

City of Tampa Parking Regulations

Sec. 15-43. - Parking in front of residences or public or private driveways.

(a) All taxicabs, buses and motor vehicles for hire are prohibited from stopping, standing or parking at any time in front of any residence without permission from the owner or the occupant of such residence.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, within ten (10) feet from the edge of a public or private driveway except in metered spaces or otherwise marked spaces available for parking or to momentarily pick up or discharge a passenger.

(c) It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a vehicle across the street from a driveway if the street width is twenty-five (25) feet or less except in metered spaces or otherwise marked spaces available for parking or to momentarily pick up or discharge a passenger.

Sec. 15-44. - Ten feet of roadway to remain open for vehicular traffic.

It is unlawful for any operator to stop, stand or park any vehicle upon a street, in a traffic lane, any alley or other city owned or operated property in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of the width of the traffic lane or roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic, except that an operator may stop only during the actual loading or unloading of passengers or when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals or a police officer.

Sec. 15-47. - Parking motor vehicles of eighty-six inches or more in width on certain streets prohibited.

No motor vehicle, as defined by Florida Statutes as may be amended, of eighty-six (86) inches or more in overall width (not including mirrors) shall be parked on any street, alley, or city owned or operated property, other than for loading and unloading, if parked adjacent to property designated by Chapter 27 of this Code as a residential district. A written warning will be provided prior to the issuance of a ticket. After twelve (12) hours, if the motor vehicle is parked in any prohibited location, a ticket may be issued. Failure to move the motor vehicle in violation from streets, alleys, or city owned or operated property within two (2) hours after the issuance of a ticket shall subject the motor vehicle to immobilization and/or impoundment as provided under this chapter.

Sec. 15-49. - Parking vehicles on street for purposes of sale.

It is unlawful for any person to park any vehicle displayed for sale upon any city owned or operated lot, garage or other property or street.

Sec. 15-50. - Parking vehicles for primary purpose of vending, displaying or advertising goods, services or place of business.

It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park on any street or city owned or operated parking lot, garage or other property, any vehicle for the purpose of vending, displaying or advertising goods, services or any place of business.

Sec. 15-52. - Parking vehicles with altered or expired license tags.

It is unlawful for any vehicle to be stopped, standing or parked in any city owned or operated parking space, parking lot or other parking facility or property if such vehicle is not licensed in accordance with the laws of the state, if it displays a license tag that is expired or altered such that a person cannot reasonably discern the complete license tag number or if it does not display a valid license tag. Sec. 15-120. - Enforcement, in general.

Enforcement of parking violations, and impoundment and immobilization of vehicles as provided herein, serves a municipal purpose. Article VIII, section 2(b) of the Florida Constitution along with F.S. § 166.021, gives municipalities "home rule" powers. Article V, Section 1 of the Florida Constitution along with F.S. Ch. 162, empowers local governments to use local code enforcement boards or special magistrates. F.S. Ch. 316, provides the City with original jurisdiction over all streets and highways, except state roads, and allows for the placement of traffic control devices. In addition, F.S. Ch. 316, provides local jurisdictions with the authority to regulate specified activities on streets and highways to include, but not limited to parking and restricting the use of the streets. Municipalities are expressly authorized to regulate the parking of motor vehicles for any purpose with respect to streets, highways, or other property under the jurisdiction of the municipality. It is the intent of this chapter to regulate and enforce the enumerated areas within which the city may control certain traffic movements or parking within the jurisdiction of the City of Tampa as provided under F.S. Ch. 316. F.S. Ch. 316, shall be supplemental to any provisions of this chapter, but nothing herein shall be in conflict with F.S. Ch. 316. Unless otherwise specified, the regulation and disposition of violations of this chapter shall be enforced by using a hearing officer as defined herein.

Sec. 15-121. - Issuance of parking tickets; payment or contesting tickets; penalties for parking violations; requesting a parking division review.

