



# SAVANNAH

Code Compliance

## RESIDENTIAL PARKING ORDINANCE



The Code Compliance Department promotes a safe, clean and healthy environment by enforcing a wide variety of local ordinances to including:

- property maintenance
- residential parking
  - sanitation
- short-term vacation rentals
  - tourism
- towing operators
- vehicles for hire
  - zoning



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## DRIVEWAY REQUIREMENTS

Driveways must meet the following requirements:

- A surface consisting of solid or pervious pavement, pavers, contained gravel, stone materials, or other surfaces otherwise authorized by the City of Savannah.
- Established driveways connecting to a street must include a curb cut, where applicable, and driveway apron meeting City of Savannah design and construction standards (in accordance with section 4-1002 & 4-1003).
- Soil is not an established driveway surface material in front yards except in parallel paths under vehicle tires as part of an established ribbon strip driveways.

## SEMI-TRUCKS & MOTOR HOMES

No motor vehicle exceeding 20 feet in length, and/or 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, or any trailer coach, motor home, trailer, semitrailer, truck tractor, or part of such vehicle, shall be parked or stored upon the street adjacent to any lot zoned residential except:

Commercial Vehicles when such vehicles are being expeditiously loaded or unloaded, or equipment on such vehicles is being used to perform the special operations for which it was designed, including, but not limited to, the construction, operations, removal or repair of utility or public utility property or facilities or public streets and rights-of-way.

**Vehicles must be parked:** • On an established driveway • Enclosed in a legal accessory building • Parallel and within 5 feet of an established driveway on the one side closest to the side property line, provided such parking allows a minimum set back of three feet • In a side or rear yard that is screened from the view of public right-of-way or neighboring properties.

## KEY DEFINITIONS

**Accessory Buildings:** An attached or detached building or structure with walls and a roof which is subordinate to the principal building/facility on a lot, including but not limited to a garage, storage building or any other such not-for-habitation building on the premises. Manufactured/ mobile housing units, shipping containers, and recreational vehicles are not accessory buildings. All accessory buildings are subject to the provisions of NewZO section 8.7.3.

**Established Driveway:** An open and notorious pathway that is routinely used by vehicles for safe and orderly ingress and egress between private real property and a public road.

**Front Yard:** An open space extending the full width of the lot and from the front of the residential structure to the edge of the front property line.

**Ribbon Strip Driveway:** Parallel paths within the boundary of the property owner's private property upon which vehicle tires travel as part of an established driveway.

**Screened:** Hidden from the view of a person standing at ground level on an abutting site by an architectural or landscape feature that is at least six feet in height.



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PENALTIES**

Vehicles found in violation of the ordinance will be subject to the following penalties and procedures:

- Cars will receive a \$30 civil citation requiring payment within 5 business days
- Semi-trucks will receive a \$50 civil citation requiring payment within 5 business days
- If, when issuing a civil citation, compliance officers find that the property owner has failed to provide proper parking, the property owner will be issued a Notice To Correct Conditions (NTCC) requiring compliance within 30 days.

## VARIATIONS

Request for variance from the provisions of this ordinance shall be submitted in writing to the director of the Code Compliance Department, stating the specific variance requested and reasons why a variance should be granted. The director will review the request and render a decision within ten working days of the request.

A variance will be granted only upon a determination that the request is the minimum necessary to afford relief, and that the overall intent of this ordinance will be implemented.



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