



Parking Reminders

The Town of Surf City continues to operate under restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Roy Cooper has extended the Stay-at-Home order until May 8, 2020, which also limits non-essential travel. For this reason, the Town of Surf City's public parking lots remain closed until further notice.

Parking regulations will be enforced in the public right-of-way areas and in front of fire hydrants. The following are different circumstances in which parking in the right-of-way would constitute a violation:

- Parking as to obstruct the passage of other vehicles. Any vehicle parked in a manner, with any portion of the vehicle touching any portion of a street or highway, would be in violation. Furthermore, vehicles parked in any portion of the roadway, can be removed at the owner's expense, to ensure that the roadway has normal passage. (S.C. 17-102)
- Parking within 25 feet of a street intersection. Any vehicle parked on the right-of-way, within 25 feet of a street, is in violation. Certain intersections have parking signs posted that designate the 25 feet area, but others do not, and the ordinance must be adhered to. (S.C. 17-111)
- Parking in a posted or designated "No Parking" area. There are certain areas in town in which have signs prominently posted that prohibits parking in that area. (S.C. 17-103)
- Parking with left side to curb. Any vehicle that is parked in the right-of-way, in a way the left side of the vehicle is facing the curb, is in violation. (S.C. 17-110)
- Parking on any sidewalk in town is a violation. If any vehicle is parked on the right-of-way and is partially parked on the sidewalk, it would constitute a violation. (S.C. 17-107)
- Parking in front of a private driveway. Any vehicle parked in a right-of-way, in front of any private driveway, including businesses, that totally or partially blocks any access, would be in violation. (S.C. 17-112)
- Parking within a prohibited area of a fire hydrant is enforced by state statute. N.C.G.S. 20-162 states the following: (a) No person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, upon a highway in front of a private driveway or within 15 feet in either direction of a fire hydrant or the entrance to a fire station, nor within 25 feet from the intersection of curb lines or if none, then within 15 feet of the intersection of property lines at an intersection of highways.
- Parking within an intersection or in front of an alley. (S.C. 17-108)
- Parking within any part of a pedestrian crosswalk. (S.C. 17-109)

Lastly, people parking on private property will be enforced at the discretion of the property owner, which includes both residential driveways and business parking areas. The Town of Surf City does not enforce illegal parking on private property. The Town encourages property owners to address issues as needed in accordance to the law.

Please understand that these parking regulations are always in effect, even under normal operation. We appreciate your compliance.