

# Who to Call

## Parking Meters 244-1589

Call this number to report malfunctioning or vandalized meters.

## Parking Tickets 244-1537

Call this number if you have questions concerning a ticket.

## Parking Complaint 242-6707

Call this number to report an illegal parking issue such as a vehicle parked in a no parking zone or illegally parked in a handicap zone.

## Sign Requests 256-4110

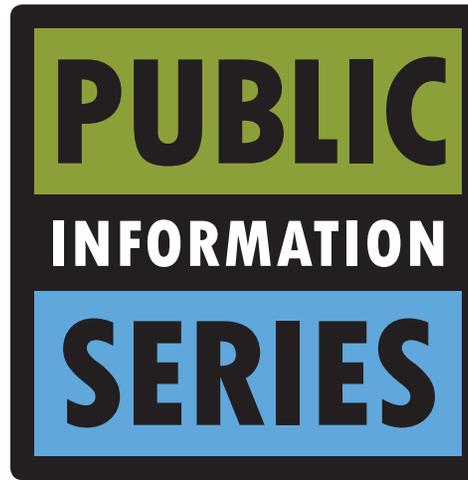
Call this number to request signs and markings (includes requests for handicap parking).

## Code Enforcement 244-4123

Call this number concerning code enforcement issues such as storage of vehicles and junk vehicles.



**Before placing a call please read over the contents of this flyer.**

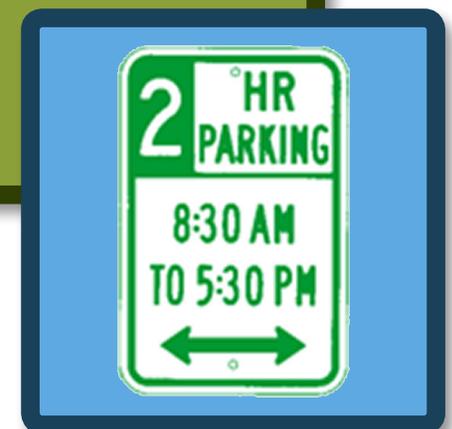


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# What You Need To Know About Parking



## Illegal Parking

### You can be ticketed for parking in the following locations:

- On a sidewalk.
- In “No parking” zones where official signs and or markings prohibit parking.
- In handicapped parking spaces without displaying the proper placard or license plate.
- In front of or within 5 feet of an alley, a private driveway or a public driveway.
- In front of or within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant.
- On or within 20 feet of marked or unmarked crosswalks. A crosswalk is considered to be the extension of sidewalk boundary lines across a street or at any location where crosswalks are marked with white or yellow lines.
- Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station.
- Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing.
- Within 30 feet of an intersection or the approach to any flashing beacon or signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway.
- Upon any bridge or other elevated structure.
- Anywhere that parking would obstruct or interfere with the free movement of vehicular traffic or proper street or highway maintenance.

Many of the above locations will not be signed or marked. For example, private driveways are not signed, but you cannot block a residence access. Alleys are considered a public access and are not signed. Sidewalks are for pedestrians, not for vehicles, and are not signed. You can be ticketed for parking in any of these locations and your vehicle may be towed at your expense.

## Restricted Parking

Restricted parking means there is a parking restriction in place, such as time, date or type of vehicle. These areas are normally signed or marked to show the restriction. Areas that may be restricted are those such as:

- Downtown to provide a turnover in parking spaces for shoppers and to discourage employee parking.
- Locations near schools for safe loading and unloading of students.
- Streets that have trash pick-up or some other provided service on specific dates and times.
- Streets where parking during specific times may present a hazard.
- Passenger or freight loading zones.
- Handicap spaces.

## Residential Areas

The City of Grand Junction receives many requests to restrict on-street parking in residential areas. These requests are usually received from residents who live in areas located near large traffic generators, such as downtown, schools, medical facilities and recreational facilities.

The City of Grand Junction does not have a residential permit-parking program and without a valid safety issue, will not remove on street parking in residential areas. The presence of parked cars often helps to keep speeds low.

### What is a valid safety issue?

- The street is too narrow to accommodate parking on one or both sides of the street, and there is consensus among the property owners for removal.
- There is a sight distance problem at an intersection that can be alleviated by removal of parking.
- Vehicles are blocking a fire hydrant or other emergency device or access.

## Can I Get Red Curb Markings?

The City of Grand Junction does not mark curbs for parking prohibitions. However, the city does realize areas located near large traffic generators, such as downtown, schools, medical facilities and recreational facilities have substantial parking intrusion into the residential areas. Therefore, residents can mark the curb 5 feet either side of their driveway with red paint to define the area in which cars are parking. It is up to the resident to maintain these markings.

## Commercial Areas

Commercial streets are designed for on-street parking. In commercial areas there may be signs for loading zone restrictions.

## Alleys

There are many alleys within the downtown area and older residential areas of Grand Junction where there is little or no front access to properties. These alleys function as an alternative access for the properties. They are used for merchandise and freight loading and unloading and trash pick-up.

Alleys are not built to accommodate parking. It is illegal to park in an alley. The Colorado Model Traffic Code Sec. 10-6 (a) states: “No person shall park a vehicle within an alley except during the necessary and expeditious loading and unloading of merchandise or freight.” Sec 10-6 (b): “No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within an alley in such a position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property.” Remember that many of these areas mentioned will not be signed or marked. When parking your vehicle pay attention to your surroundings. Ask yourself: Will my parked vehicle...

**Cause a sight distance problem for oncoming traffic or pedestrians?**

**Be blocking an access?**

**Create a hazard?**

**If you use common sense, you can avoid getting a parking ticket.**