



Parking in Your Front Yard? *New Ordinance* ***Regulates Front Yard Parking***

In December 2008, the Knoxville City Council approved Ordinance O-243-08, which amended the Knoxville City Code, Appendix B, Zoning Regulations, as it relates to parking in the front yard at single family homes and duplexes. Copies of this ordinance may be obtained from the City Recorder's Office, City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Room 460, Knoxville, TN 37902.

Effective January 17, 2009, parking in your front yard is prohibited except on approved parking surfaces and under special circumstances listed below. You will no longer be allowed to park in the grass or dirt. These amendments also restrict the width and placement of driveways.

Parking in the front yard will be allowed under these special circumstances:

1. Vehicles with a current and properly displayed disabled license or placard.
2. Temporary loading or unloading.
3. When construction, remodeling, maintenance, or repairs are being performed on the property. *Temporary front-yard parking shall not exceed one permit period for which a city building permit is valid or as necessary to complete the work.*
4. Parking for isolated, non-recurring gatherings, parties, or visitors. *This exception is not intended to provide permanent or semi-permanent parking for extra cars.*
5. Within a two-mile radius of Neyland Stadium during a University of Tennessee home football game and within a one-mile radius of Chilhowee Park during a City-approved event.

Approved Parking Surface is an existing parking surface which was approved and permitted by the City of Knoxville Engineering Department at the time of installation. As a reminder: A permit is required when new driveways are installed or modifications are made to existing driveways. These permits are issued by the City of Knoxville, Department of Engineering, City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Room 480, Knoxville, TN 37902. They can be reached by phone at 865-215-2148.

Driveways and parking spaces must comply with the provisions of the Knoxville City Code, Appendix B, Zoning Regulations and the City of Knoxville, Department of Engineering Land Development Manual.

If you have questions about front yard parking, please call the Zoning Office at 865-215-4473.

For questions about approved parking surfaces and approved driveways and parking spaces, please call the City Engineering Department at 865-215-2148.