(a) A law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist who discovers a vehicle parked in violation of this chapter or other law may issue a parking ticket form as may be used by the parking division to a vehicle as identified by the license plate number, vehicle identification number, or with other specificity to ensure the vehicle in violation can be identified and deliver it to the driver; or if the vehicle is unattended, attach such ticket to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, except that a uniform traffic citation prepared by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may not be issued by being attached to an unattended vehicle. A uniform traffic citation shall not be used for a parking violation of the Code. Under Division 4, the term "vehicle" shall include "non-motive vehicle".

(b) The parking ticket shall provide: (1) The date and time of issuance; (2) The name or identification number of the officer or traffic enforcement specialist who issued the ticket; (3) A description of the violation; (4) The penalty amount; (5) The period of time in which it must be paid or set for a parking violation hearing before it is considered in delinquent status; (6) The vehicle information; (7) Information on how and where the ticket may be paid; and (8) Information on how the ticket may be contested.

(c) The driver or owner of the vehicle which was issued a ticket shall elect to pay the ticket as described in paragraph (d) or request a parking violation hearing as described in paragraph (g). Failure to pay a ticket, or request a parking violation hearing, within the specified time period shall result in the ticket being in delinquent status, unless the ticket has already been dismissed under a parking division review as described in paragraph (i).

(d) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this section, the violation of any provision of this chapter relating to parking shall be a noncriminal civil infraction punishable by a penalty of twenty-nine dollars

(\$29.00) or if full payment is received by the city parking division within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of the violation. Instructions for making payments shall be described on the ticket.

15-122. - Vehicles parked in violation of regulations deemed nuisance; continuous parking in metered parking spaces; habitual parking status.

(a) The owner of any vehicle shall be held responsible for any vehicle found upon a street or highway in violation of any provision of this chapter, or any ordinances(s) or executive order for emergency which regulates the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles. Nothing contained in this chapter shall limit the ability of the city to seek other enforcement action as may be permitted in the Code nor limit the ability of the City to enjoin a nuisance.

(c) It is unlawful to park a vehicle in violation of this chapter which is in habitual parking status. A vehicle meeting the qualifications of habitual parking status commits an additional violation under this sub-section punishable by a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and shall be immediately immobilized, and if necessary impounded, as provided for under this chapter.

15-125. - Additional penalties and enforcement to include immobilization, impoundment, and use of a collection agency.

(a) The parking division, Tampa Police Department, or personnel as designated by the director are authorized to attach a device that is capable of immobilizing a vehicle as described in this chapter when:

- (1) It is determined that the plate number attached to a vehicle or the owner of a vehicle owes one hundred (\$100.00) dollars or more to the parking division as a result of tickets which are in delinquent status, according to the records of the parking division;
- (2) A violation of subsection [15-122\(c\)](#) exists, relating to habitual parking status;
- (3) A violation of [section 15-86](#) exists, relating to non-motorized vehicles;
- (4) A violation of [section 15-47](#), relating to motor vehicles of eighty-six (86) inches or more in overall width;
- (5) Otherwise authorized by Code or law to include F.S. Ch. 316, for violations of Florida's Uniform Traffic Control Laws.

(b) In order to ensure the safety of the vehicle, a vehicle immobilized between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. shall be impounded if the reason for the immobilization has not been resolved and the immobilization device has not been removed by 9:00 p.m. on the day of the immobilization. A vehicle immobilized between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. may be immediately impounded. Violations of [section 15-86](#), relating to non-motorized vehicles, may be immediately impounded or immobilized for the purpose of immediate impoundment and shall not be released until any immobilization and impoundment penalties and costs are paid. Nothing herein shall prohibit a vehicle from being immobilized or impounded where otherwise authorized by Code or law.

(c) The clerk of the circuit court and the county court, or the parking division shall supply the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles with an electronic data file listing persons who have three (3) or more outstanding parking violations or who have any outstanding violations of F.S. § 316.1955. The provisions of F.S. § 320.03(8) shall apply to each person whose name appears on such lists.

(d) The city may send all penalties and costs owed under this chapter to collections and where authorized by law, place a lien on real or personal property, to include liens for recovering, towing, or storing vehicles as authorized under F.S. § 713.78.

Reference: City Of Tampa Code of Ordinances Chapter 15 - PARKING