

WHO REGULATES SEATTLE PARKING AND WHY?

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) manages street parking to support a vibrant city with connected people, places, and products.

Curbspace used for on-street parking (as well as transit, deliveries, and many other things) is a limited resource in high demand. So, we carefully balance competing needs in order to move people and goods efficiently, support business district vitality, and create livable neighborhoods.

That's why we regulate curbspace, install and maintain paid parking, loading, and short-term access in business districts as well as restricted parking zones in residential areas. We work closely with Seattle Police Department Parking Enforcement, Department of Planning and Development (for off-street parking), Seattle Municipal Court, and the Finance and Administrative Services Department.

PARKING TICKETS

We hope you avoid parking tickets. However, if you receive a ticket, you have 15 days to act. You have four options for making payment, all stated on the back of the ticket.

BY MAIL, IN THE PROVIDED ENVELOPE: Municipal Court of Seattle, PO Box 34987, Seattle, WA 98124-4987

BY PHONE: (206) 233-7000

ONLINE: www.seattle.gov/courts

IN PERSON: Municipal Court of Seattle, 600 5th Avenue, Monday–Friday, 8 AM–5 PM

COURT HEARINGS

If you believe you were issued the ticket in error and want to contest the ticket before a judge, you may request a contested hearing.

If you agree you committed the violation but would like to ask a judge to reduce the penalty due to the circumstances, you may request a mitigation hearing.

For more information: (206) 684-5600 or www.seattle.gov/courts/hearings/hearinginformation.htm

UNPAID TICKETS

Vehicles with four or more unpaid parking tickets will get the boot. Once booted, unless tickets and other fees are paid within 48 hours, the vehicle will be towed. More information at: www.seattle.gov/scofflaw



ON-STREET PAID PARKING

Paid parking is in effect from 8 AM to 6 PM or 8 PM, Monday to Saturday. Rates and hours are adjusted annually and vary based on local conditions. Green paid parking signs indicate a better value. Blue signs with the After 5 symbol indicate evening payment is required. Many busy streets have parking restrictions during the morning and evening commutes.

Mobile payment is available in all paid parking areas. Download the PayByPhone app at your app store and set up an account for fast and convenient parking payment.

CONTACTS & DIGITAL TOOLS

For more information:
(206) 684-ROAD (7623)

To request a parking enforcement officer for non-emergencies:
(206) 625-5011

To report abandoned vehicles:
(206) 684-8763

If your car has been towed from a public street: **(206) 364-2000** or go to www.seattleimpound.com

For SDOT parking information:
www.seattle.gov/parking

For a smart phone-optimized downtown parking map:
www.DowntownSeattleParking.com

For SDOT's real-time garage space information:
www.seattle.gov/transportation/epark/mobile

CAN I PARK HERE?

Know the signs, avoid a ticket, park like a pro.
We'll show you how.



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Transportation

PARKING NOT ALLOWED

ALLEYS

Do not park or stop in alleys. Commercial vehicles may load/unload for up to 30 minutes.

STOP AND YIELD

Do not park within 30 feet of Stop and Yield signs, nor within 20 feet of a crosswalk.

DRIVEWAYS

Do not park within 5 feet of driveways. Residents/property owners may paint curb yellow for 5 feet on each side of driveway.

FIRE HYDRANTS

Do not park within 15 feet of hydrants.

SIDEWALKS AND PLANTING STRIPS

Do not park on sidewalks, the planting or paved strip between the sidewalk and street.

INTERSECTIONS AND CROSSWALKS

Do not park within an intersection, on a crosswalk, or within 20 feet of the crosswalk approach, which can include "T" intersections. Check for no parking signs. Crosswalks can be marked (with paint) or unmarked (no paint).



TOW-AWAY ZONES

Do not stop in these zones or in any zones painted red.



NO PARKING ZONES

Do not park in these zones.



TEMPORARY NO PARKING ZONES

Do not park here during the posted dates and times. Call Customer Service Bureau for questions at (206) 684-CITY.

OTHER DESIGNATED ZONES

Do not park in bus zones, taxi zones, charter bus zones, or carshare zones.

COMMERCIAL AND LARGE-SIZED VEHICLES

Do not park a truck/trailer over 80 inches wide on any street or alley, except in Industrial Zones, between midnight and 6 AM.

PARKING SOMETIMES ALLOWED



PARKING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Do not park in designated disabled parking or use a permit unless: 1) you or your passenger has a disability, and 2) your vehicle displays a valid disabled placard, license plate, or tab. The fine for improper use is up to \$450.



PAID PARKING

Payment is required at pay station or by phone. Blue signs with an 'After 5' symbol indicate a 3-hour time limit after 5 PM. Green signs indicate a better value with a lower rate or longer time limit allowed.



RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE (RPZ)

If your vehicle has an RPZ permit, you may park along signed RPZ streets for up to 72 hours. If not, you are limited to the time posted. Call: (206) 684-5086.



PEAK HOURS

Do not park during the posted times, or your vehicle will be towed. Restricted hours vary so check signs carefully.



TIME-LIMITED AREAS

Park up to posted time limit. You must then move your vehicle off the block (both sides of the street): for example, to the next block or around the corner.



LOAD AND UNLOAD

All vehicles may load/unload during posted hours. (Curb color: yellow.)



PASSENGER LOAD

All vehicles may stop for 3 minutes to pick up and drop off passengers during posted hours. (Curb color: white.)



TRUCK LOAD AND UNLOAD

Only truck-licensed vehicles may load/unload during posted hours. (Curb color: yellow.)



COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LOAD ZONES (CVLZ)

Only commercial vehicles may load/unload up to 30 minutes. Either payment is required or a valid CVLZ permit. Call: (206) 684-5103. (Curb color: yellow.)

OTHER SITUATIONS

LICENSE PLATES AND TABS

Do not park on-street with missing front or rear license plates, or with expired tabs.

72-HOUR RULE

Do not park your vehicle on the same block for more than 72 consecutive hours, or the vehicle will be considered abandoned and may be ticketed or towed.

5 ft

15 ft

20 ft

30 ft

driveway

fire hydrant

crosswalk

stop/yield sign



HOW CLOSE CAN I PARK?