shall apply at all times, at those times herein specified, or as indicated on official signs. Exceptions to the rules and regulations contained herein are limited to times when it is necessary to stop a vehicle to avoid conflict with other traffic, when complying with the directions of a police officer, or when official traffic-control devices dictate otherwise. The provisions of this chapter imposing a time limit on parking shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.

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ARTICLE III - GENERAL

SECTION 15.01 - DEFINITIONS

DOWNTOWN ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT - shall mean those streets between Mayo Street to the west and East Street to the east; the Railroad Bridge on Main Street to the north and Winooski River Bridge on Main Street to the south.

EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE – shall mean any work that cannot be scheduled or delayed (i.e. snow removal) in order to assure the safest possible conditions on streets and sidewalks.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - shall mean any law enforcement officer as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(11), or duly appointed code enforcement officer for the City of Winooski.

Statutory Cross-Reference: 23 V.S.A. § 4.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – shall mean persons certified pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2358: sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables whose authority has not been limited under 24 V.S.A. § 1936(a), police officers, state's attorneys, capitol police officers, motor vehicle inspectors, liquor investigators, state game wardens, and state police.

LOADING ZONE – shall mean the space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers or materials.

MOTOR VEHICLE - shall include all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power, except tractors used entirely for work on the farm, vehicles running only upon stationary rails or tracks, motorized highway building equipment, road making appliances or snowmobiles or implements of husbandry.



PARK or PARKING - shall mean the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a street otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, receiving or discharging passengers or loading or unloading merchandise or in obedience to traffic regulations, signs or signals or an involuntary stopping of the vehicle by reason of cause beyond the control of the operator of the vehicle

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE - shall mean any work that can be scheduled and that is required for upkeep or repair of city infrastructure including, but not limited to streets, curbing, sidewalks, water lines, sewer lines, and or storm water lines.

SECTION 15.02 - AUTHORITY OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

- A. Law enforcement officers may make arrests for violation of this chapter.
- B. Enforcement officers may direct, control and regulate traffic and parking. They may make reasonable orders in the enforcement of this chapter, or to prevent or alleviate traffic congestion, property damage or personal injury. No person may knowingly fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any enforcement officer.

SECTION 15.02.01 - SIGNAGE

Whenever by this chapter or any other ordinance or regulation, a city parking time limit is imposed or parking is prohibited on designated streets, city parking lots and/or in the parking garage, it shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works to ensure appropriate signs are erected giving notice thereof, and no such regulations shall be effective unless said signs are erected and in place at the time of any alleged offense.



SECTION 15.03 - FINES, PENALTIES, and SCOFFLAW

Unless otherwise stated, any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this chapter shall be fined not less than five dollars (\$5.00) and no more Two Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each offense. The fact that an automobile which is illegally parked and is registered in the name of a person shall be considered prima facie proof that such person was in control of the automobile at the time of such parking violation.

SECTION 15.03.01 - FINES

Based on the severity of the offense and the potential for disruption of essential public activities and/or emergency services, the city hereby establishes parking violations with a graduated scale of fines to be imposed. Citations will be issued to violators, and fines will be paid to the city clerk's office within fourteen days of issuance. Fines not paid within the prescribed time limit will be doubled. Overtime fines not paid within twenty one (21) days will be doubled again to twenty dollars (\$20.00). Overtime at a meter is defined as two hours over the paid time. More than two hours over paid time will be considered failure to pay and will be subject to the fine below.

- Delivery Zone: \$20
- Overtime limit (in system): \$5
- Prohibited Area: \$20
- Left Side Curb: \$20
- Other Parking Violation: \$20
- Blocking Sidewalk: \$20
- Fire Hydrant/Lane: \$35
- Blocking Crosswalk: \$20
- Fire Lane: \$35
- Handicap Zone: \$200
- Resident Only: \$50
- Meter Not Paid (Not in system): \$12

The city manager, with the approval of the city council, may set a fine greater than the minimum base line penalty for any violation of this chapter.



