

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

BY COUNCILMEMBER COOK:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-029

TO ENACT TITLE 11, CHAPTER 28 RELATIVE TO PARKING
AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of St. George desires to provide for the regulation of parking in the City of St. George;

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. George City Council, State of Louisiana, Title 11, Chapter 28 entitled "Parking" is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Section 1. Enactment

**Title 11. TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES
Chapter 28. PARKING**

PART 1. IN GENERAL

Sec. 11:2801. Definitions

The following terms when used in this Chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- (a) "Bus" shall mean a motor-propelled vehicle with a truck or tandem truck chassis designed for transporting more than sixteen persons.
- (b) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, including mopeds and motor scooters.
- (c) "Motorhome" means a motor-propelled recreational vehicle built on a van, truck, or bus chassis, designed to serve as self-contained living quarters for recreational travel.
- (d) "Motor vehicle lessor" means the owner of a vehicle registered in Louisiana who is engaged in the business of renting or leasing vehicles pursuant to rental or leasing agreements.
- (e) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle that is self-propelled, required to be registered with the Office of Motor Vehicles, or is used or designed to be used for the transporting of passengers or goods upon a public highway.
- (f) "Owner" means every person who holds the legal title to a motor vehicle. The registered owner shown on the records of the Office of Motor Vehicles shall be presumed to be the owner of a motor vehicle.
- (g) "Person" means a natural person or juridical person including any entity to which the law attributes personality including but not limited to a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or trust.
- (h) "Recreational Vehicles" means motorhomes or campers, travel trailers, fifth wheels, or other trailers or semi-trailers designed to serve as self-contained living quarters for recreational travel.
- (i) "Trailer" or "Semitrailer" means a vehicle without motive power designed for carrying property or passengers drawn by a motor vehicle.
- (j) "Vehicle" means a motor vehicle, motorcycle, bus, motorhome, trailer, or semitrailer.

Sec. 11:2802. Enforcement

- (a) Only persons designated by the City are authorized to issue citations for violations of any parking regulation in this Chapter.
- (b) Contested parking citations shall be adjudicated pursuant to Title 4 of the Code of Ordinances.
- (c) City Services is authorized to:
 - (1) place and maintain official parking-control devices in accordance with applicable state laws and ordinances and is authorized to place and maintain such additional official parking-control devices as deemed necessary to regulate parking or stopping;
 - (2) place signs prohibiting or restricting the stopping or parking of vehicles on any public road where such stopping would unduly interfere with the free movement of traffic thereon.

Sec. 11:2803. Stopping or parking prohibited

- (a) No person shall stop or park any vehicle or permit any vehicle the person owns to be stopped or parked in violation of parking-control devices, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the traffic-control device or directions of a law enforcement officer.
- (b) No person shall stop or park a vehicle or permit a vehicle the person owns to be stopped or parked in any of the following places:
 - (1) on a street, highway, or within an alley in a manner which obstructs traffic;
 - (2) on a sidewalk unless the length of a residential driveway prohibits the placement of a vehicle so that it transverses a sidewalk. In such case, a vehicle may be parked on the driveway although it crosses the sidewalk for a period not to exceed four hours;
 - (3) within three feet of, in front of, or blocking a public or private driveway;
 - (4) within an intersection;
 - (5) within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
 - (6) on a crosswalk;
 - (7) within 25 feet of a crosswalk or curb-line at an intersection;
 - (8) within 30 feet of the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;
 - (9) between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 20 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by signs or markings;
 - (10) within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
 - (11) within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to a fire station or on the side of a street opposite the entrance to a fire station within 75 feet of the entrance (when properly signposted);
 - (12) alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping or parking would obstruct traffic;
 - (13) on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
 - (14) on any bridge or other elevated structure;
 - (15) at any place where official signs prohibit such;
 - (16) on the driver's left-hand side of any two-way street or highway;
 - (17) at any place where the curb has officially been painted red;
 - (18) in any zone or officially marked place designated as a fire lane at all schools, hospitals, churches, and other places of public assembly, as well as commercial and shopping facilities, and apartment complexes;

- (19) in a lane of traffic clearly marked by lines identifying it as a lane for traffic;
- (20) any place where parking will obscure or obstruct the visibility of a traffic-control device;
- (21) on a neutral ground, right-of-way, sidewalk, strip of land between a property line and street or neutral ground curb, or other public way.
- (22) in the front yard between the front set back and the street in a zoning district predominantly Single Family Residential (A1, A2, A2.7, A2.1, A2.9, A2.6 or A2.5) except on the paved driveway;
- (23) in a location obstructing access by the U.S. Postal Service to a mail receptacle; or
- (24) on private property without authorization and consent of the property owner.

(c) When stopping or parking a vehicle on a street, highway, alleyway or public right-of-way is necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the traffic-control device, parking-control device, or directions of a law enforcement officer, the vehicle shall:

- (1) be parked parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with passenger-side wheels of the vehicle within 18 inches of the curb or edge of the roadway; and
- (2) not be parked in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of the street, bridge, highway, or alleyway for free movement of vehicular traffic or block the driveway entrance to any abutting property.

