

Chapter 10.32

PARKING

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Section 10.32.010 Use of streets for storage of vehicles prohibited.

A. No person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle shall park such vehicle upon a street or alley for more than a consecutive period of seventy-two hours.

B. In the event a vehicle is parked or left standing upon a street in excess of a consecutive period of seventy-two hours, any member of the police department authorized by the chief of police may remove the vehicle from the street in the manner and subject to the requirements of California Vehicle Code Sections 22651 et seq. and 22850 et seq. (Ord. 91-08 § 1; Ord. 16 § 120, 1949; prior code § 10600)

Section 10.32.020 Parking for certain purposes prohibited.

A. It is unlawful upon any public street, right-of-way or public property to park any vehicle, vessel or trailer for the purpose of painting, greasing, or repairing such vehicle, vessel or trailer except for emergency repairs.

B. It is unlawful to park any vehicle, vessel or trailer upon any public street or right-of-way for the purpose of washing or polishing such vehicle, vessel or trailer or any part thereof when a charge is made for such service.

(Ord. 2001-06, Amended, 10/02/2001; Ord. 2001-02, Repealed and Replaced, 01/16/2001)

Section 10.32.030 Angle parking.

A. Whenever the City Engineer, using generally accepted engineering principles and practices, determines that angle parking is appropriate and beneficial, and does not pose a hazard on a any street or portion of street, the City Engineer may mark or sign such street indicating the angle at which vehicles shall be parked. Whenever any ordinance of this city designates and describes any street or portion thereof upon which angle parking shall be permitted, the City Engineer shall mark or sign such street indicating the angle at which vehicles shall be parked.

B. When signs or markings are in place indicating angle parking as provided in this section, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings.

(Ord. 2004-01, Repealed and Replaced, 02/04/2004)

Section 10.32.050 Parking prohibited on narrow streets.

A. The City Engineer is authorized to place signs or markings indicating that parking, stopping, or

standing is prohibited upon any street when the width of the roadway does not exceed thirty feet.

B. When the City Engineer erects signs or markings prohibiting parking, stopping or standing pursuant to subsection A of this section, no person shall park or stop a vehicle in violation of any such sign or marking.

C. Notwithstanding subsections A and B of this section, parking, stopping, or standing on an alley is prohibited except for the loading or unloading of passengers or cargo, and, pursuant to the California Vehicle Code, this prohibition can be enforced even in the absence of any signs or markings.

(Ord. 2004-01, Repealed and Replaced, 02/04/2004)

Section 10.32.060 Implementing parking regulations.

A. The City Engineer shall have the authority and duty to place and maintain or cause to be placed and maintained official parking regulatory signage and markings on public streets when and as required under the traffic ordinances of this city to make effective the provisions of said ordinances.

B. Whenever the Vehicle Code of this state requires for the effectiveness of any provision thereof that parking signage or markings be installed to give notice to the public of the application of such law, the City Engineer is authorized to install the necessary devices subject to any limitations or restrictions set forth in the applicable law.

C. The City Engineer, in consultation with the Police Chief, may also place and maintain such additional regulatory parking signage and markings as he/she may deem necessary in accordance with standards, limitations and rules adopted by ordinance or resolution of the City Council and/or as set forth by generally accepted engineering principles and practices to mitigate hazards or preserve traffic capacity.

D. Whenever signs or markings have been placed in accordance with this section, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle contrary to the regulatory signs or markings.

(Ord. 2004-01, Repealed and Replaced, 02/04/2004)

Section 10.32.070 Unlawful parking by peddlers and vendors.

A. Except as provided in this section, no person shall stand or park any vehicle, wagon or pushcart from which goods, wares, merchandise, fruits, vegetables or foodstuffs are sold, displayed, solicited or offered for sale or bartered or exchanged, or any lunch wagon or eating car or vehicle, on any portion of any street within this city, except that such vehicles, wagons or pushcarts may stand or park only at the request of a bonafide purchaser for a period of time not to exceed ten minutes per customer at any one place, after which time they must move a minimum distance of two hundred feet. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to persons delivering such articles upon order of, or by agreement with, a customer from a store or other fixed place of business or distribution.

