

2151.01 Parking prohibitions in specified places.

- (1) No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with any other traffic or to comply with the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device in any of the following places:
 - (a) On a sidewalk, shared-use path, curb, or street lawn area between a curb and right-of-way line, except as provided in subsection (2);
 - (b) In front of or within five (5) feet of a public or private driveway;
 - (c) Within an intersection; unless the stop is incident to an accident;
 - (d) Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant;
 - (e) On a crosswalk;
 - (f) Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection, or, if there is no crosswalk, within twenty (20) feet of an intersection, except for bicycles at any place designated as bicycle-only parking by the director of public service, or as otherwise designated by the director of public service under the authority provided in Chapter 2105;
 - (g) Within thirty (30) feet of, and upon the approach to, any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control device, except for bicycles at any place designated as bicycle-only parking by the director of public service, or as otherwise designated by the director of public service under the authority provided in Chapter 2105;
 - (h) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by a traffic control device, except for bicycles at any place designated as bicycle-only parking by the director of public service. Or as otherwise designated by the director of public service under the authority provided in Chapter 2105;
 - (i) Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
 - (j) Within twenty (20) feet 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 (75) feet of such entrance when it is properly posted with signs;
 - (k) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
 - (l) Alongside any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
 - (m) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a street or within a street tunnel unless such bridge or tunnel is properly posted with a sign to allow parking;
 - (n) Within one (1) foot of another parked vehicle, except for bicycles at any place designated as bicycle-only parking by the director of public service;
 - (o) (1) At any place designated as no parking ~~pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director of public service under the authority provided in Chapter 2105;~~
 - (2) At any place designated as no stopping ~~pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director of public service under the authority provided in Chapter 2105;~~

- (p) In front of all schools as defined in Section 2101.341, for a distance of seventy-five (75) feet in each direction from the main entrance to the school when properly posted with signs;
 - (q) In front of all theaters for a distance of twenty-five (25) feet in each direction from the center of the main entrance when it is properly posted with signs;
 - (r) Upon any street or alley twenty-three (23) feet or less in width when it is properly posted with signs;
 - (s) In front of any church where conditions are such that they warrant a parking prohibition and for the distance that the Traffic Engineer deems advisable when it is properly posted with signs;
 - (t) Upon any traffic control island or median that separates traffic on a street, highway, roadway or boulevard;
 - (u) In front of any auto-mail box for a distance of twenty (20) feet in each direction from the auto-mail box, when it is properly posted with signs;
 - (v) Within the right-of-way line of a controlled-access highway, freeway, expressway or thruway, except for emergency purposes;
 - (w) Upon a service road or upon the public property alongside a service road;
 - (x) Within twenty (20) feet of the junction of an alley and a street, except for bicycles at any place designated as bicycle-only parking by the director of public service under the authority provided in Chapter 2105;
 - (y) In a public right-of-way, within ten (10) feet of a bulk refuse container;
 - (z) In a disability designated parking space as defined in Section 2155.01(h) unless the vehicle is a disability designated vehicle as defined in Section 2155.01(g) or a disability designated vehicle from a state other than Ohio entitled to reciprocity pursuant to Section 4503.37 of the Ohio Revised Code;
 - (aa) In front of, or within one (1) foot of, a wheelchair ramp;
 - (bb) Other than a ~~motor~~ bus, in a bus loading area, when such area has been officially designated and appropriately posted with a sign, ~~except the driver of a passenger vehicle may stop temporarily therein for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, loading or unloading passengers, when such stopping does not interfere with any motor bus entering or leaving such bus loading area;~~
 - (i) "Bus" as used in this section means a motor vehicle designated to carry passengers and operated by an approved public transit provider or authority.
 - (cc) ~~Any place marked as a loading zone for any period of time longer than is necessary for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or merchandise;~~
 - (ddcc) ~~Upon a bike lane, except to lawfully load and unload passengers or freight.~~
- (2) A person shall be permitted, without charge or restriction, to stand or park on a sidewalk, shared-use path, curb, or street lawn area between a curb and right-of-way line, a motor-~~driven~~ cycle or mobility device ~~motor scooter~~ that has an engine not larger than one hundred and fifty (150) cubic centimeters, or a bicycle, provided that the motor-~~driven~~ cycle, ~~motor scooter~~ mobility device, or bicycle does not impede the normal flow of pedestrian traffic. This subsection does not authorize any person to operate a vehicle in violation of Section 2173.105.
- (3) A violation of any provision of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction pursuant to and governed by the provisions of Chapter 2150.