(d) City Services is authorized to remove any traffic obstruction from the streets, bridges, alleyways, or right of way that poses a threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.

(e) No person shall park a vehicle not lawfully under the person's control in any prohibited area or away from a curb at such distance as is unlawful.

Sec. 11:2804. Parking for certain purposes prohibited

No person shall park a vehicle or permit any vehicle owned by the person to be parked on any street or right of way for the principal purpose of:

- (a) Displaying such vehicle for sale;
- (b) Washing, greasing, or repairing such vehicle, unless necessitated by an emergency;
- (c) For any commercial advertising purposes; or
- (d) Making major repairs to such vehicle.

Sec. 11:2805. Angle parking

(a) City Services shall determine where angle parking shall be permitted and shall mark or sign such streets without interfering with traffic.

(b) Angle parking shall not be indicated or permitted at any place where passing traffic would thereby be caused or required to drive on the left side of the street.

(c) On streets that have been signed or marked for angle parking, no person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle the person owns to be parked other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings.

Sec. 11:2806. Lights on parked vehicles

(a) When a vehicle is lawfully parked during the hours between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, on street, highway, alleyway, or public right-of-way within a business or residential district, no lights need to be displayed on such parked vehicle.

(b) When a vehicle is parked on a street, highway, alleyway, or public right-of-way outside of a business or residence district during the hours between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, such vehicle shall be equipped with one or more lamps which shall exhibit a white light on the roadway side visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front of the vehicle and a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear. Any lighted headlamps on a parked vehicle shall be dimmed.**Sec. 11:2807. Time limitation on parking on any street**

No person shall permit any vehicle, either as an operator or owner, to remain parked on any street, highway, alleyway, or public right-of-way for longer than eight hours of any 24-hour period beginning at 6:00 a.m. of one day to 6:00 a.m. of the next day.

Sec. 11:2808. Curb loading zones

(a) The location of passenger and freight curb loading zones shall be marked with appropriate signs indicating the same and stating the hours during which this section is applicable.

(b) No person shall stop or park a vehicle or permit a vehicle owned by the person to be stopped or parked for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers in any place marked as a passenger curb loading zone during applicable hours and then only for a period not to exceed three minutes.

(c) No person shall stop or park a vehicle or permit a vehicle owned by the person to be stopped or parked for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious unloading and delivery or pickup and loading of materials in any place marked as a freight curb loading zone during applicable hours and then only for a period not to exceed 30 minutes.

(d) The driver of a passenger vehicle may stop temporarily, not longer than three minutes, at a place marked as a freight curb loading zone for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers when such stopping does not interfere with any motor vehicle used for the transportation of materials which is waiting to enter or about to enter such zone.

Sec. 11:2809. Parking motor homes on residential streets and rights-of-way prohibited

No person shall permit any motor home, house trailer, or commercial vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,000 pounds or more to be parked on a subdivision street or street right-of-way in a predominantly Single Family Residential Zoning District (A1, A2, A2.7, A2.1, A2.9, A2.6 or A2.5) for more than 24 hours.

Sec. 11:2810. Parking watercraft on residential streets and street rights-of-way prohibited

No person shall permit watercraft, whether trailered or not, to be parked on any subdivision street or street right-of-way in a predominantly Single Family Residential Zoning District (A1, A2, A2.7, A2.1, A2.9, A2.6 or A2.5) for a period of more than eight hours of any 24-hour period, beginning at 6:00 a.m. of one day to 6:00 a.m. of the next day.

Sec. 11:2811. Parking of wreckers, buses, trucks, and semitrailers prohibited.

(a) No person shall park or permit the following described vehicles to be parked on any subdivision street or street right-of-way in a predominantly Single Family Residential Zoning District (A1, A2, A2.7, A2.1, A2.9, A2.6 or A2.5) or on the driveway or in the front yard between the front of the residence in recognized subdivisions in the Rural/Agricultural district:

- (1) Wreckers;
- (2) Buses; or
- (3) Trucks or semitrailers with more than two axles or with a payload capacity in excess of 2,000 pounds.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, recreational vehicles and/or vehicles registered as a Private Bus, pursuant to La. R.S. 47:463.5, shall be allowed to park on driveways provided it does not obscure or obstruct the visibility of a traffic-control device or vehicles traversing any street or highway.

(b) The fine for a first offense violation of this section shall be \$100. The fine for a second offense within one year shall be \$200. The fine for a third and subsequent offense within a one-year period, the fine shall be \$500. The owner shall be assessed with any charges for towing, storing, or immobilizing a vehicle and costs for failure to timely respond to an administrative order. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate violation.

PART 2. ENFORCEMENT AND ADJUDICATION PROCEDURE

Sec. 11:2821. Parking citation forms

Parking citations shall be issued on forms approved by the City Clerk. All parking citations shall include information concerning the nature, date, time, and location of the infraction, a description of the vehicle involved, the manner by which the fine may be paid or the citation contested, including the date and time of the adjudicatory hearing, and the fact that a failure to timely answer or appear shall be considered an admission of liability, authorizing the issuance of an order against the owner of the vehicle for a fine, costs, and interest.

