



Removing/Impounding Illegally Parked Vehicles

Whenever any law enforcement officer finds a vehicle standing upon a street or highway in violation of section 35-61, the officer is authorized to move the vehicle or require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move the same to a position off the paved or main traveled part of the street or highway or to have the vehicle towed if the vehicle is standing or parked in a designated tow away zone.

Officers are hereby authorized to provide for the removal of abandoned vehicles or vehicles without license plates or expired plates.

The officer will place a "Green Tag" on the vehicle allowing the owner forty eight (48) hours to remove the vehicle from street. If not removed, any law enforcement officer can have the vehicle towed to a safe place for impoundment.

If you observe suspicious people or activities, call the Orange County Sheriff's Office immediately.

Emergency - 911

Non-Emergency
407-836-HELP (4357)



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ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF

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A Guide to Parking Enforcement

Orange County Ordinances

Orange County Ordinance 85-1 relates to parking in Orange County as recommended by the Board of County Commissioners.

This ordinance includes prohibiting or regulating stopping, standing and parking on rights of way; providing the removal and impounding of illegally parked vehicles; provides regulations on the manner of parking; prohibiting or regulating parking in spaces designated for handicapped or disabled persons; providing for the issuance of parking tickets.

Access to Chapter 35 of Orange County (Traffic) Ordinance 85-1

County ordinances may be accessed via internet using the following procedure.

- Go to www.municode.com
- Click on "Code Library."
- Click on "Florida."
- Scroll to "Orange County."
- Click "Orange County Code of Ordinances."
- On the left side, scroll to "Chapter 35 (Traffic)."

You now can access and print all laws pertaining to parking violations as well as other pertinent information.

Sec. 35-61. Stopping, standing or parking

(a) No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or main traveled part of the street or highway when it is practicable to stop, park, or so leave the vehicle off such part of the street or highway.

Sec. 35-62. Manner of parking

(a) Unless otherwise provided herein, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way roadway shall be so stopped or parked with the right hand wheels parallel to and within twelve (12) inches of the right hand curb or edge of roadway.

Sec. 35-63. Prohibited in specified places

(a) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a law enforcement officer or official traffic-control devices, no person shall:

- 1) Stop, stand, or park a vehicle:
 - a. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
 - b. On a sidewalk.
 - c. Within an intersection.
 - d. On a crosswalk.
 - i. On a bicycle path.
 - j. At any place where official traffic-control devices prohibit stopping.
 - l. For the purpose of loading or unloading a passenger on the paved roadway or shoulder of a limited access facility or on the paved portion of any connecting ramp. This provision is not applicable to a person stopping a vehicle to render aid to an injured person or assistance to a disabled vehicle.
- 2) Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers:
 - a. In front of a public or private driveway.
 - b. Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
 - c. Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
 - d. Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway.
 - f. On an exclusive bicycle lane.
 - g. At any place where official signs or traffic control devices prohibit standing.
 - h. In a fire lane.

(3) Park or store a motor vehicle with dual rear wheels (over one ton of load capacity) in any area of the unincorporated area of the county zoned for multiple-family dwellings and/or single family dwellings, including streets and rights-of-way, except temporarily while actually engaged in loading or unloading persons or property. This prohibition shall not apply to the parking or storing of recreational vehicles, parking of which is governed by chapter 38 (zoning), or emergency utility vehicles upon private property.

Sec. 35-64. - Handicapped parking

(a) Provided by governmental agencies for certain disabled persons. It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a vehicle in any parking space designated with the internationally accepted wheelchair symbol or the caption "Parking by Disabled Permit Only" or both such symbol or caption, unless such vehicle displays a parking permit issued pursuant to F.S. § 320.0848, and such vehicle is transporting a person eligible for the parking permit. Whenever a law enforcement officer finds a vehicle in violation of this section, that officer shall:

1) Have the vehicle in violation removed to any lawful parking space or facility or require the operator or other person in charge of the vehicle immediately to remove the unauthorized vehicle from the handicapped parking space. Whenever any vehicle is removed by a law enforcement officer to a storage lot, garage or other safe parking space, the cost of such removal and parking shall be a lien against the vehicle; and

2) Charge the operator or other person in charge of the vehicle in violation with a violation of this chapter. However, any person who is chauffeuring a disabled person shall be allowed, without need for an identification parking permit, momentary parking in any such parking space for the purpose of loading or unloading such disabled person. No penalty shall be imposed upon the person for such momentary parking.