SECTION 15.03.02 - AUTHORITY TO REMOVE VEHICLE

Enforcement officers may, at their discretion, have vehicles towed for any of the following violations, under the following circumstances:

- A. where the vehicle inhibits or prohibits public access or could interfere with emergency service response activities.
- B. Where the vehicle is parked in violation of parking ordinances and is not properly registered, inspected, or has not been moved within five (5) days of a previous violation.
- C. Where the vehicle is parked without authorization on publicly or privately owned land.
- D. Where the vehicle is parked so as to interfere with the policing, construction or maintenance of roadways, including the removal of snow, provided that signs indicating that vehicles may be towed away at the owner's expense shall be posted conspicuously at or near all areas affected.

SECTION 15.03.03 - SCOFFLAW

The chief of police (or authorized representative) shall create and maintain a list of all vehicles which have accumulated: (1) \$100.00 or more in overdue fines of parking violations; or (2) more than three overtime violations, the oldest of which is at least sixty (60) days past due. Before placing any vehicle on said list, the chief of police shall attempt to notify the registered owner of this proposed action. The notice will be sent first class mail, on forms prescribed and provided by the city manager and shall (a) describe the year and make of the vehicle, (b) contain a list of the unpaid tickets and the total amount of accumulated charges, and (c) provide a warning that unless said charges are paid within fifteen (15) days of the date of the notice said vehicle will be placed on the scofflaw list forthwith.



SECTION 15.03.04 - AUTHORITY TO REMOVE AND STORE VEHICLES

Any vehicle which has been placed on the scofflaw list and is parked on any public street (or in/upon any other place within the city where the parking or leaving of said vehicle is governed by city ordinance) may be removed and stored and/or immobilized until the charges for all outstanding parking violations have been paid.

SECTION 15.03.05 - NOTIFICATION TO OWNER/HOLDER(S) OF SECURITY INTEREST

The city shall notify by first class mail, the registered owner of the stored vehicle and any holder(s) of a security interest therein (if the identity of same can be readily ascertained) within five (5) business days of the removal and storage of said vehicle.

SECTION 15.03.06 - FORM OF NOTICE AND DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED VEHICLES

The notice referred to above shall be tendered on forms prescribed and provided by the city and shall (a) describe the year, make and serial number of the stored vehicle, (b) identify the vehicle's storage location, (c) define the requirements for the vehicle's release, (d) include the right to reclaim said vehicle within ninety (90) days of the date of the notice, and (e) declare that failure to reclaim the vehicle within the time provided shall be deemed to transfer all rights, title and interest in said vehicle to the City of Winooski. Upon the failure of the registered owner or the holder(s) of a security interest to reclaim the vehicle within the time prescribed, the city may dispose of said vehicle in any manner not prohibited by law. However, no unclaimed vehicle shall be retained for a period of time longer than two hundred and ten (210) days from the date of notice.



SECTION 15.03.07 - NOTICE PROCEDURE IF OWNER/HOLDER(S) OF SECURITY INTEREST CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED

If the city is unable to ascertain the identity of the registered owner or the holder(s) of a security interest therein, the notice described shall be published once a week on the same day of the week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the city. Notice shall be deemed complete on the last date of publication.

SECTION 15.03.08 - PROCEDURE TO RECLAIM STORED VEHICLE

A. Before the owner or holder(s) of a security interest is permitted to reclaim a vehicle which has been removed and stored and/or immobilized pursuant to this ordinance, he/she/it shall:

1. Furnish satisfactory evidence to the city of their identity and of ownership of said vehicle;
2. Pay to the city all charges for violations of this ordinance and all other charges related to the collection of the outstanding fines; or post a bond which is equal to the amount of these charges; and
3. Obtain a property release form from the city, present said form to the authorized tower, and pay the tower all fees for the removal and storage of said vehicle.

