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Article I. In General

10.12.010 Seventy-two hour limit.

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, or allow such vehicle to be parked for a continuous period in excess of seventy-two hours or they may be issued a citation, and any such vehicle found to be unlawfully parked in violation of this section shall be subject to impound by the city of Anacortes, provided this shall be a defense to any prosecution for a violation of this section that the vehicle or vehicles cited are owned by a bonafide resident to the property immediately adjacent to the street area on which such vehicle or vehicles are parked, and further, that said vehicle or vehicles do not constitute abandoned junk motor vehicles as defined by RCW [46.55.230](#); and, furthermore that such vehicle or vehicles are passenger cars as defined in RCW [46.04.382](#) and are not motor homes as defined in RCW [46.04.305](#) or campers as defined in RCW [46.04.085](#). (Ord. 2754 § 1, 2006; Ord. 1830 § 1, 1981)

10.12.020 Restricted during business hours.

No person shall stand, stop or park a vehicle, or allow a vehicle to be parked for a continuous period in excess of two hours between the hours of eight a.m. and six p.m. from Monday through Saturday of each week, within the following described area: Commercial Avenue from the south line of 3rd Street to the north line of 12th Street; the south side of 4th Street from the intersection of 4th Street and Commercial Avenue easterly to a point half-way between Commercial Avenue and “Q” Avenue; 6th Street, 7th Street, and 8th Street between the west line of “Q” Avenue and the east line of “O” Avenue, except portions of said streets adjacent to property used exclusively for residential purposes; the west side of Commercial Avenue between 2nd Street and 3rd Street and; the south side of 2nd Street from Commercial Avenue west to mid-block; and, further no person shall stand, stop or park a vehicle or allow a vehicle to be parked for a continuous period in excess of

fifteen minutes between the hours of eight a.m. and six p.m. from Monday ~~through~~ Saturday of each week within the following described areas:

1. Commercial Avenue from the north line of 6th Street northerly to a point midway between the north line of 6th Street and the south line of 5th Street on the east side of said street, adjacent to the U.S. Post Office; and
2. The north side of 6th Street from the east line of Commercial Avenue to a point one hundred thirty-five feet east of said line. (Ord. 2889 § 2, 2012; Ord. 2079 § 1, 1988; Ord. 1830 § 2, 1981)

10.12.030 Restricted from certain locations.

- A. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, or allow a vehicle to be parked, or any part thereof, along the following portions of the described streets and avenues, which constitute a bike path: the southerly side of 12th Street from D Avenue westerly to A Avenue, the southerly side of Oakes Avenue from A Avenue westerly to Hartford Avenue, and the southerly side of Burrows Bay Road from Hartford Avenue westerly to the intersection with Ferry Terminal Road, and the westerly side of Ferry Terminal Road from its intersection with Burrows Bay Road to the terminus of the bike path.
- B. No person shall stand, stop or park a vehicle, or allow a vehicle to be parked on St. Mary's Drive between Hillcrest Terrace and the north edge of Lot 1, Highland's First Addition to the city.
- C. No person shall stand, stop, or park a trailer as defined in RCW [46.04.620](#) in the following locations: Q Avenue from 9th Street to 11th Street, the west side of Q Avenue from 14th Street to 15th Street, 10th Street from Commercial Avenue to Q Avenue, 11th Street from Commercial Avenue to Q Avenue and 13th Street from Commercial Avenue to Q Avenue.
- D. No person shall stand, stop, or park a vehicle along the east side of Skyline Way between Kingsway and Hughes Lane.
- E. No person shall stand, stop, or park a vehicle or allow a vehicle to be parked on the north side of Hughes Lane between Skyline Way and the west right-of-way line of the cul-de-sac at the west end of Hughes Lane.
- F. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, or allow a vehicle to be parked, or any part thereof, along the following portions of the described streets and avenues: both sides of Q Avenue and cross-over from Q Avenue to R Avenue, and R Avenue from the south line of 17th Street to the north line of 22nd Street.
- G. No person shall stand, stop, or park a vehicle, or a trailer as defined in RCW [46.04.620](#), or allow a vehicle, or a trailer to be parked on the easterly side of Q Avenue between 11th Street and 13th Street.
- H. No person shall stand, stop, or park a vehicle, or a trailer as defined in RCW [46.04.620](#), or allow a vehicle, or a trailer to be parked on the westerly side of Commercial Avenue between 30th Street and 35th Street.

