

ORDINANCE NO. 6557

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARSONS PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS, PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON UNPAVED PORTIONS OF FRONT YARDS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PARSONS, KANSAS:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to park any of the following unoccupied vehicles or items upon any street or city right-of-way in the city, except during use or actual work involving the subject vehicle:

- A. A motor vehicle longer than 25 feet in length for a period of more than 48 consecutive hours;
- B. Truck tractor;
- C. Construction equipment, except when said equipment is actively being used in an on-site construction project;
- D. Recreational vehicle for a period of more than 48 consecutive hours;
- E. Boat for a period of more than 48 consecutive hours;

Section 2. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicles, trailers or items described in Section 1 above in the front yard of residentially zoned area unless the vehicles or items are parked on an all-weather surface.

The provisions of this ordinance shall have no force or effect (1) on federal holidays; (2) as to construction vehicles when such vehicles are being actively used in an on-site construction project; (3) when the vehicle is temporarily parked for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers or personal property; (4) temporary events or celebrations not lasting more than 24 hours where it is apparent a large number of people are gathered for said event or celebration; (5) as to any properly zoned mobile home or RV park.

Section 3. Any person or owner violating any of the provisions of Section 2 of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined the sum of \$35.00 for a first offense, and \$100.00 for a second or subsequent offense. Court costs will not be assessed. Any person or owner violating Section 1 of this ordinance shall be subject to the enforcement as allowed in Sections 100 and 101 of the Standard Traffic Ordinance For Kansas Cities in affect at the time and fined according to the fine schedule as set by the Parsons Municipal Court. In addition, vehicles parked on public property or on public rights-of-ways may be subject to impoundment with said vehicles not being released from impoundment until all applicable fees are paid.

Section 4. Definitions. For purpose of this ordinance the following terms shall be defined as :

Vehicle: Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, excepting electric personal assistive mobility devices or devices moved by human power.

All-weather surface: is defined as concrete, brick, asphalt, rock, chip and seal, or another comparable surface.

Front yard: defined as the area between the public right-of-way and the parallel front line of the building on said lot. The front yard in a vacant lot shall be defined as the area between the public right-of-way and the front line of the building on adjacent lot(s). On a corner lot, each yard that abuts a front lot line shall be considered a front yard.

Section 5. PUBLICATION; EFFECTIVE DATE. The ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately following its adoption and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the city commission on this 15th day of April, 2024, and signed by the mayor on the 15th day of April, 2024.


Eric Strait, Mayor

ATTEST:


Robyn Baker, City Clerk