

Abandoned Vehicles

A vehicle can be deemed abandoned if:

1. It is located on public property illegally
2. Has not been moved for three (3) days (if on public property)
3. Constitutes a hazard or obstruction to the movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic
4. It is located on private property without the consent of the owner (or person in control of the property) for more than forty-eight (48) hours.
5. The engine, transmission or differential has been removed or that is otherwise partially dismantled or inoperable and left on public properties
6. If an impounded vehicle is not claimed within twenty (20) days after the vehicle's removal
7. Is at least three (3) model years old, is mechanically inoperable and is left on private property (publically visible) for more than twenty (20) continuous days
8. Located on public property without license plate

Once found to be abandoned, the enforcement authority may:

1. Tag the vehicle appropriately—establishing a set time period for removal
2. Reinspect the vehicle after the time period has passed
3. If vehicle is still present and unmoved, they may tow the vehicle
4. Auction or scrap the vehicle (after redemption period has passed and vehicle remains unclaimed)

For a full description of abandoned vehicle definitions and removal procedures, please see municipal ordinance sections: 20-27, 20-28, 20-29, 20-30.

Remember, if your car is inoperable, and you have no intention of repairing it, you are able to either donate or scrap it at no cost to you!

Negative Impacts of Improper Parking

- Environmental factors (ex: air conditioner refrigerant, gas, motor oil, etc. can contaminate the soil)
- Reduces amount of green space
 - ⇒ Kills grass
 - ⇒ Creates ruts
 - ⇒ Causes mud
- Curb and/or sidewalk damage (when driven over repeatedly)
- May lower property values over time
- Dangerous for children and pets
- Aesthetics - no one likes looking at it!



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Parking Violation Fines

Depending on the type of parking violation, you may be issued tickets up to \$2,500 per day for parking violations!

General Information

If you have questions about city codes or would like to request a city service, please dial: **311 or 233-0311**

Parking Guidelines



The Department of Code Enforcement asks for your cooperation in keeping your neighborhood a clean and pleasant place to live.

Contact Us!

Code Enforcement
 13th Floor County-City Building
 227 W. Jefferson Blvd.
 South Bend, IN 46601
 574-235-9486

Office Hours:
 Monday - Friday
 8:00 AM - 4:45 PM

Website: <https://>



Common Types of Parking Violations

- Parking on Vacant Lots
- Parking on Yard or Tree Lawn (i.e. grass)
- Parking on Sidewalks
- Blocking Alleyways
- Parking within 15 Feet of a Fire Hydrant
- Parking Inoperable Vehicles on Public Property
- Improper Storage and Parking
- Parking Commercial Vehicles (trucks) in Residential Zones

Sec. 14-42. - Parking prohibited in residential lawn areas; limited exceptions.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle in a front yard, in a side yard, or in a rear yard which abuts a street of a lot zoned for a residential use or dwelling, except that parking shall be permitted on a hard-surfaced driveway or approved parking space.
- (b) Parking of any motor vehicle in violation of the regulations set forth in this article is deemed a public nuisance.
- (c) The owner of a motor vehicle parked in a residentially zoned area where a permit has been issued under [section 14-54](#) shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.
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See www.municode.com/library/in/south_bend/codes/code_of_ordinances for additional ordinances, restrictions and information.

Game Day / Special Event Parking

Under Section 14-56 of the municipal code, if someone wishes to allow temporary yard parking in a residential zone they must:

1. Obtain a permit for conditional one-day parking
 - Complete an application
 - File application with City Clerk
 - Pay nonrefundable fee
 - Provide proof of residency
 - ◆ Indiana driver's license
 - ◆ Copy of property tax bill
 - ◆ Copy of signed lease **AND** letter from landlord approving lawn parking request
 - ◆ Copy of real estate purchase agreement
2. Post permit in a visible location on an inside front window of the residential building
3. If you plan to have 10 or more vehicles parked, you will need to provide a lot survey, site plan or similar legal document

Note: there are a maximum of twelve (12) calendar days authorized per year per property for special event parking.

Sec. 14-43. - Parking prohibited on sidewalks or curb areas.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle over any part of a sidewalk or curb that is parallel to the street adjacent to a lot.
- (b) Any portion of a motor vehicle which protrudes over or onto a sidewalk or curb shall be considered a violation of this section.

Zoning Ordinance

Sec. 21-02.11 (e)

Zoning Violations in Residential Districts (abbreviated)

- (4) Large Vehicles - No tractor, trailer, tractor-trailer combination, or vehicle (including but not limited to a tow truck, dump truck, flatbed truck, semi-trailer, and the like) equal to or in excess of one and one half (1 ½) tons capacity, or which has a bed more than eight feet long, may be parked upon any land or premises in any Residential District
- (5) No parking, storing, maintaining or keeping of any recreational vehicle or recreational trailer in any residential district unless in compliance with the following:
 - (A) recreational vehicles or recreational trailers may be parked or stored:
 - i. inside an accessory building or garage; or
 - ii. outside in such a manner that no part of any such recreational vehicle shall project into any:
 - a. minimum front yard for a primary building;
 - b. minimum side yard for a primary building; or,
 - c. minimum rear yard for an accessory building.
 - (B) Not more than a total of two (2) recreational vehicles [and/or] recreational trailers shall be permitted to be parked or stored in the open on the same lot at any one time.
 - (C) Parked or stored recreational vehicles shall not be occupied or used for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes in any residential district.
- (6) Parking of Vehicles - General:
 - (A) The parking of any motor vehicles of any size or nature for any period of time on a lot of record without a primary building also being located on said lot of record shall be a zoning violation.
 - (B) If a primary building exists on a lot of record, parking on said lot of record shall be accessory to the use of the primary building located on said lot of record.
 - (D) The parking of any vehicles within the required minimum front setback shall not be allowed unless the parking is on a legal, properly hard-surfaced driveway or parking space which has a durable and dust-free surface, as required by [Section 21-07.04](#).



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