

TITLE VIII

Chapter 37

PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND ABANDONED VEHICLES

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37.01 PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for the operator of a motor vehicle to park upon the following City streets between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. for longer than three (3) continuous hours:
 - (A) Broadway Street from Highway 95 to Pearl Street
 - (B) Urberg Street from Broadway to First Street
 - (C) Gilbert Street from Broadway to Center Street
- (2) No parking shall be permitted at any time in the following zones:
 - (A) Pearl Street between Broadway and the south line of the municipal property on the east side of Pearl Street.
 - (B) Broadway between Pearl Street and Tappen Coulee Creek Bridge on the south side of Broadway.
 - (C) The alley connecting Broadway and First Street on the west side of said alley.
 - (D) South side of 1st Street directly across the street to the South of the Blair Police Department and USPS driveways.
 - (E) South side of E Center Street and West side of Pumphouse Road.
- (3) Five (5) minute parking only shall be permitted on the west side of Urberg Street in front of the Blair Post Office.
- (4) The foregoing restrictions do not apply to Sundays and holidays. Applicable holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- (5) No truck, other than pickup trucks, shall be allowed to park on Center Street between State Highway 95 and Gilbert Street, however, Semi-trucks and dump trucks are allowed to park in this section of roadway if they are waiting to enter into a commercial or industrial business for loading or unloading products at said business but in no event is overnight parking of the same allowed on this section of roadway.

- (6) In all other areas of the City, it shall be unlawful to park upon City streets in excess of twenty-four (24) continuous hours. Special arrangements for parking in excess of specified time limits may be allowed by the City Police Department. Such special arrangements must be secured from the Police Department in writing in advance of the intended parking.
- (7) Use of city parking lots for off street parking is available for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) continuous hours. Special arrangements for parking in excess of the specified time may be allowed by the city police department.
- (8) Trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles shall not be permitted to park on West Broadway in the following parking spaces:
 - (A) The first two (2) spaces on the south side of Broadway west of Dover Street.
 - (B) The first two (2) spaces on the south side of Broadway west of Urberg Avenue.
 - (C) The first two (2) spaces on the south side of Broadway west of Pearl Street.
 - (D) The first two (2) spaces on the north side of Broadway west of Gilbert Street
- (9) Responding emergency personnel are exempt from parking restrictions.

37.02 PENALTIES.

- (1) The penalty for each violation of this ordinance shall be a forfeiture of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) if paid within ten (10) working days of the date of the violation. If after thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the violation, the forfeiture remains unpaid, a fine of thirty dollars (\$30.00) will be assessed and a warrant may be issued for the arrest of the alleged violator if the forfeiture remains unpaid after sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the violation.
- (2) Vehicles in violation of this Chapter are subject to towing at the owner's expense.

37.03 ABANDONED VEHICLES.

- (1) Abandoned Vehicle Defined. Any vehicle left unattended for more than seventy-two (72) hours after a parking violation has been affixed to the vehicle, is deemed abandoned and constitutes a public nuisance. A "vehicle" includes any motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or mobile home, whether or not the vehicle is registered under Chapter 341, Wis. Stat.
- (2) Towing. An abandoned vehicle may be towed and / or impounded by the city police department. The impounding shall continue until lawfully claimed or disposed of as provided herein.
- (3) Notice. The officer removing or causing removal of any vehicle found in violation of this section shall immediately notify the police department of the abandonment and location of the impounded vehicle and shall, within ten (10) days thereafter, notify the owner and lien holder of record of the impoundment by certified mail and of their right to reclaim the vehicle. Notice shall be in compliance with the provisions of §341.40(3), Wis. Stat.

- (4) Junked or Sold. If the impounded vehicle remains as such for a period of thirty (30) days, the vehicle may be junked or sold pursuant to this ordinance. The vehicle shall not be disposed of if it is shown that it is the subject matter of a pending Circuit Court action or is needed for evidence in a criminal case.
- (5) Payment to Reclaim Vehicle. In order to reclaim the vehicle, the owner or lien holder must pay any outstanding parking violation penalties in addition to the costs incurred by the City for towing and storage of the vehicle.
- (6) Sale. Each retained or impounded vehicle not reclaimed by the owner or lien holder may be disposed of by sealed bid or auction as provided in §343.40(3), Wis. Stat.
- (7) Sale to Bar Claims. The sale of a vehicle under the provisions of this section shall constitute a bar of further claims by the City arising out of the circumstances leading to the violation of this ordinance.
- (8) Notice to Department. Within five (5) days after the sale or disposition of a vehicle under this section, the Clerk shall advise the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles, of such sale or disposition on a form supplied by the Department.

37.04

REFERENCE.

The City has snow and other street hazard emergency provisions and restrictions set forth in Chapter 28 of this Code. The provisions of Chapter 28 control as to those restrictions as if set forth herein.

September 12, 2011 – repeal and recreate Section 37.02

August 12, 2013 – repeal and recreate Section 37.02

February 3, 2020 – repeal and recreate subsection (6) Section 37.01

November 22, 2023 – amended Section 37.01(2)(a), 37.01(2)(d) and (e), 37.01(10), 37.02

October 23, 2024 – amended Section 37.01(5), Section 37.01 Subsections (6)&(7) combined into new subsection (6), (8) thru (10) shall be renumbered ((7) thru (9)