- I. No person shall stand, stop or park a vehicle, or a trailer as defined in RCW [46.04.620](#), or allow a vehicle or a trailer to be parked on the easterly or westerly side of G Avenue between 7th Street and 8th Street.
- J. No person shall stand, stop or park a vehicle, or a trailer as defined in RCW [46.04.620](#), or allow a vehicle, or a trailer to be parked on the west side of Q Avenue from 13th Street to 14th Street.
- K. No person shall stand, stop or park a trailer as defined in RCW [46.04.620](#), or allow a trailer to be parked on 9th Street from Q Avenue to R Avenue and on R Avenue from 7th Street to 9th Street.
- L. No person shall stand, or stop or park a vehicle or trailer, or allow a vehicle or trailer to be parked on 30th Street from the east line of T Avenue ~~eastward~~ to the end of ~~30th Street~~. W Avenue. The east side of 2900-3000 block of W Avenue will be a 15-minute loading and unloading zone as marked.
- M. No person shall stand, or stop or park a vehicle or trailer, or allow a vehicle or trailer to be parked on Ferry Terminal Road.
- N. It is unlawful to park a motor vehicle other than a passenger car or pick-up truck on 30th Street between R Avenue and T Avenue.
- O. No person shall park a vehicle or trailer on the entirety of Beachwood Lane. (Ord. 3043, 2019; Ord. 2335 § 1, 1994; Ord. 2184 § 1, 1991; Ord. 2156 § 1, 1990; Ord. 2152 §§ 1, 2, 1990; Ord. 2139 § 1, 1990; Ord. 2031 § 1, 1987; Ord. 2015 § 1, 1986; Ord. 1948 § 1, 1984; Ord. 1830 §§ 3, 4, 5, 1981)

10.12.032 Prohibited parking—Penalty an infraction.

A.

1. It is unlawful to park any vehicle or trailer along the north side of Oakes Avenue, also known as Burrows Bay Road between Anacopper Mine Road to Ferry Terminal Road.
2. No person shall park a vehicle or trailer on or along Meridian Place.
3. No person shall park a vehicle or trailer on or along the south side of 20th Street between Commercial Avenue and Q Avenue.
4. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle along Harbor Lane between Oakes Avenue and a point six hundred seventy-five feet south of Oakes Avenue on Harbor Lane.
5. No person shall stop, stand, or park a boat trailer or RV along Kingsway from Cay Way to Skyline Way at any time.
6. No person shall park a vehicle or trailer in the 1700 block of 6th Street on either side of the street between “H” Avenue and “I” Avenue.

7. No person shall park a vehicle or trailer in the 3400 block of West 6th Street.

B. *Penalty.* Violation of this section shall constitute an infraction and be punishable by a penalty of fifty dollars. (Ord. 2652, 2004; Ord. 2651, 2004; Ord. 2432 § 2, 1997; Ord. 2424 § 1, 1997; Ord. 2400 § 1, 1996; Ord. 2385 § 1, 1995; Ord. 2354 §§ 1, 2, 1995)

10.12.034 Time limits on parking—Penalty an infraction.

A.

1. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle along Harbor Lane from a point six hundred seventy-five feet south of Oakes Avenue to the end of Harbor Lane for a period in excess of twenty-four continuous hours.

2. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, or allow a vehicle to be parked, along the south side of 10th street between a point sixty-five feet east of the east right-of-way line of Commercial Avenue and the east right-of-way line of Commercial Avenue for a continuous period in excess of two hours.

3. Parking shall be limited to two hours on the west side of Commercial Avenue between 17th and 18th Street.

4. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle along the north or south side of Kingsway from Cay Way to Skyline Way for more than twenty-four consecutive hours.

B. *Penalty.* Violation of this section shall constitute an infraction and be punishable by a penalty not to exceed fifty dollars. (Ord. 2432 § 1, 1997; Ord. 2423 § 1, 1997; Ord. 2403 § 1, 1996; Ord. 2385 §§ 2, 3, 1995)

10.12.035 Limited parking time—Specific locations.

A. No person shall stand, stop, or park a vehicle, or allow a vehicle to be parked, for a continuous period in excess of two hours between the hours of eight a.m. and six p.m. from Monday through Saturday of each week, within the following described area: The north side of 4th Street from the west line of Commercial Avenue to a point midway between the west line of Commercial Avenue and the east line of O Avenue.

Violation of the ordinance codified in this subsection shall constitute a traffic infraction and shall be punishable upon a finding of “committed” by a fine of up to two hundred fifty dollars.

B. Parking of vehicles on the north side of 20th Street between I Avenue and J Avenue shall be limited to not more than fifteen minutes from Monday through Friday between the hours of seven a.m. and six p.m.

