

Residential Parking

Gwinnett County has adopted ordinances (regulations) to help protect neighborhood character, health, safety, and property values. Parking in areas of your yard that are not hard surfaced, paved, covered, or enclosed can reduce the quality of life in your neighborhood and harm the environment:

- Reduces the visual attractiveness of the neighborhood, which tends to reduce property values
- Kills grass and vegetation which helps hold soil in place and keeps it from washing away (erosion)
- Causes oil, anti-freeze, gasoline, or other liquids to leak onto the ground and be mixed with rainwater, washing into storm drains or creeks / rivers and causing contamination

Plan of Action:

- Park only on hard surfaces.
- To extend the hard-surface parking area on your property, contact Gwinnett County Development Review at 678.518.6000. They will provide you with guidance to meet the requirements.
- Do not sell, repair, dismantle (take apart) or store any vehicles or equipment on your property.
- Do not park or store commercial vehicles or equipment in a residential area.

What does the ordinance say about off street (yard) parking? Unified Development Ordinance Parking Surfaces (240-10.3.B, C):

In a residential district, the parking of any motor vehicle except on a hard-surfaced driveway or in carport or garage is prohibited. Any recreational vehicle or non-motor vehicle may only be parked in a carport, enclosed structure, or in the rear yard on a paved surface or approved porous or grassed paving system. Any vehicles parked in the rear yard not in a carport or an enclosed structure must be parked at least 15 feet from the property line. Vehicles or equipment used for agricultural purposes on residential property with 5 or more acres are exempt from hard surface requirements if parked outside the required front setback.

The maximum allowable paved parking or hard surface area in front yards shall not exceed more than 35% in most zonings. No parking areas may be used for the sale, repair, dismantling, servicing, or long-term storage of any vehicles or equipment. (UDO 240.10.5)

Vehicle Parking Area – Residential (UDO 240-110.2):

In all residential zoning districts, the parking of the following vehicles is prohibited: any vehicle for hire including but not limited to limousines, taxis, box trucks, flatbed trucks, dump trucks, tow trucks, transport wreckers, tandem axle trucks, cab-on chassis trucks, tractor trailers, wheeled attachments, pull-behind cement mixers, or trailers, bucket trucks, buses, earth-moving machinery, semi-trailers, and this restriction also applies to any vehicle over 20 feet in length, or 7 feet in height, or 7 feet in width. Vehicles used for agricultural purposes on residential property with five (5) acres or more are permitted if parked outside the required front yard setback.

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