

CHAPTER 5

PARKING

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9-501. Generally. Except as hereinafter provided, every vehicle parked upon a street within this municipality shall be so parked that its right wheels are parallel to and within eighteen (18) inches of the right edge or curb of the street. On one way streets where the municipality has not placed signs prohibiting the same, vehicles may be permitted to park on the left side of the street and in such cases the left wheels shall be required to be within eighteen (18) inches of the left edge or curb of the street.

Notwithstanding anything else in this Code to the contrary, no person shall park or leave a vehicle parked on any public street or alley within the corporate fire limits between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. or on any other public street or alley within the corporate limits for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours without the prior approval of the chief of police.

9-502. Angle parking. On those streets which have been signed or marked by the municipality for angle parking no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle indicated by such signs or markings. No person shall angle park any vehicle which has a trailer attached thereto or which has a length in excess of twenty-four (24) feet.

9-503. Occupancy of more than one space. No person shall park a vehicle in any designated parking space so that any part of such vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the official markings on the street or curb designated such space unless the vehicle is too large to be parked within a single designated space.

9-504. Where prohibited. No person shall park a vehicle in violation of any sign placed or erected by the municipality nor:

- (1) On a sidewalk.
- (2) In front of a public or private driveway.
- (3) Within an intersection or within fifteen (15) feet thereof.
- (4) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
- (5) Within a pedestrian crosswalk.
- (6) Within fifty (50) feet of a railroad crossing.
- (7) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station, and

on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station, and within seventy-five (75) feet of the entrance.

- (8) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when other traffic would be obstructed.
- (9) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
- (10) Upon a bridge.
- (11) Alongside of any curb painted yellow or red by the municipality.
- (12) One hundred (100) feet on either side of an official sign prohibiting stopping or parking. Parking shall also be prohibited between official signs stating "No Parking Between Signs" regardless of the distance between such signs. (Ord. #987, 11/01/01).

9-505. Loading and unloading zones. No person shall park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or merchandise in any place marked by the municipality as a loading and unloading zone. Any applicant or any number of applicants may join together for the purpose for applying for such loading or unloading zone, and such applicant or applicants shall pay a reasonable annual charge for the use of such zone, such charge to be determined by the City Commission.

9-506. Regulation of Parking in Designated Spaces. In the B-2 District in city blocks with spaces designated by signs stating, "Two Hour Free Parking" any person shall be allowed to park free in such designated parking space for a period of time not to exceed two hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays; provided, however, within the meaning of this section, the term holiday shall included the following days only: The first of January, the last Monday in May, the 4th of July, the first Monday of September, the fourth Thursday in November, the 25th day of December, and the day of the annual Fish Fry parade. Any other space, not on a block so designated by such sign, or any off-street city parking lot may be used by vehicles without any restrictions on the amount of time a vehicle may be parked in such space, provided, however, that no vehicle shall park in any loading zone, delivery zone, reserved parking space, handicap parking space, or other such restricted space, unless such vehicle meets the requirements provided for elsewhere in the Paris Municipal Code for the use of such restricted parking spaces (Ord. # 474, 8/5/74, Ord. #631, 10/3/85, Ord. # 793, 4/2/92).

9-507. Unlawful Parking in Designated Spaces. Any person violating the provisions of 9-506 or who shall park in any space restricted to particular vehicles as stated in 9-506 shall be in violation of the provisions of this chapter and shall be subject to the provisions of 9-508. (Ord. #793, 4/2/92).

9-508. Prohibited Conduct: Fines for Violations.

A. It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any vehicle to park or allow the vehicle to be parked in a parking space regulated by this chapter for more than the maximum time provided in 9-506, or in any restricted parking space for which that vehicle does not qualify. Moving the vehicle out of a parking space and immediately returning said vehicle to the same parking space is unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this chapter.