C. No person shall stand, stop or park a vehicle, or allow a vehicle to be parked for a continuous period in excess of thirty minutes between the hours of eight a.m. and six p.m. from Monday through Saturday of each week, within the following described area: the west side of Commercial Avenue from the north line of 22nd Street northward to the south line of the alley located in said block; the north side of 7th Street from the east line of O Avenue westerly to a point one hundred feet easterly of said east line of O Avenue.

D. No person shall stand, stop or park a vehicle or trailer for a period longer than two hours on the west side of Commercial Avenue between the south line of 14th Street and the north line of 17th Street.

E. No person shall stand, stop or park a vehicle or trailer on T Avenue between the south line of 22nd Street and the north line of 24th Street if extended. (Ord. 2310 §§ 1, 2, 1994; Ord. 2241 §§ 1, 2, 1992; Ord. 2188 § 1, 1991; Ord. 2020 § 1, 1986; Ord. 1872 §§ 1, 2, 1982)

F. No person shall stand, stop or park a vehicle or trailer for a period longer than two hours at Kiwanis Waterfront Park parking lot located on the north side of 6th Street.

10.12.036 Restricted certain hours.

No person shall stand, stop, or park a vehicle or allow a vehicle to be parked on the north side of 20th Street between J Avenue and K Avenue, Monday through Friday, from seven a.m. to four p.m., except for vehicles designated as school buses. (Ord. 2177 § 1, 1991)

10.12.038 Prohibition of display of vehicle for purpose of sale—Penalty an infraction.

A. Displaying of motor vehicles for purposes of sale by parking said vehicles with information on said vehicles identifying them for sale be and it is hereby prohibited along Commercial Avenue from 36th Street to the waterfront, provided, however, that businesses primarily engaged in the sale of motor vehicles may display a maximum of one vehicle on Commercial Avenue directly adjacent to their place of business.

B. *Penalty.* Violation of this section shall constitute an infraction and shall be punishable by a penalty in the amount of fifty dollars for each offense. For purposes of this section, each day that said vehicle is displayed shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 2359 §§ 1, 2, 1995)

10.12.040 Owner liable.

For purposes of enforcement of this article, the registered owner of any vehicle or trailer parked contrary to provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to have allowed such vehicle or trailer to be parked in violation hereof. (Ord. 1830 § 6, 1981)

10.12.050 Impoundment.

The Anacortes police department, or their designated representative, shall have the authority to impound any vehicle or trailer as authorized by any statutes of the state of Washington or ordinances of the city and shall have the authority to impound any vehicles which are parked or left standing in the travel portion of a roadway, within no parking zones as specified in RCW [46.61.570](#), within an established bicycle path, or at such other location as constitutes a traffic safety hazard. (Ord. 1830 § 7, 1981)

10.12.060 Penalty.

Any person, firm or corporation who violates, or permits, or allows anyone to violate this article, or the registered owner of any vehicle found in violation of this article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction be fined up to two hundred fifty dollars. (Ord. 1830 § 8, 1981)

Article II. Parking Regulations

10.12.070 Parallel parking.

Except as hereinafter specified in this chapter or unless otherwise permitted by duly erected traffic control signs or markings, all parking of motor vehicles on the streets, avenues and highways of the city shall be what is known as “parallel parking,” and every vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there is an adjacent curb or edge of abutting parking strip shall be so stopped or parked with the right hand wheels of such vehicle parallel to and within twelve inches of the right hand curb or edge of abutting parking strip. (Ord. 2544 § 1, 2000)

10.12.080 Diagonal parking—In general.

All parking of motor vehicles upon the following streets, avenues and highways or parts thereof in the city shall be what is known as “diagonal parking,” with the right front wheel of the vehicles within twelve inches of the curb or edge of parking strip and at an angle of thirty degrees with said curb or edge or parking strip: the south side of 34th Street from Commercial Avenue to two hundred feet west of Commercial Avenue; the south side of 3rd Street to 9th Street inclusive, between Q and O Avenues, except for the south side of 4th Street between Commercial Avenue and Q Avenue which shall be parallel parking; north side of 4th Street from Commercial Avenue to R Avenue; the south side of 10th Street and 11th Street between Commercial Avenue and O Avenue; the south side of 6th Street east of Q Avenue. (Ord. 2562, 2001; Ord. 2544 § 2, 2000)

10.12.085 Back-in angle parking.

All parking of motor vehicles upon the following streets, avenues, and highways or parts thereof in the city shall be what is known as “back-in angle parking” with the right rear wheel of the vehicles within twelve inches of the curb or edge of parking strip and at an angle of thirty to forty-five degrees with said curb or edge or parking strip: the east side of Commercial Avenue between 2nd Street and 3rd Street, the north side of 4th Street between “R” Avenue and “O” Avenue, and the north side of 3rd Street between Commercial Avenue and “O” Avenue.