ARTICLE IV - REGULATIONS

SECTION 15.04 - PARKING PROHIBITED

A. No person shall stop, stand, or park a motor vehicle:

1. On a sidewalk;
2. In front of a public or private driveway, lane or alley;
3. Within an intersection;
4. On a crosswalk;



5. Within twenty-five (25) feet of a crosswalk or an intersection;
6. Within twenty-five (25) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, slow sign or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway;
7. Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail or a railroad crossing;
8. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;
9. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street; or
10. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway, unless otherwise marked or specified.

SECTION 15.05 - MINIMUM SAFE DISTANCE

No person shall park any vehicle upon a street in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic.

SECTION 15.06 - RECREATIONAL, TRAILER or NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLE PARKING.

A. No person shall park any recreational vehicle, trailer or motorized vehicle to include but not limited to, motor home, motor boat, etc., in a roadway or sidewalk, for more than five (5) days without prior permission from the city (see below). The movement of said vehicle from one location to another within the city, for no other purpose other than long-term parking will not be permitted. A written notice of violation shall be placed on any vehicle parked contrary to this section, giving the owner five (5) days to remove said vehicle from the roadway or sidewalk.

B. Between the dates of May 15th to September 15th, persons may park a recreational, trailer or non-motorized vehicle, on the roadway for more than five (5) days with prior permission of a code enforcement officer.



SECTION 15.07 - MANNER OF PARKING

No person shall stand or park a motor vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway, unless otherwise specified, headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with the curb-side wheels of the motor vehicle within eighteen (18) inches of the curb or edge of the roadway, unless otherwise provided for by law, rule or regulation. Nor shall any person stop, stand or park a motor vehicle in such a manner or under such conditions so as to create a road hazard, obstruct the vision of other persons operating motor vehicles, or obstruct the free movement or access of other motor vehicles.

SECTION 15.08 - BUS STOPPING, PARKING OR STANDING

No person shall stop, park or leave standing any bus, whether public or private, attended or unattended, upon the paved portion of a highway or any portion of a highway right-of-way except for the sole purpose of picking up or dropping off passengers (no standing or parking) unless specifically designated otherwise.

SECTION 15.09 - PARKING ON CITY STREETS

- A. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, persons shall only park vehicles in accordance with the parking regulations, prohibitions, hourly specifications, and other parking limitations for all city streets or parts of streets. The city manager, in consultation with the chief of police and the director of public works shall have the authority to designate parking spaces for:
 1. Loading Zone
 2. Time limited Parking
 3. Handicapped Parking
 4. Fire Lane
 5. Bus Stop
 6. Reserved for permanent or temporary permitted use, including Resident Only Area

- B. The city manager can create other "no parking zones" as deemed necessary.



- C. A citizen, business owner, or representative group may request changes in parking through the city manager. Should a request not be granted, that person or group may appeal to the city council. The decision of the city council is final.
- D. The city, through its city council, reserves the right to charge for parking. The city council will adopt a policy designating such areas.
- E. The city manager, or authorized agent, can restrict parking on any city street or parking area for routine or emergency maintenance. This may include the need to restrict parking for street cleaning operations.

SECTION 15.09.01 - RESIDENT ONLY PARKING

The city manager, in consultation with the chief of police and the neighborhood residents, shall determine areas set aside as resident only parking.

SECTION 15.09.02 - PERMITS

- A. The city shall issue resident parking permits only to residents of streets, or portions thereof, that are designated "resident parking only" for parking on that street pursuant to Section 15.09.01. In addition the city shall issue resident parking permits to car share organizations for parking on all streets, or portions thereof, that are designated "resident parking only" pursuant to Section 15.09.02.
 - 1. Except as otherwise required by the City, the holder of the permit shall receive a residential street sticker unless the holder does not own a vehicle, in which case no sticker will be issued.
 - 2. A maximum of 2 guest parking cards shall be issued to each eligible household for which a permit has been issued.
- B. Specific conditions.
 - 1. Proof of residency. Proof of residency shall include a valid Vermont driver's license with an address on the designated street, section of street or abutting corner parcel, and a valid Vermont registration for the vehicle(s) involved. For students,



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proof of residency shall include a valid current student identification card, a valid driver's license, vehicle registration from Vermont or another state, and proof of residency on the designated street, section of street or abutting corner parcel. Residents without a license can prove residency on the designated street by showing a valid written lease, current utility bill, or by being listed on the official voter registration list for the city.

