

Chapter 18

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***Cross references**—Creation of loud or unnecessary noise prohibited, § 13-116; streets and sidewalks, ch. 17; vehicles for hire, ch. 20; taxicabs, § 20-26.

State law references—Uniform traffic control law, F.S. ch. 316; disposition of traffic infractions, F.S. ch. 318.

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**Sec. 18-1. Speed limit.**

(a) The maximum speed limit shall be 25 miles per hour in the daytime or nighttime on all streets or roads within the corporate limits of the town except as otherwise posted or provided by law.

(b) Violation of the speed limits established pursuant to this section shall be punished as set forth in F.S. § 316.655.

(Ord. No. 210-A, § 1, 2-24-87)

Secs. 18-2–18-25. Reserved.**ARTICLE II. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING*****Sec. 18-26. Authority to establish parking zones and spaces.**

(a) The chief of police of the town, by and with the approval of the town manager, shall, from time to time as in his judgment the public safety, necessity, welfare and convenience may require, be authorized to establish certain parking zones or spaces within the town which may be occupied only in accordance with the provisions of this article.

(b) The chief of police, by and with the approval of the town manager, may change, relocate or abolish parking zones or spaces as in his judgment the public safety, necessity, welfare and convenience may from time to time require.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(1), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-27. Designation and regulation of parking zones and spaces.

The chief of police of the town is hereby instructed to have lines or markings painted or placed upon the curb or upon the street adjacent to such curb for the purpose of designating any parking zone or space established or changed as provided in this article, and to place official signs prohibiting parking upon such designated zones or spaces regulating the length of time for the parking in such designated zones or spaces.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(2), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-28. Days and times regulations in effect.

(a) The regulation of designated parking zones and spaces shall be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on all days except Sundays and legal holidays or such other periods of time as the chief of police, by and with the approval of the town manager, may from time to time determine.

*State law reference—Stopping, standing, parking regulations, F.S. § 316.1945.

(b) The changing of a position of a vehicle from one point directly to another point within the same block shall be deemed one continuous parking period.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(3), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-29. Enforcement of article.

(a) It shall be the duty of all police officers of the town and any parking enforcement specialists of the town to enforce the provisions of this article by issuing a ticket in the form and manner as determined by the chief of police whenever such law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist discovers a vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this article.

(b) Such law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist shall issue the ticket to the driver of the vehicle if the vehicle is attended. If such vehicle is unattended, the law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist shall attach the ticket to the vehicle in a conspicuous place.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(5), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-30. Parking enforcement specialists.

The town may employ as a parking enforcement specialist any individual meeting the requirements of F.S. § 316.640(3)(c)(1) upon the recommendation of the chief of police and subject to the approval of the town manager. Any such parking enforcement specialist employed by the town shall be authorized to enforce all state, county and municipal laws and ordinances governing parking within the boundaries of this municipality; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the carrying of firearms or other weapons by such parking enforcement specialist, nor shall such parking enforcement specialist have arrest authority.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(6), 7-26-88)

State law reference—Parking enforcement specialist, F.S. § 316.640(3)(c).

Sec. 18-31. Liability for payment of parking ticket violations.

(a) The owner of a vehicle shall be responsible and liable for the payment of any parking ticket violation unless such owner can furnish evidence that the vehicle was, at the time of the parking violation, in the care, custody or control of another person. In such instances, the owner of the vehicle is required, within a reasonable time after notification of the parking violation, to furnish the appropriate law enforcement authorities with the name and address of the person or company who leased, rented or otherwise had the care, custody or control of the vehicle. The owner of a vehicle shall not be responsible for a parking ticket violation if the vehicle involved was at the time stolen or in the care, custody or control of some person who did not have the permission of the owner to use the vehicle.

(b) Any person issued a municipal parking ticket by a law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist of this town shall be deemed to be charged with a noncriminal violation and shall comply with the directions on the ticket. If payment is not received or a response to

the ticket is not made within the time period specified thereon, then the chief of police of the town shall transmit the ticket to the county court or its traffic violations bureau for such further proceedings as are now provided for by F.S. § 316.1967.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(21), 7-26-88)

State law references—Parking spaces for the disabled, F.S. §§ 316.1955–316.1964; liability for payment of parking ticket, F.S. § 316.1967.

Sec. 18-32. Penalties for violation of article.

(a) Any person who shall violate the provisions of this article pertaining to the illegal parking, stopping and standing of vehicles shall pay a fine of five dollars for each violation. However, such penalty shall not be applicable to violations of parking regulations for the handicapped, which shall be penalized in accordance with the applicable provisions of state law.

(b) Any such fine of \$5.00 not paid within seven days shall be increased to \$10.00 for each violation if paid prior to the issuance of a notice of delinquency by the town's police department. Upon the issuance of a notice of delinquency by the town's police department, the fine shall be \$15.00 for each violation. Upon the forwarding of such violations by the town's police department for processing through the courts, the fine shall be \$30.00 for each violation.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(23), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-33. Impoundment of vehicles.

The chief of police or any police officer of the town is hereby authorized to take up or cause to be taken up or removed, to a place designated by the town manager, any vehicle parked in violation of any of the provisions of this article and is authorized and empowered to keep such vehicle in such place so designated by the town manager until all fines and charges assessed for moving and storage against the owner and the car have been paid or satisfactory bond has been arranged.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(22), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-34. Illegal parking.