No person shall stand, stop, or park a vehicle or allow a vehicle to be parked on the portion of Weaverling Road east of the Tommy Thompson Trail, Monday through Sunday, from ten p.m. to five a.m. (Ord. 2911, 2013; Ord. 2910 § 1, 2013; Ord. 2819, 2010)

10.12.090 Prohibited parking.

A. Parking vehicles is prohibited in all alleys and on the following designated streets, avenues, highways, or parts thereof: the east side of Commercial Avenue from 11th Street to 13th Street; both sides of Commercial Avenue from 35th Street to 36th Street; the east side of Commercial Avenue from 36th Street to 37th Street; the south side of 12th Street between O Avenue and M Avenue; and the west side of Commercial Avenue from 30th Street south to the intersection with SR-20.

B. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, or allow a vehicle to be parked for use as a temporary or permanent place of abode on city streets or rights-of-way, except as authorized by permit under subsection C herein.

C. *Permit.*

1. The director is authorized, by permit, to allow use of boats, trailers, campers, vehicles, and RVs as place of temporary abode to park on city streets.
2. The director shall approve a permit as provided under this section when, from a consideration of the application and from such other information as may otherwise be obtained, the director finds that:
 - a. Adequate sanitary facilities are provided and accessible;
 - b. Adequate trash receptacles and trash collection is to be provided;
 - c. The activity will not unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort, and repose of private property owners; and
 - d. The activity is not reasonably likely to cause injury to persons or property, to provoke disorderly conduct, or create a disturbance.
3. The director is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the implementation and enforcement of this chapter.
4. No permit shall be issued for a period of time in excess of three weeks per calendar year.

Any person denied a permit may appeal to city council.

D. *Impoundment.* The Anacortes police department, or its designated representative, shall have the authority to impound any boat, trailer, camper, vehicle, or RV which is parked or left standing and used as a temporary or permanent place of abode, except as authorized by permit under subsection C herein.

E. *Penalty.* Any person, firm or corporation who violates, or permits, or allows anyone to violate this section, or the registered owner of any vehicle found in violation of this section, shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be assessed a penalty of fifty dollars and towing and storage fees. (Ord. 2786 §§ 1—4, 2008; Ord. 2544 § 3, 2000; Ord. 2289 § 1, 1993; Ord. 2272 § 1, 1993; Ord. 2074 § 1, 1988)

Article III. Traffic Regulation Near Ferry Dock

10.12.100 Erection of signs.

The city engineer is authorized to erect signs regulating parking and traffic flow on 6th Street between I Avenue and K Avenue and on I Avenue North of 6th Street for the purpose of regulating and controlling traffic in the vicinity of the county ferry terminal and also to provide designating holding lanes for traffic waiting to board said county ferry. (Ord. 1776 § 1(a), undated)

10.12.110 Compliance required.

When official signs are erected prohibiting or regulating parking or traffic flow as authorized herein, no person shall park a vehicle in violation of any such sign or shall fail to operate his vehicle in conformance with such signs. (Ord. 1776 § 1(b), undated)

Article IV. Parking Along Parade Routes or Street Fair Areas

10.12.120 Prohibited.

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle or allow a vehicle to be parked along any street or avenue which has been approved by the Anacortes city council as a parade route or as a location for a street fair and where no parking signs have been posted at least twenty-four hours in advance of said parade or street fair, and during the time specified in no parking signs required hereunder. (Ord. 2464 § 1, 1998)

10.12.130 Impoundment.

The Anacortes police department, or its designated representative, shall have the authority to impound any vehicle or trailer which is parked or left standing on any street or avenue designated as a parade route or street fair location and which has been properly posted not less than twenty-four hours prior to said parade or street fair event. Proper posting shall consist of the placement of no fewer than four temporary signs on each side of the street and for each block in which parking is prohibited, and which signs shall designate the time period during which parking is prohibited. (Ord. 2464 § 2, 1998)

10.12.140 Violation—Penalty.

Any person, firm or corporation who violates, or permits, or allows anyone to violate this chapter, or the registered owner of any vehicle found in violation of this chapter, shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be assessed a penalty of fifty dollars. (Ord. 2464 § 3, 1998)

Article V. Residential Parking Zones

10.12.150 Established.

There is established a residential parking zone in the following two areas:

- Area A:* 17th Street from “J” to “K” Avenue;
“I” and “J” Avenues between 20th and 22nd Streets;
20th Street between “H” and “K” Avenues;
“K” Avenue between 17th and 22nd Street;
“J” Avenue between 18th and 17th Streets;
~~A~~and
- Area B:* ~~The north side of~~ 6th Street between “~~H~~I” and “J” Avenues.