2. Small businesses. Upon showing of proof of business occupancy, owners and employees of small businesses on streets designated "residential parking" only will be considered residents and issued a resident parking permit if sufficient off-street parking or metered long-term parking at the business location is not available. The conditions of the business's zoning permit must be used to determine if a business has sufficient, available off-street parking at its location. The owner or employee(s) will be issued a choice of a residential street sticker or a guest parking card. Customers of these small businesses may legally park on the street under the authority of the permit.
3. Display of stickers. Residential street stickers shall be affixed to vehicles on the left-hand side of the rear bumper and shall be visible without obstruction at all times. In order to be valid the sticker must have the resident street name affixed to it.
4. Car share organizations. Valid car share organizations shall meet the following criteria:
 - a. Require users to be members of the car share organization;
 - b. Provide ubiquitous self-service access to all, or most, of a shared fleet of automobiles at locations not staffed by the car-share service organization;
 - c. Encourage short-term, local trips and discourage users from driving more than necessary;



- d. Provide its members automobile insurance that exceeds the State-mandated minimum when its members are using car share vehicles and shall assume responsibility for maintaining car share vehicles;
 - e. Upon showing proof of a valid Vermont registration for the vehicle(s) involved, car share organizations meeting the appropriate criteria will be issued one residential street sticker per vehicle. This sticker will be valid on all streets, or portions thereof, that are designated "resident parking only."
5. Guest parking cards. Guest parking cards are only for use by persons visiting a residence. All guest parking cards shall be displayed at all times without obstruction on the lower left-hand corner of front window of guest's vehicle.
 6. Non-street resident property owner. A non-street resident property owner on a designated street will be issued a resident parking permit and a choice of a residential street sticker or guest parking card upon presentation of a property tax bill, valid driver's license and valid vehicle registration.
 7. No permits will be issued to an individual or car share organization with outstanding parking tickets, unless the ticket is being contested.

SECTION 15.10 - CITY PARKING GARAGE

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, persons shall only park vehicles in accordance with the parking regulations, prohibitions, hourly specifications, and comply with other parking limitations or fees. Operation, regulation and enforcement of the Municipal Parking Garage shall be controlled through the city manager and the director of public works. Enforcement will be in accordance with Section 15.02 above.



SECTION 15.11 - CITY PARKING LOTS

- A. City parking lots have been constructed and maintained to support specific needs and are normally open to the public. No vehicles will be parked in city-owned parking lots/areas between the hours of 12 A.M. and 7 A.M. Exceptions are as follows:
1. City employees engaged in city business;
 2. General public when official, approved activities are ongoing at the respective facility, i.e., late night meetings at City Hall, approved softball or other recreational activities at Landry Field, etc.;
 3. Vehicles with overnight parking privileges as regulated by the city manager and issued by the police department;
 4. The O'Brien Community Center parking lot between March 15 and December 1. Winter parking restrictions will be in effect from 2 am and 6 am between December 1 and March 15.

ARTICLE V - SPECIAL PARKING PROVISIONS

Special parking for people with disabilities shall be in accordance with State law, which provides as follows:

Statutory Cross-Reference: 23 VSA § 304a.

SECTION 15.12 - DISABILITY PARKING SPACE DESIGNATION

Any parking facility on the premises of a building open to and used by the public, whether the building is constructed with public or private funds, shall contain at least one (1) parking space for every fifty (50) spaces and in any event shall contain at least one (1) parking space, as free designated parking for person with ambulatory disability or blind persons patronizing the building. The space or spaces shall be accessibly and proximately located to the building.