2151.02 Sunday and holiday exemptions. [Repealed].

~~Any provision of this Traffic Code or any ordinance or regulation of the City which limits parking, standing or stopping, shall not be construed to limit parking, standing or stopping on Sundays and holidays, unless the provision, ordinance or regulation specifically limits parking, standing or stopping on such days or entirely prohibits parking, standing or stopping at all times.~~

2151.05 Blocking an intersection; exemptions. [Repealed].

~~Except when attempting to make a left turn, no person shall stop a vehicle within an intersection. However, the following shall constitute affirmative defenses to a violation of this section:~~

- ~~(a) When the stop is at the direction of a police officer;~~
- ~~(b) When the stop is incident to an accident.~~

~~The word "stop" shall have its ordinary meaning and not that prescribed in Chapter 2101.~~

2151.07 Owner responsibility for violations.

- (a) If any vehicle is found upon a street, park, or other public property of the city or on private property in violation of any provision of this Traffic Code, or of any ordinance or regulation of this city that regulates the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles, and the identity of the driver of such vehicle cannot be determined, the owner or person in whose name such vehicle is registered shall be held prima-facie responsible for such violation.
- (b) Notwithstanding division (a), the owner of a vehicle shall be entitled to establish nonliability for a violation of any provision of the Traffic Code by proof of lease of vehicle pursuant to the requirements of Section 4511.071 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (c) The terms of divisions (a) and (b) of this section do not apply if the violated provision of this Traffic Code is a parking infraction as defined in Section 2150.01(AK), in which case the terms of Chapter 2150 concerning owner and operator joint liability shall apply.

2151.08 Unattended vehicles; ~~setting brakes and key removal.~~

- (a) No person having control or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand on any street unattended without first leaving the vehicle in a condition where it cannot be moved, occupied, or operated by someone other than the person having control or charge of such vehicle ~~setting the brakes thereon, stopping the motor of such vehicle, locking the ignition, and removing the key,~~ and, when standing upon a perceptible grade, turning the wheels of such vehicle to the curb or the side of the street.
- (b) A violation of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction to be handled pursuant to and governed by the provisions of Chapter 2150.

2151.105 Unauthorized towing.

- (a) ~~Except as provided in Section 2151.22, No~~ person shall remove or cause to be removed any vehicle from private property unless in conformance with respect to removing, or causing to be removed, motor vehicles from private property.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one (1) year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one (1) or more prior violations of this section or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

2151.16 Parking limited while offering materials for sale.

- (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided for ~~provide for~~ in the Columbus City Codes, including but not limited to, Chapters 523 and 573, no person shall park or stand any vehicle from which anything is offered for sale on any street for a period exceeding fifteen (15) minutes, except when special permission of the safety building and zoning services director has been granted.
- (b) A violation of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction to be handled pursuant to and governed by the provisions of Chapter 2150.

2151.18 Parking in permit parking area.

- (a) No person shall park a vehicle beyond the posted time in a permit parking ~~area~~ zone authorized by the public service director, unless such vehicle: ~~as a permit parking area except vehicles displaying a valid permit or having a registered license plate associated with a virtual permit for that area, or commercial vehicles, delivery vehicles, or clearly logoed vehicles, except as provided for in the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 2105.27.~~
 - (1) displays a valid permit allowing parking beyond the posted time limit;
 - (2) has a registered license plate associated with a virtual permit for that designated permit zone allowing parking beyond the posted time limit;
 - (3) is a commercial vehicle, delivery vehicle, or clearly logoed vehicle, stopping, standing, or parking for the express purpose of providing a requested service to an adjacent dwelling.
- (b) A violation of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction to be handled pursuant to and governed by the provisions of Chapter 2150.

2151.19 Use of loading zones.

- (a) ~~All~~ loading zones shall be for the use of the general public, ~~except that the owner or person in charge of any vehicle stopping or parking in such loading zone shall move such vehicle at the direction of a police officer. Such officer's request must be for the purpose of~~ for the active loading or unloading of passengers, merchandise or both, trucks, trailers, semitrailers or commercial vehicles. Any person who fails to move such vehicles after being so requested is subject to prosecution under Section 2109.01(A) for failure to obey the order of a traffic control officer. No person shall stop, stand or parking a vehicle in a loading zone.:
 - 1) Beyond the posted time limit, where applicable.
 - 2) Longer than fifteen minutes without actively loading or unloading;
 - 3) Without proper payment of the parking meter where required by the posted regulatory sign;

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- 4) Without a valid permit where required by the posted regulatory sign; or
 - 5) When directed by a police officer to move the vehicle out of the loading zone.
- (b) All restrictions or requirements posted in a loading zone shall be followed at all times by any person that stops, stands, or parks a vehicle in a loading zone.
- (b)c) In addition to being subject to prosecution under Section 2109.01(A) for failure to obey the order of a traffic control officer, a violation of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction to be handled pursuant to and governed by the provisions of Chapter 2150.