Sec. 11:2822. Service and disposition of parking citations

(a) The parking citation shall be signed by the authorized issuer and a duplicate copy of the parking citation shall be served personally on the operator of a vehicle who is present at the time of service. The operator's name shall be recorded on the citation, together with the vehicle's license plate number, type make, and model. If the operator is not present, the citation shall be served on the owner of the vehicle by affixing the citation to the vehicle in a conspicuous place. Service of a parking citation by affixing the citation to the vehicle shall subject the owner to the same fine as for the violation for failure to answer and shall have the same force and effect as if the citation were personally served on the owner and/or operator of the vehicle. An operator of a vehicle who is not the owner of the vehicle who is using the vehicle with the permission of the owner shall be considered the agent of the owner for service of parking citations.

(b) The issuer of the citation shall transmit the citation to City Services for processing.

(c) A citation may be disposed of only by one of the following methods:

- (1) payment of the fine to City Services prior to an administrative hearing;
- (2) after an administrative hearing pursuant to Title 4 of the Code of Ordinances; or
- (3) on motion of the city adjudicatory attorney for good cause shown.

(d) City Services shall maintain a record of the disposition of the charge.

Sec. 11:2823. Responsibility of owner and operator

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the owner and operator shall be solidarily liable to the city for parking infractions, unless the owner can show that the vehicle was operated without express or implied consent.

(b) A motor vehicle lessor shall not be liable for parking fines and costs, if:

- (1) Within 30 days after receiving written notice of the parking citation, the lessor provides, in affidavit form, the true name, address, and driver's license of the person in possession of the vehicle ("lessee") at the time of the infraction;
- (2) The lessor provides such other information about the lessee as may reasonably be required to assist in the city's enforcement efforts; and
- (3) The lessee pays the parking fine and penalties within 60 days after a notice of citation is transmitted to the lessee.

(c) The lessor's obligation to identify the lessee shall be satisfied by providing a true copy of the lease or rental agreement. A lessor who fails to comply with the foregoing provisions shall not be liable for costs if the lessor answers or pays the base fine within 30 days after the transmittal of notice of the citation, or having complied with the foregoing provisions, pays the base fine within 30 days after transmittal of notice that the lessee has failed to pay within the 60-day period.

Sec. 11:2824. Answering parking citations

A person to whom a parking citation has been issued shall, within 21 calendar days, answer the citation as indicated on the citation. An answer may take the form of:

- (a) Admission of the infraction with payment of the fine; or
- (b) A written denial of liability and promise to appear at an adjudicatory hearing date.

Sec. 11:2825. Failure to answer; consequences

Failure to answer a parking citation within 21 calendar days subjects the person to whom the parking citation was issued to costs and interest assessed after an administrative hearing in accordance with Title 4 of the Code of Ordinances.

Sec. 11:2826. Method of notice

Any notice required by this Chapter shall be considered given when affixed to the vehicle in a conspicuous place, when mailed by first class mail or hand delivered to the operator if known, or to the registered owner at the address on the records of the Office of Motor Vehicles or to a lessee at the address provided by the lessor.

Sec. 11:2827. Default

(a) If a person to whom a parking citation was issued fails to answer or fails to appear at a hearing and fails to timely pay the prescribed fine, the administrative hearing officer shall, without further notice, enter an order finding the violation not contested and fix the appropriate fine which shall have the same effect as a civil money judgment.

(b) If a person to whom a parking citation was issued accumulates five or more parking citations and fails to answer and appear at the hearing on the date on the citation, notice of a hearing shall be issued pursuant to Title 4 of the Code of Ordinances to immobilize or remove the vehicle. If the person fails to answer or appear at the administrative hearing, the administrative hearing officer shall issue an order finding the vehicle eligible for immobilization or removal.

Sec. 11:2828. Fines, costs, and interest

A person violating any provision of this Chapter shall be subject to a civil fine of \$50, and any charges for towing, storing, or immobilizing a vehicle and costs for failure to timely respond to an

administrative order. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate violation.

The foregoing penalty fees shall be applied to the first offense of which a person has been admitted to the infraction by payment of the fine or after an administrative hearing, has been found in violation of this Chapter. If within a period of one year from the first infraction, a second or more infraction occurs, the person shall appear for an administrative hearing. The fine for a second or more violations shall be greater than for a first offense but shall not be in excess of \$500.00.

Sec. 11:2829. Execution of judgments

City Services may take any measures necessary for the collection of amounts set forth in any order regarding unpaid parking citations authorized for the collection of unpaid civil judgments. The administrative hearing officer may assess costs and legal interest in addition to the applicable fine.

Section 2. Conflicts. The specific terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall prevail against other ordinances to the extent there may be any conflict.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or parts thereof, other than the part declared invalid. The remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected by the declaration of invalidity and shall remain in force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication in the Official Journal.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Cook, Edmonds, Himmel, Monachello
Nays: None
Absent: Heck

Introduced on May 13, 2025 and voted on June 10, 2025.



Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Delivered to Mayor on June 13, 2025.



Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Approved:



Dustin Yates, Mayor

Received from Mayor on June 13th, 2025.

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