Consideration shall be given to the distribution of spaces in accordance with the frequency and persistency of parking needs. Such spaces shall be designated by the international symbol of access and the words "handicapped parking only" and shall be in accordance with the standards for parking spaces established under.

SECTION 15.12.01 - DISABILITY CARD OR PLACARD DISPLAY

Vehicles with special registration plates or removable windshield placards from any state or which have a handicapped parking card issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may use the special parking spaces when the card or placard is displayed in the lower right side of the windshield or the plate is mounted as provided in 23 V.S.A. § 511 or as provided by the law of the state where the vehicle is registered.

SECTION 15.12.03 - DISABILITY PARKING DESIGNATION ON CITY STREETS

The city manager, in consultation with the chief of police, shall determine the location of parking spaces designated for persons with disabilities on city streets.

SECTION 15.13 - FIRE LANES AND FIRE HYDRANTS

- A. The city manager, in consultation with, the city fire chief/fire marshal shall study and determine what locations would benefit from the establishment of fire lanes or fire access roads, to aid in the extinguishing of fires and movement of emergency vehicles. A fire lane/fire access road is defined by the National Fire Protection Association Uniform Fire Code, as the road or other means developed to allow access and operational setup for fire-fighting and rescue apparatus.
- B. Once determined, all fire lanes and fire access roads shall be marked and posted "No Parking, Fire Lane."
- C. A person who parks a vehicle in a designated fire lane or fire access road or within the designated area of a fire hydrant shall be fined in accordance with Section 15.03.01. Police officers or code enforcement officers may also fine and cause the removal of a vehicle parked in violation of the following:



1. Within fifteen (15) feet right and left of the center of a fire hydrant;
2. In front of a marked fire lane or fire access road as to interfere with the arrival and exiting of all emergency vehicles; or
3. In the entrance to the fire station that is designated by the hash striping in front of the fire station that will interfere with the arrival and exiting of all emergency vehicles.

SECTION 15.14 - PARKING BAN PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL OF VEHICLES INTERFERING WITH MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES AND TICKETING ILLEGALLY PARKING VEHICLES.

A. Interference with Routine or Emergency Maintenance.

1. The City Manager or designee may restrict parking in any area of the City for the purposes of routine or emergency maintenance. Emergency orders shall require notice using the City's Notification Policy at least twelve hours in advance of a closure. Maintenance related closures shall require seventy two (72) hours under the same policy.
 - (a) The Chief of Police, the Director of Public Works, or their agents are authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, any vehicle found parking on any street in the city as to interfere with the plowing or removal of snow and/or any routine or emergency maintenance activity from any such street so restricted.
 - (b) Parking restricted. Between December 1 and March 31, No person shall park a vehicle in the Central Business District between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day, except physicians on emergency calls; Central Business District being the streets between Mayo Street and Barlow Street and West Allen Street to Winooski Bridge. Parking of any vehicle is prohibited in the City Parking Garage on the open or North portion of deck 4 and



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on deck 7 (entirety) between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. The Director of Public Works and/or Chief of Police is authorized to alter such dates when, in his/her opinion, such change is in the best interest of the public. The Director of Public Works and Chief of Police agree to notify local media of any alteration in dates.

SECTION 15.15 - PARKING FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES PROHIBITED

- A. No person shall park a vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of:
1. Displaying the vehicle for sale or rent, or for the purpose of displaying or advertising the same for sale or rent; or
 2. Greasing or repairing the vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

SECTION 15.16 - DELIVERY AND LOADING ZONES

It shall be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle so as to stand or park a passenger vehicle for a period of time longer than is actually necessary for the loading or unloading of passengers, not to exceed three (3) minutes, or for the person operating a freight-carrying motor vehicle to stand or park such motor vehicle for a period of time longer than is actually necessary to load, unload, and deliver goods, materials, or services, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, in any place designated by the city manager or the city council as a loading and/or delivery zone or designated parking meter zone.