2151.21 Failure to register or display.

- (a) No person shall park any vehicle upon the public streets, easements, public right-of-ways, highways or public parking facilities owned or operated by the City of Columbus when any of the following apply:
- (1) The owner has failed to annually file the application for registration or to pay the tax therefore or display a valid registration sticker, as required by Chapter 4503 of the Ohio Revised Code.
 - (2) The vehicle was acquired from a former owner who has registered the same in Ohio, while the vehicle displays the distinctive number or identification mark assigned to it upon its former registration.
 - (3) The vehicle displays a distinctive number or identification mark issued by or under the authority of another state without complying with the laws of Ohio relating to the registration and identification of motor vehicles.
 - (4) The vehicle displays license plates, including a valid registration sticker issued pursuant to Chapter 4503 of the Ohio Revised Code and license plates issued in another state, for any period of time which has expired, or any license plates issued in another state for which the period of reciprocal agreement with the state of issue has expired.
 - (5) The vehicle displays a license plate not legally registered and issued for such vehicle.
 - (6) The vehicle fails to display a valid rear license plate issued by the state of Ohio pursuant to Chapter 4503 of the Ohio Revised Code.
 - ~~(7) The vehicle fails to display a valid disability parking placard or disability license plate for an authorized disability designated vehicle as defined under Section 2155.01(g).~~
- (b) No person shall fail to display a valid disability parking placard or disability license plate for a disability designated vehicle when parking any vehicle in a disabled designated parking space.
- (b)c) A violation of any provision of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction to be handled pursuant to and governed by the provision of Chapter 2150.

2151.27 Stopping, Standing or Parking in a Bike Lane.

- (a) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in a bike lane designated by marking or signage.
- (b) A violation of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction to be handled pursuant to and governed by the provisions of Chapter 2150.

2151.28 Stopping, Standing or Parking in a Bus Only Lane.

- (a) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in a bus only lane designated by marking or signage except:
 - (1) A vehicle authorized to travel in a bus only lane;
 - (2) To execute a turning movement when permitted by signage or marking; or
 - (3) To yield to an emergency vehicle displaying or using emergency devices such as lights and sirens.
- (b) A violation of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction to be handled pursuant to and governed by the provisions of Chapter 2150.
- (c) "Bus" as used in this section means a motor vehicle designed to carry passengers and operated by an approved public transit provider or authority.

2155.01 Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to terms used in this chapter:

- (a) "Individual street parking space" means a portion of the paved surface approximately twenty (20) feet in length along the curb of streets and shall accommodate a vehicle when the same is parked as prescribed by Section 2151.06.
- (b) ~~"Parking" means the standing of a vehicle whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading, or in compliance with directions of a police officer or traffic control device.~~ "Director" means the director of the Department of Public Service or designee, unless identified as another director, in which case it means the specifically identified director.
- (c) "Parking meters" means any ~~mechanical or electronic~~ device used, placed, installed, or erected at or near the curb adjacent to the parking lane, or otherwise on property which is owned, leased, or operated by the city. A parking meter includes, but is not limited to, single space meters, multi-space meters, and parking mobile payment applications authorized by the city of Columbus.
- (d) "Vehicle" means any device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a public street, except such devices as are used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks and such devices as are propelled exclusively by human power.
- (e) "Off-street parking lot" means any lot, piece, or parcel of land owned by the city and designated by council for the purpose of metered, time-regulated storing or parking of vehicles.
- (f) "Individual off-street parking space" means a portion of the paved surface of the off-street parking lot approximately twenty (20) feet in length and nine (9) feet in width.
- (g) "Disability designated vehicle" means a motor vehicle that displays either (1) a parking card issued under Section 4503.44 of the Ohio Revised Code or (2) a special license plate issued under Section 4503.44 of the Ohio Revised Code and is being operated by or for the transport of a disabled person. For purposes of this section "disabled person" means any person who has lost the use of one (1) or both legs or one (1) or both arms, who is blind or deaf, or so severely disabled as to be unable to move about without the aid of crutches or a wheelchair, or whose mobility is restricted by a permanent cardiovascular, pulmonary, or other disabled condition. When a motor vehicle displays a temporary parking pass, disabled veteran plate, permanent parking card from the appropriate state agency, or special license plate, that is being operated by or transporting a disabled person, the

motor vehicle shall have the decal or parking card clearly displayed on the left dashboard or in the left front windshield of enclosed vehicles so that the parking privilege information is on the front side of the card and is readily readable from outside the windshield. (ORC 4503.44)

- (h) "Disabled designated parking space" means parking spaces on public or private streets, parking lots and parking garages designated for the exclusive use of a disability designated vehicle and denoted as such in accordance with the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.69 (E), Ohio Revised Code Section 3781.111 (C), the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the city of Columbus Transportation Sign Installation Manual.
- (i) "Meter day" means any day that parking meters are enforced.