It shall be unlawful and a violation of this article for any person to cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name or operated by him to be parked in a zone or space where parking is prohibited or to be parked beyond the legal period of time designated for a parking zone or space established in accordance with the provisions of this article.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(4), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-35. Parking prohibited in specified places.

(a) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

- (1) On a sidewalk.

- (2) In front of a private or public driveway.
- (3) Within an intersection.
- (4) Within ten feet of a fire hydrant.
- (5) On a crosswalk.
- (6) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
- (7) Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of the roadway.
- (8) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the traffic authority indicates a different length of signs or markings.
- (9) So that any part of the vehicle shall come within ten feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing.
- (10) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station.
- (11) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.
- (12) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge of a curb or street.
- (13) Upon a bridge.
- (14) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.
- (15) With the left side of any vehicle to the curb.

(b) No person shall move a vehicle not owned by him into any such prohibited area or away from a curb at a distance which is unlawful.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(11), 7-26-88)

State law reference—Similar provisions, F.S. § 316.1945.

Sec. 18-36. Hazardous or congested places.

When signs are erected upon approach to hazardous or congested places, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in any such designated place.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(13), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-37. Parking adjacent to schools.

When signs are erected indicating no parking upon the side of the street adjacent to any school property, no person shall park a vehicle in any such designated place.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(14), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-38. Bus and taxicab stands.

(a) The driver of a bus or taxicab shall not stand or park upon any street in any business district at any place other than at a bus stop or taxicab stand, respectively. However, this subsection shall not prevent the driver of any such vehicle from temporarily stopping in accordance with other stopping or parking regulations at any place for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers.

(b) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle other than a bus in a bus stop, or other than a taxicab in a taxicab stand, when any such stop or stand has been officially designated and appropriately signed. However, the driver of a passenger vehicle may temporarily stop therein for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers when such stopping does not interfere with any bus or taxicab waiting to enter or about to enter such zone.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(16), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-39. Passenger zones.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers in any place marked as a passenger zone during the hours when the regulations applicable to such passenger zone are effective, and then only for a period not to exceed one minute.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(8)(a), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-40. Loading zones.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time other than for the expeditious unloading and delivery or pickup and loading of materials in any place marked as a loading zone during hours when the provisions applicable to loading zones are in effect. In no case shall the stop for loading and unloading of materials exceed 30 minutes.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(8)(b), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-41. All night parking.

No person, except physicians on emergency calls, shall park a vehicle on any street for a period of time longer than 30 minutes between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day when signs are erected in each block giving notice thereof.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(12), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-42. Parking wide trucks and trailers on narrow streets at night.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of or the person having the custody of a truck or trailer, any portion of the body of which is more than 78 inches wide, to park or leave such truck between sundown and sunup except in emergencies upon the pavement of any street in the town, the paved portion of which is less than 31 feet in width.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(9), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-43. Free movement of traffic.

(a) No person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle upon a street other than an alley in such manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic, except that a driver may stop temporarily during the actual loading or unloading of passengers or when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations, traffic signs or signals or a police officer.

(b) No person shall park a vehicle within an alley for over 15 minutes unless there is left available not less than eight feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(15), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-44. Parking for certain purposes prohibited.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of:

- (1) Displaying it for sale; or
- (2) Washing, greasing or repairing vehicle, except for repairs necessitated by an emergency.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(10), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-45. Using vehicle for advertising and sale of merchandise.

No person shall operate or park on any street any vehicle for the primary purpose of advertising or for the sale of any merchandise or anything of value unless a permit therefor has first been obtained from the chief of police.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(20), 7-26-88)

Sec. 18-46. Manner of parking.

No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of the traffic, with the curbside wheels of the vehicle within 12 inches of the edge of the roadway, except as provided in the following subsections:

- (1) Upon those streets which have been marked or signed for angle parking or otherwise designated, vehicles shall be parked at the angle to the curb indicated by such mark or sign.
- (2) In places where and at hours when stopping for the loading or unloading of merchandise or materials is permitted, vehicles used for the transportation of merchandise or materials may back into the curb to take on or discharge loads for a reasonable time interval, provided that a driver shall be in actual control of the vehicle at all times during such period that the vehicle is standing or stopped.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(7), 7-26-88)

State law reference—Parking regulation, F.S. § 316.195.

Sec. 18-47. Unattended motor vehicles.

No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, or when standing upon any perceptible grade without effectively setting the brake thereon and turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(17), 7-26-88)

State law reference—Similar provisions, F.S. § 316.1975.

Sec. 18-48. Lights on parked vehicles.

(a) Whenever a vehicle is lawfully parked on a street during the time between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise and there is sufficient light to reveal any person within a distance of 500 feet upon such street, no lights need be displayed upon such parked vehicle.

(b) When during these times or at any other time there is not sufficient light upon a street to reveal a person at a distance of 500 feet, a parked vehicle shall be equipped with one or more lamps which shall exhibit a white light on the roadway side visible for a distance of 500 feet to the front of the vehicle and a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear. Any lighted headlamps upon a parked vehicle shall be depressed or dimmed.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(18), 7-26-88)

State law reference—Similar provisions, F.S. § 316.229.

Sec. 18-49. Moving cars from parked positions.

Cars parked shall move out in the direction headed. If they are parked at an angle with the curb, they shall back out on that angle until they have cleared the other cars and shall proceed in the direction they are most nearly headed in. No person shall start a vehicle which is stopped, standing or parked unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety.

(Ord. No. 217, § 1(19), 7-26-88)