ARTICLE VI - PARKING AND PARKING METER ZONES

SECTION 15.17 - PARKING METER ZONES

The on-street parking meter zones within the city are those portions of public streets so designated by resolution of the city council, as may be amended, as well as all city-owned off-street parking lots and facilities.



SECTION 15.18 - INSTALLATION OF METERS

Parking meters may be installed in all or parts of such parking meter zones by direction of the city council.

SECTION 15.19 - HOURS OF USE AND RATES

- A. Parking meters installed in metered zones, except for 24-hour parking lots, within the city, shall be used between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday, except for legal holidays. It shall be unlawful for the operator or owner of a motor vehicle to park at a meter within the metered zone, except for 24-hour parking lots, for more than the maximum allowable time that shall be posted on each meter between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. any day except Sundays and holidays, unless otherwise specified by the city council.
- B. The legal parking rates for metered parking within the meter zones shall be as determined from time to time by resolution of the city council. The time limitation and the cost of time units shall be clearly indicated on all parking meters by appropriate signs posted.
- C. Free parking zones may be established by the city council from time to time. Such zones shall have the amount of time allocated for free parking visibly posted within the zone.

SECTION 15.20 - LOCATION OF METERS

Parking meters installed in the established meter zones shall be placed as directed by the city manager and the director of public works. Each parking meter shall be placed or set in such manner as to be reasonably visible to all designated parking spaces.

SECTION 15.21 - SPACES DELINEATED, VIOLATION

The director of public works shall have lines or markings painted or placed upon the curb and/or upon the street adjacent to each parking meter for the purposes of designating the parking space for which said meter is to be used and each vehicle parking adjacent to or next to any parking meter shall park within the



lines or markings so established. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance to park any vehicle across any such line or marking or to park said vehicle in such position that the same shall not be entirely within the area so designated by such lines or marking.

SECTION 15.22 - TIME VIOLATION

When a vehicle shall be parked in any space with a parking meter in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, the operator of said vehicle shall, upon entering said parking space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited the necessary funds indicated by such parking meter. Failure to deposit such funds or put the meter in operation shall constitute a violation of this ordinance. If said vehicle shall remain parked in any such parking space beyond the parking time limit fixed for such parking space, such vehicle shall be considered to be parked overtime and beyond the period of legal parking time and the parking of a vehicle overtime or beyond the period of legal parking time in any such part of the street where any such meter is located shall be a violation of this ordinance.

SECTION 15.23 - USE OF SLUGS AS COINS

It shall be unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this ordinance to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter, any slugs, device or metallic substance, or any other substitute for the coin or coins indicated on said meter.

SECTION 15.24 - REMOVAL OF VEHICLES CONSIDERED ABANDONED

- A. Any vehicle or conveyance found in a public parking lot for seventy-two (72) consecutive hours, and parked contrary to the times and rates set forth in this Article for seventy-two (72) hours, shall be immediately removed by the owner.
- B. Any vehicle or conveyance found in a public parking lot for more than twelve (12) hours following a snow storm, or after notice is given to remove the vehicle, shall then be immediately removed by the owner.
- C. Vehicles parking in free public parking lots are limited to no more than twelve (12) hours of free parking. Signs shall be posted at the entrance of free parking lots indicating the restriction.



- D. Any vehicle or conveyance found parked contrary to this section shall be removed immediately by the owner. Should the owner fail to remove the vehicle, then a police officer shall cause the vehicle to be removed at the expense of the owner. Such vehicle shall not be released to the owner or person responsible for it at the time removal was ordered until all such expenses have been paid. The police department shall make all reasonable attempts to locate the owner prior to having the vehicle removed.

ARTICLE VII - APPEALS AND SEVERABILITY

All appeals to violations and associated fines or penalties will be forwarded to the city grand juror. Should any provision of these provisions, rules, and regulations be declared invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of other provisions, or of these provisions, rules, and regulations as a whole, it being the intent that the provisions, rules, and regulations contained therein shall be severable and remain valid notwithstanding such declaration.