2155.03 Installation, modification and removal of meters.

The public service director is authorized ~~and directed~~ to install, modify and remove ~~cause to be placed and installed~~ any parking meters which are leased or purchased by the City, ~~in the vicinity of individual on-street or off-street parking spaces.~~

2155.04 Powers and duties of the public service director.

The public service director is authorized ~~and directed~~ to make, modify, change from time to time and promulgate such administrative rules as in the director's discretion shall be deemed necessary to effectuate the provisions of this chapter.

The public service director is ~~hereby~~ authorized to establish, modify, and change from time to time, regulations which set forth the days of the week, hours of the day, and the intervals of time for which parking is permissible, and the funds and information required to complete a parking transaction for parking in individual parking spaces so designated by signage and pavement marking ~~as provided for in Section 2155.01.~~

Such regulations shall be signed by the public service director, filed with the city clerk, and published in the City Bulletin.

The maintenance and repair of parking meters shall be under the supervision and direction of the public service director.

The public service director is further authorized to establish the rates for fees to be charged in the event that parking meters are temporarily or permanently removed ~~for construction or other purposes~~ as described in Sections 2155.055 and 2155.056, in accordance with the guidelines stated therein.

2155.05 Deposit of funds required; meter non-payment.

- (a) Whenever a vehicle ~~shall be~~ is parked at a parking meter, ~~as defined in Section 2155.01~~, during the days of the week and during the hours of the day for which the public service director has established regulations as provided for in Section 2155.04, the person parking such vehicle shall immediately deposit or cause to be deposited the required funds, the correct vehicle information, mobile payment zone number and any other information required to complete a parking meter transaction, except as provided for in the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 2105.27. Upon the deposit of such funds, completion of the required correct information, and the placing of such parking meter in operation, the parking space may be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period indicated on the parking meter. Any vehicle which fails to deposit the required funds, or fails to complete the required correct information, and remains in an individual street or off-street parking space after the prescribed time for parking will be determined to be illegally parked and in violation of the provisions of this chapter. The fact that the vehicle is in an

individual street or off-street parking space when the time on the parking meter for the same shows no parking permitted unless a deposit of the required funds and the completion of the required correct information is immediately made as herein provided shall be deemed prima-facie evidence of the unlawful parking of such vehicle by its owner. When a ~~disabled~~ disability designated vehicle is parked in a disabled designated parking space or any legal available parking space the vehicle shall be permitted to park two (2) hours beyond the legal limits on the meter or applicable parking space but not beyond the designated parking hours or other restricted hours that may apply.

- (b) A violation of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction to be handled pursuant to and governed by the provisions of Chapter 2150.

2155.055 Fees for parking meters out of service.

Whenever a parking meter is temporarily removed from service by hooding or by actual removal for later replacement, due to sidewalk repair, construction or other reason, the person or entity requesting such removal shall be required to pay a fee for each meter day that the parking meter is out of service. Such fee is to be determined by the public service director and shall not exceed the actual revenue loss to the city. Such actual revenue loss shall be determined by the parking meter rate in effect on the day that the meter is removed from service and shall be equivalent to the revenue amount that the parking meter would generate if used continuously during the hours of enforcement for every meter day that the parking meter is out of service.

Should it be necessary to remove and reinstall a parking meter post or otherwise remove a parking meter from service by hooding or by other means and restore the same, an additional fee shall be charged which reflects the cost entailed by the city for such removal and restoration or reinstallation. These fees shall be established by the service director, collected by the director's designee, and deposited in the Mobility Enterprise Fund.

2155.056 Fees for permanent removal of parking meters.

(a) Whenever an individual street parking space managed with a parking meter is permanently removed from service due to construction, development or other authorized reason, the person requesting such removal shall be required to pay lost meter revenue, as determined by the Director pursuant to Section 2155.04, per individual street parking space permanently removed from service. The Director shall promulgate rules and regulations, pursuant to 2155.04, for the administration of this section.

(b) Should it be necessary to remove a parking meter post or otherwise remove a parking meter, an additional fee shall be charged which reflects the cost incurred by the city for such removal and restoration. These fees shall be established by the public service director, collected by the director's designee, and deposited in the Mobility Enterprise Fund.

(c) The Director may waive or reduce the required fees for permanent removal of parking meters when:
(1) the public benefit of the project or initiative resulting in the meter removal outweighs the loss in revenue;
(2) the potential for undue hardship on the project if the fee is required; or
(3) where the project is City-initiated or includes public funding.