B. Any person violating the provisions of the "two (2) hour free parking" provision in the B-2 District as provided in 9-506 shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$50.00, plus the costs of the cause, unless within two (2) days after such violation such person shall waive the right to a judicial hearing and pay a fine of \$3.00, and if such fine is not paid within two (2) days the fine shall be \$5.00 if paid within seven (7) days; provided, however, that any person receiving a second violation of the "two (2) hour free parking" requirements of 9-506 on the same day shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$50.00, plus the costs of the cause, for each violation, unless within two (2) days after such violation said person shall waive the right to a judicial hearing and pay a fine of \$15.00 for such second violation, and if such fine is not paid within two (2) days the fine shall be \$30.00 for such second violation if paid within seven (7) days; provided,

however, that any person receiving a third or subsequent violation of the “two (2) hour free parking” requirements of 9-506 on the same day shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$50.00, plus the cost of the cause, for each violation, unless within two (2) days after such violation said person shall waive the right to a judicial hearing and pay a fine of \$25.00 for such third and each such subsequent violation, and if such fine is not paid within two (2) days the fine shall be \$50.00 for such third and each such subsequent violation if paid within seven (7) days (Ord. #882, 08/03/95).

C. For other parking violations as contained in this chapter, any person violating the provisions shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$50.00, plus the costs of this cause, unless within ten (10) days after such violation such person shall waive the right to a judicial hearing and pay a fine of \$3.00, and if such fine is not paid within ten (10) days, the fine shall be \$5.00 if paid within thirty (30) days (Ord. #831, 07/07/93).

D. No person shall be assessed any penalty for violating the provisions of the “two (2) hour free parking” of 9-506 if such person is, at the time, serving on any jury duty, subpoenaed as a witness in any civil or criminal case, or is serving as a member of any board or committee engaged in public service for which no compensation is received, for either a municipality, the state of Tennessee, or any subdivision thereof, or for the government of the United States of America (Ord. #7/07/93).

9-509. Courtesy tickets. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9-508, the owner or operator of any vehicle which is not registered or licensed in Henry County, Tennessee, shall be given a courtesy ticket in a form approved by the City Manager entitling said owner or operator to park without charge in a properly designated two (2) hour free parking space. The provisions of this section are applicable only to Section 9-508 and violation of the other provisions of Title 9 of the Paris Municipal Code are not affected by the provisions of this section (Ord. #593, 08/04/83, Ord. #699, 12/01/88, Ord. #793, 04/02/92).

9-510. Unlawful to occupy more than one parking meter space. It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any vehicle to park or allow his vehicle to be parked across any line or marking designating a parking space or otherwise so that such vehicle is not entirely within the designated parking space (Ord. #793, 04/02/92).

9-511. Unlawful to deface or tamper with parking signs. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to mark, deface, tamper with, willfully break, destroy, or impair the usefulness of any parking signs or pavement marking, and any such conduct shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punished under the general penalty clauses of the City of Paris, Tennessee (Ord. #793, 04/02/92).

9-512. Repealed by Ord. #793, 04/02/92.

9-513. Presumption with respect to illegal parking. When any unoccupied vehicle is found parking in violation of any provisions of this chapter there shall be a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle is responsible for such illegal parking.

9-514. Sales within a parking meter zone prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of any vehicle to park a vehicle within a parking space for the purpose of selling any kind of merchandise, vegetables, fruit, meat, wood, or any other manufactured, homemade or handgrown items to the public from on or about said vehicle. For the purposes of this section, selling shall include the trade, barter, or taking of orders for future deliveries of items covered by the terms of this section. Any violation of the terms of fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs. Each separate transaction shall constitute a separate violation for the purposes of this section (Ord. #615, 11/01/84; Ord. #793, 04/02/92.)

9-515. Unlawful parking on Shopping Center Lots. It shall be unlawful to park and/or store trucks of more than two axles, semi-tractors and/or semi-trailers, and leave same unattended on parking lots of shopping centers or other public or semi-public parking lots. Violators shall be fined a maximum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) plus court costs and said vehicle shall be removed from the premises at the owner's expense (Ord. #663, 06/04/87.)