B. No person shall park or stand on any street, any lunch wagon, eating cart or vehicle, or pushcart from tamales, peanuts, popcorn, candy or other articles of food are sold or offered for sale without first obtaining a written permit to do so from the legislative body which shall designate the specific location in which such cart shall stand.

C. No person shall park or stand any vehicle, or wagon used or intended to be used in the transportation of property for hire on any street while awaiting patronage for such vehicle or wagon without first obtaining a written permit to do so from the legislative body which shall designate the specific location where such vehicle may stand.

D. Whenever any permit is granted under the provisions of this section and a particular location to park or stand is specified therein, no person shall park or stand any vehicle, wagon, or pushcart on any location other than as designated in such permit. In the event that the holder of any such permit is convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction for violating any of the provisions of this section, such permit shall be forthwith revoked by the legislative body upon the filing of the record of such conviction with the legislative body, and no permit shall thereafter be issued to such person until six months have elapsed from the date of such revocation. (Ord. 94-05 § 5; Ord. 16 § 126, 1949: prior code § 10606)

Section 10.32.080 Emergency parking signs.

A. Whenever the chief of police shall determine that an emergency traffic congestion is likely to result from the holding of public or private assemblages, gatherings or functions, or for other reasons, the chief of police shall have power and authority to order temporary signs to be erected or posted indicating that the operation, parking or standing of vehicles is prohibited on such streets and alleys as the chief of police shall direct during the time such emergency signs are in place. Such signs shall remain in place only during the existence of such emergency and the chief of police shall cause such signs to be removed promptly thereafter.

B. When signs authorized by the provisions of this section are in place giving notice thereof, no person shall operate, park or stand any vehicle contrary to the directions and provisions of such signs. (Ord. 16 § 127, 1949: prior code § 10607)

Section 10.32.090 Display of warning devices when commercial vehicle disabled.

Every motor truck having an unladen weight of four thousand pounds or more, and every truck tractor irrespective of weight when operated upon any street or highway during the time specified in Section 618 of the Vehicle Code shall be equipped with and carry at least two flares or two red lanterns, or two warning lights or reflectors, which reflectors shall be of a type approved by the Department of California Highway Patrol. When any vehicle abovementioned or any trailer or semitrailer is disabled upon streets or highways outside of any business or residence district within this city and upon which street or highway there is insufficient street lighting to reveal a vehicle at a distance of two hundred feet during any time mentioned in Section 618 of the Vehicle Code, a warning signal of the character indicated above shall be immediately placed at a distance of approximately one hundred feet in advance of, and one hundred feet to the rear of such disabled vehicle, by the driver thereof. The warning signals herein mentioned shall be displayed continuously during the times mentioned in Section 618 while such vehicle remains disabled upon such street or highway. (Ord. 16 § 128, 1949: prior code § 10608)

Section 10.32.100 Painted curb markings.

A. The City Engineer is authorized, subject to the provisions and limitations of this title to place, and when required herein, shall place the painted curb markings to indicate parking or standing regulations, and the curb markings shall have the meanings as set forth in California Vehicle Code as modified in this section:

1. Red means no stopping, standing or parking, whether the vehicle is attended or unattended, at any time except that a bus may stop in a red zone marked or sign posted as a bus loading zone.

2. Yellow means no stopping, standing or parking at any time between seven a.m. and six p.m. of any day except Sundays and holidays for any purpose other than the loading or unloading of passengers or materials, provided that the loading or unloading of passengers shall not consume more than three minutes, nor the loading or unloading of materials more than twenty minutes.

3. White indicates stopping for the loading or unloading of passengers or for depositing mail in an adjacent mailbox only.

4. Green means no standing or parking for longer than the time marked on the curb at any time between seven a.m. and six p.m. of any day except Sundays and holidays.

5. Blue means no stopping, standing or parking any vehicle unless that vehicle displays either a distinguishing license plate or a placard issued pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 22511.5. B. When the City Engineer as authorized under this title has caused curb markings to be placed, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle adjacent to any such legible curb marking in violation of any of the provisions of this section. Painted curb markings shall be in effect at all times of the day and days of the week as specified elsewhere in this section unless otherwise posted using signage or markings.