(Ord. 2833, 2010; Ord. 2724 § 1, 2005; Ord. 2486 §§ 1 and 1.1, 1999)

10.12.160 Restrictions.

Area A. No person, except for those possessing and properly displaying valid residential or guest permits as hereinafter provided, shall park a vehicle within the residential parking zone for a period in excess of one hour between the hours of seven a.m. and three p.m. on days when the Anacortes High School is in session.

Area B. No person, except for those possessing and properly displaying valid residential or guest permits as hereinafter provided, shall park a vehicle for any length of time within the residential parking zone at all hours of all days of the week in Area B.

Appropriate traffic-control signs shall be posted in the residential parking zones so as to give notice to operators of vehicles of the parking restrictions imposed by this section. (Ord. 2833, 2010; Ord. 2486 § 2, 1999)

10.12.170 Permit—Application.

Persons residing on properties that abut streets within the residential parking zone may apply to the Anacortes police department during business hours for a residential permit for each registered and licensed vehicle owned by the applicant. Such application shall be on a form provided by the Anacortes police department and shall contain such information as is deemed necessary to verify the residence of the applicant and to identify the vehicle for which the permit is given. (Ord. 2486 § 2, 1999)

10.12.180 Permit—Guest.

In addition to residential permits, each residence within the residential parking zone shall be entitled up to a maximum of five guest permits to be used exclusively by guests of the resident. Guest permits shall be issued by the Anacortes police department at such time as application is made for a residential permit. (Ord. 2486 § 4, 1999)

10.12.190 Permit—Fee.

There shall be no initial fee charged for the issuance of residential permits or guest permits, nor shall any fee be assessed for substitute or additional vehicles acquired by residents or for the replacement of lost or damaged residential permits. Prior to issuing a guest permit to replace a guest permit either lost or destroyed, the Anacortes police department shall assess and collect a fee of fifteen dollars. (Ord. 2486 § 5, 1999)

10.12.200 Permit—Display.

Residential permits shall be permanently affixed to the inside of the lower left driver's side area of the front windshield. Guest permits shall be ~~displayed on the dash board of the car hung from the rear view~~rear-view mirror or displayed in on the driver's side area of the front windshield. (Ord. 2486 § 6, 1999)

10.12.210 Exemptions.

Any vehicle bearing a valid and properly displayed residential permit or guest permit shall be ~~exempt from the time restrictions imposed by this chapter permitted to park in the residential parking zone for which it is valid;~~ provided, however that such vehicles shall be subject to all other regulations and ordinances of the city pertaining to the parking of vehicles. (Ord. 2486 § 7, 1999)

10.12.220 Violation—Penalty.

It is unlawful for any person to use or obtain a residential or guest permit or to allow another person to use or obtain a residential or guest permit in any manner other than as authorized by this chapter. Such violations shall be infractions and punishable by revocation of the permit and a monetary penalty of ~~thirty-eight~~ fifty dollars. Violation of the parking provisions of this chapter shall constitute an infraction with a monetary penalty of ~~thirty-eight~~ fifty dollars. (Ord. 2724 § 2, 2005; Ord. 2486 § 8, 1999)

Article VI. Marine Waterways Encroachment Prohibitions

10.12.230 Prohibited.

No person shall stop, stand or moor a watercraft in such a manner that any part of the watercraft encroaches into the public waterways of Flounder Bay and thereby creates a safety hazard to other watercraft or blocks or impedes egress and ingress through said public waterway. (Ord. 2590 § 1, 2002)

10.12.240 Impoundment.

The police department, or its designated representative shall have the authority to impound any watercraft which is moored or left standing in any portion of the public waterways of Flounder Bay in violation of the ordinance codified in this chapter. (Ord. 2590 § 2, 2002)

10.12.250 Violation—Penalty.

Any person, firm or corporation who violates, or permits, or allows anyone to violate this chapter, or the registered owner of any watercraft found in violation of this chapter, shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be assessed a penalty of five hundred dollars. (Ord. 2590 § 3, 2002)

The Anacortes Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 4011, passed January 24, 2022.

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