



It is Parking Management's responsibility to ensure safe, convenient and affordable parking for the residents, businesses and visitors to our city. We're committed to meeting the diverse parking needs of the public while promoting compliance with all City parking ordinances and Texas State Statutes.

Parking Management enforces regulations to enhance pedestrian safety and ensure a smooth flow of traffic and to allow emergency vehicles to reach their destinations. Our on-street parking program supports sound regulations for residential areas. By listening to concerns of residents, we understand unique circumstances exist in each area of the City.

By following these simple tips, you can promote safe parking and limit your chances of receiving a citation.

- **Sidewalks are for pedestrian use:** State Statute prohibits parking a vehicle on any portion of the sidewalk at any time. A driveway may include the sidewalk but the sidewalk is considered the public right-of-way. Avoid a citation for this violation by leaving the sidewalk portion of the driveway clear.
- **Blocking driveways is not safe:** When a vehicle parks and blocks a driveway it prevents residents from having access to their homes. It also creates traffic hazards because vehicles will lack the proper clearance needed to back out of the driveway into the street.
- **Parking on the wrong side of the street** is a safety hazard. Vehicles parked on the wrong side of the street are forced to face oncoming vehicles when merging into traffic, putting themselves and others at risk.
- **Do not park on the street for more than 24 hours:** In 1942, the City Council passed an ordinance to prevent vehicles from parking on the public road for more than 24 hours. The ordinance helps to prevent the use of the public road as a place of storage and to support the safe movement of traffic. This is a common provision in many cities.
- **Read signs carefully.** Some streets have parking restrictions or may be designated as residential permit parking areas. Your vehicle could be towed at your own expense.
- **Large vehicles cannot park in a residential district:** To keep residential streets clear for emergency vehicles and pedestrian traffic, large vehicles (over 22 feet) are prohibited from parking on the street except for when they are in the act of loading or unloading.

For additional information regarding parking regulations visit the Parking Management website at [www.houstonparking.org](http://www.houstonparking.org) or call 713-853-8100. Parking Management would also be happy to visit with your Homeowner's Association or Neighborhood Civic Club to address any parking concerns. Please contact Roland De La Cerda, 713.853.8275 for scheduling.