

Offense

It shall be an offense for any person to park or to cause, suffer or permit the parking of a vehicle or equipment on any surface that is not an improved surface as defined in this article, within any front or side yard of a single-family residence in a residential area subject to this section. It is presumed that the registered owner of the vehicle or equipment is the person who parked, caused, suffered or permitted the vehicle or equipment to be parked in violation of this article.

Penalty

Any person who violates any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$150.00. Each day a violation of this article shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

To read the complete ordinance, go to www.Municode.com on the internet and search for City of Houston, Chapter 28, Article X, or enter Parking of Vehicles on Residential Property in the search block.

Emergency 9-1-1 Police Non-Emergency 713-884-3131

HPD Storefronts and DRT Units

Central	
Near Town- 802 Westheimer	832-394-9900
Heights 1127 N. Shepherd	713-803-1151
North	
Near North - 1335 West 43rd	713-956-3140
Ind. Heights - 803 Crosstimbers	713-742-1491
Acres Homes - 6719 W. Montgomery	713-699-9591
Greenspoint - 105 Greenspoint Mall	281-875-6155
Northwest	
Spring Branch - 8400 Long Point	832-394-0100
Willowbrook - 17375 Tomball Pkwy	832-394-2720
Northeast DRT - 8301 Ley Rd	713-635-0200
Fifth Ward - 4014 Market St.	713-238-3232
Denver Harbor - 6402 Market St.	713-670-2117
East Freeway - 12001 East Freeway	713-637-2120
South Central	
Ripley House - 4401 Navigation	832-394-7510
Southmore - 3711 Southmore	832-394-7500
Eastside	
Leija - 4701 Galveston Rd.	713-847-1210
Clear Lake DRT - 2855 Bay Area Blvd.	832-395-1777
Southeast	
Broadway Square - 8751 Broadway	713-847-4155
Telephone Road - 10201 Telephone	713-991-3504
Palm Center - 5330 Griggs	832-394-7650
Sunnyside - 3511 Reed Road	832-394-7465
Southwest	
Westbury - 5600 S Willow Dr.	832-394-7520
Hiram Clarke - 4363 West Fuqua	832-394-9840
South Gessner Division	
Gulfton - 6227 Southwest Fwy	713-314-3171
Braeburn - 7576 W. Bellfort	713-773-7550
Midwest	
Richmond - 6308 Richmond Ave	832-394-7540
Ranchester - 9160 Bellaire	832-394-2780
Westside	
Westwood - 9700 Bissonnet	832-394-7620
Kingwood - 3915 Rustic Woods	832-395-1800

PARKING OF VEHICLES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Houston City Ordinance,
Chapter 28, Article X



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The purpose of this article is to regulate the parking of vehicles or equipment on any surface that is not an improved surface in the front or side yard areas of a single-family residential lot. ***Prohibited Yard Parking or PYP complaints should be reported to the nearest police division or storefront.***

This law only applies to those residential areas where a written petition signed by at least 60% of the owners within the area or an application authorized by the board and signed by the president of an active homeowners association or civic club have made application for inclusion under the ordinance and have been approved by the city council in accordance with the procedures outlined in the ordinance.

You can find out if a residence is covered by the ordinance by calling 311 or going to the city map viewer on the internet at <http://mycity.houstontx.gov/public/> and activating the *Prohibited Yard Parking application*.

Contact the nearest Houston Police Storefront or Differential Response Team (DRT) unit for additional information about prohibited yard parking or to report a violation. See the last page for contact information.

Definitions

Front yard means an area extending the full width of an improved single family lot between its side property lines, the front property lot line and a line that is an extension of the front line of the residential structure located on a lot, excluding a driveway. The front yard of a corner lot shall be determined by the street address of the residence located on such lot.

Side yard means an area of an improved single-family lot circumscribed by a line parallel to and extending along the side of a residential structure located on the lot which line is joined at right angles by lines parallel to and that extend along the front and rear lines of the residential structure on the lot to the side property line of the lot, excluding a driveway.

Improved surface – means an area, excluding a driveway, the surface of which is comprised of selected materials constructed to a depth sufficient to distribute the weight of a vehicle or equipment over such area to preclude deterioration and deflection of the area due to vehicle or equipment load, adverse weather, or other conditions.

Examples of materials with which an improved surface might be constructed include asphalt, concrete, permeable pavement, or other materials approved by the director of the department of Public Works and Engineering.

Vehicle or equipment means and includes any house trailer, mobile home, motor vehicle, truck, passenger motor vehicle, motor home, camper cabin, motorcycle, trailer, boat, farm machinery or similar equipment or any truck with more than two axles or any trailer, mobile home or motor home with a length exceeding 20 feet.

Enforcement

The department's goal is compliance. PYP complaints will be assigned to a Differential Response Team (DRT) officer through the local division or storefront. The DRT officer will meet with the violator/homeowner to educate the citizen and explain the violation. They will be warned that future violations may result in a citation being issued. The preferred method to address PYP violations is for the citizen to call the divisional DRT unit or storefront not by calling 911 or the police dispatcher. Notification can also be made to 311.