B. When the City Engineer as authorized under this title has caused curb markings to be placed, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle adjacent to any such legible curb marking in violation of any of the provisions of this section. Painted curb markings shall be in effect at all times of the day and days of the week as specified elsewhere in this section unless otherwise posted using signage or markings.

(Ord. 90-08 § 1; Ord. 16 § 141, 1949; prior code § 10610)
(Manual, Amended, 02/04/2004; Ord. 2004-01, Amended, 02/04/2004)

Section 10.32.130 Truck parking in residential districts.

No person shall park any commercial vehicle or motor truck exceeding a maximum gross weight limit of five tons in any residential district except for loading and unloading or servicing a building. (Ord. 86-23 § 2 (part); Ord. 77-2 § 1 (part); prior code § 10620)

Section 10.32.140 Truck parking in all other districts except residential districts.

A. No person shall park any commercial vehicle or motor truck exceeding a maximum gross weight limit of five tons in any district other than a residential district for a period of time exceeding two hours except for loading and unloading or servicing a building.

B. Exceptions. Notwithstanding section 10.32.100, trucks exceeding a maximum gross weight of five tons may park as outlined below:

Trucks may park within the city limits of the city where signage is posted permitting truck parking provided:

1. Trucks, including any trailer or load, that are six feet or more in height, must be parked a minimum of one hundred feet from any intersection or the face of any traffic control device or sign.
2. Trucks must park a minimum of thirty feet from any driveway opening.
3. Trucks must not block or interfere with the proper functioning of sidewalks, walkways or fire hydrants.
4. Trucks must be parked in a safe, legal manner.
5. Trucks containing hazardous material or explosives are prohibited and may not park anywhere within the city limits.
6. No truck is permitted to park that has a refrigeration box in operation or that transports animals and emits harmful or offensive odors within three hundred feet of any residence.
7. No engine revving, use of "jake" brakes or blowing of air horns is permitted.
8. No loading, unloading or transferring cargo materials is permitted.
9. No maintenance of vehicles may be performed on city streets.
10. Access to parking sites must occur utilizing truck routes.
11. Trailers shall not be unhooked from the tractor and at no time shall the trailer "skids" be lowered onto the street. (Ord. 88-20 § 1; Ord. 86-23 § 2 (part); Ord. 77-2 § 1 (part); prior code § 10621)
(Ord. 2003-04, Amended, 04/01/2003)

Section 10.32.150 Parking of vehicles in privately owned parking lots.

A. Whenever a private parking lot is posted and/or signed so as to restrict the use of the lot for parking with respect to periods of time or persons or classes of persons, it is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on the lot contrary to the restrictions stated on the sign.

B. Any sign posted in accordance with this title shall clearly display the phone number of the Galt Police Department and the city ordinance number authorizing the citing of vehicles in violation of the ordinance. (Ord. 79-1 § 1; prior code § 10630)
(Ord. 2006-07, Amended, 06/06/2006)

Section 10.32.160 Parking of vehicles in publicly owned parking lots.

A. The chief of police is authorized to place signs or markings indicating no parking upon any publicly owned parking lot when such parking would, in the opinion of the chief, interfere with traffic or with access to any public facility, or create a hazardous situation.

B. Whenever a public parking lot is posted and/or signed so as to restrict the use of the lot for parking with respect to periods of time or persons or classes of persons, it is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on the lot contrary to the restrictions stated on the sign. (Ord. 95-06 § 1)

Section 10.32.170 Parking in construction zones.

A. The City Engineer and contractors authorized by the City Engineer may prohibit parking temporarily on a street or portion of a street when such use would interfere with repair or construction activities and may place signs or markings prohibiting parking. It is then unlawful for any person to park a vehicle contrary to the restrictions stated on the signs or markings.

B. Whenever any vehicle is parked contrary to the restrictions stated on the signs or markings in accordance with the provisions of this section and signs or markings indicating the restrictions and noticing that the vehicle may be removed have been in place for at least 24 hours, the Chief of Police is authorized to remove the vehicle so parked.

(Ord. 2004-01, Added, 02/04/2004)