

Chapter 18

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC*

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***Cross references**—Taxicabs, § 8-111 et seq.; garbage collection vehicles to be approved, § 15-35; washing vehicles on streets prohibited, § 16-1.

State law reference—Uniform Traffic Act, Vernon's Ann. Civ. St. art. 6701d et seq.



ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**Sec. 18-1. State vehicle storage act inapplicable in city.**

(a) The provisions of Vernon's Ann. Civ. St. art. 6687-9a being the Vehicle Storage Facility Act, and the rules adopted under the act do not apply inside the city.

(b) A copy of this section shall be delivered to the state department of labor and standards.
(Ord. No. 02-04-86, § 2, 4-28-86)

Sec. 18-2. Obstructions to traffic to be removed by property owners.

(a) It shall be the duty of the owner of real property to remove from such property any tree, plant, shrub, or other obstruction, or part thereof, which, by obstructing the view of any driver, constitutes a traffic hazard.

(b) When the state highway commission or any local authority, including but not limited to the city determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that such traffic hazard exists, it shall notify the owner and order the hazard to be removed within ten days.

(c) The failure of the owner to remove such traffic hazard within ten days shall constitute an offense punishable in accordance with section 1-14.
(Ord. No. 04-08-85, 4-29-85)

Secs. 18-3–18-30. Reserved.**ARTICLE II. OPERATION****Sec. 18-31. Speed limits.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a motor vehicle at a greater speed than 25 miles per hour in the city except by the East Dallas school which speed limit shall be 20 miles per hour and West 3rd Street by the high school where the speed limit shall be 20 miles per hour.

(Ord. of 5-13-46, § 1)

Sec. 18-32. Drivers to obey traffic signs and signals.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to disobey the instructions of any traffic sign or signal placed in view by authority of the mayor and city council or in accordance with the laws of the state except upon direction of a police officer.

(Ord. No. 02-03-81, § 2, 3-9-81)

Secs. 18-33–18-60. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING***Sec. 18-61. Stop signs and obedience thereto.**

(a) There may be installed at such points on streets and avenues in the city, as may be directed by the city council, appropriate signs notifying drivers of vehicles to come to a full stop. Such signs, devices or marks shall bear the word "STOP" and shall be located in such a position and with letters of such a size as to be clearly legible from a distance of at least 100 feet along the street upon which the sign is placed. All such signs shall be illuminated at night or so placed as to be illuminated by streetlights or by the headlights of approaching motor vehicles. Whenever any such sign has been created it shall be unlawful for the driver or operator of any vehicle to fail to stop in obedience thereto. The operator of any vehicle who has come to a full stop as required above shall be subject to the usual right-of-way prescribed by law.

(b) The chief of police or any other person authorized by the mayor and council shall cause signs to be posted in all areas where parking is limited or prohibited, indicating such limitations or prohibitions.

(Ord. No. 01-06-78, § 7, 1-6-78; Ord. No. 03-01-88, § 1, 3-28-88)

Sec. 18-62. No parking allowed in certain places.

At any time it shall be unlawful to permit any vehicle to stand in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device:

- (1) In any intersection.
- (2) In a crosswalk.
- (3) Upon any bridge or viaduct.
- (4) Within 20 feet of any intersection or crosswalk.
- (5) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- (6) Any place where the vehicle would block the use of a driveway.
- (7) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad grade crossing.
- (8) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire department station and on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any such station within 75 feet of such entrance when properly signposted.
- (9) On any sidewalk.
- (10) At any place where official signs prohibit parking.

(Ord. No. 01-06-78, § 1, 1-6-78)

*Cross reference—Parking near ball park, § 13-6.

Sec. 18-63. Parking at curb.

No vehicle shall be parked with the left side of such vehicle next to the curb, except on one-way streets, and it shall be unlawful to stand or park any vehicle in a street other than parallel with the curb and with the two right wheels of the vehicle within 18 inches of the regularly established curblines, except that upon those streets that have been marked for angle parking, vehicles shall be parked at the angle to the curb indicated by such marks.

(Ord. No. 01-06-78, § 2, 1-6-78)

Sec. 18-64. Vehicles for sale.

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle upon any street for the purpose of displaying it for sale, or to park any vehicle upon any business street or in front of or adjacent to any business establishment for purposes of peddling merchandise from the vehicle.

(Ord. No. 01-06-78, § 3, 1-6-78)

Cross reference—Licenses and business regulations, ch. 8.

Sec. 18-65. Alleys.

No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic, and no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle within an alley in such a position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property.

(Ord. No. 01-06-78, § 4, 1-6-78)

Sec. 18-66. Loading zones.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to stand a passenger vehicle for a period of time longer than is necessary for the loading or unloading of passengers, not to exceed 30 minutes, and for the driver to stand any freight carrying vehicle for a period of time longer than is necessary to load, unload and deliver materials, not to exceed 30 minutes, in any place designated by the city council as a loading zone and marked as such. It shall not be unlawful to park any vehicle in an area marked as a loading zone between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

(Ord. No. 01-06-78, § 5, 1-6-78)

Sec. 18-67. Parking motor vehicles on private property.

It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle on any private property without the consent of the owner of the property.

(Ord. No. 01-06-78, § 6, 1-6-78)

Sec. 18-68. Parking near public schools prohibited.

Parking motor vehicles is prohibited near the public schools as follows:

No parking along the east boundary line of S.W. 3rd Street from its intersection with West Waco Street to its intersection with West Houston Street; and, along the south boundary

line of West McKinney Street from its intersection with S.W. 3rd Street to its intersection with S.W. 4th Street; and, along the east side of S.W. 4th Street from its intersection with West Houston Street to its intersection with West McKinney Street; and along the west side of S.W. 4th Street from its intersection with West San Antonio Street to its intersection with West McKinney Street; and, along the south side of West Houston Street from its intersection with S.W. 6th Street to its intersection with S.W. 3rd Street.

(Ord. No. 04-23-90, § I, 4-23-90)

Sec. 18-69. Parking near fire station prohibited.

Parking motor vehicles is prohibited near the city fire station as follows:

No parking along both the east and west boundary line of N.E. 1st Street from its intersection with Bonham Street to its intersection with Cooper Street; excepting only those areas designated and posted for handicapped parking.

(Ord. No. 04-24-90, § I, 4-24-90)