

ARTICLE XIII. PARKING, RANKING, STOPPING

Sec. 20-13.1. Indicated areas; signs, markers, paint.

It shall be unlawful to rank or park any vehicle in the streets except as indicated by the limit lines, signs or targets painted or located thereon or adjacent thereto.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71)

Sec. 20-13.2. Unlawful to leave children under ten unattended longer than five minutes; police authority; penalty for violation.

- (a) *Unattended children.* It shall be unlawful for any person having control of any vehicle within the city limits to park or rank said vehicle for a period longer than five minutes, leaving within said vehicle any child under the age of ten years unless said person leaves with said child some person ten years of age or older.
- (b) *Police authority.* That any member of the police department of the city is authorized to use such force as may be necessary in his judgment to remove any such child found in any vehicle in violation of this section from said vehicle, if in his judgment it is in the best interest of said child.
- (c) *Penalty for violation.* Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction before the recorder of Columbus, Georgia, be punished as set forth in section 1-8 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71)

Sec. 20-13.3. Proximity to curb.

Whenever no limit lines, signs, or targets appear to indicate the manner of ranking or parking, all vehicles shall be ranked with their right wheels within 12 inches of the right curb, or left wheel within 12 inches of the left curb, when parking next to a median or a one-way street.

The penalties for violations of this section shall be the same as established by section 20-16.11.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71; Ord. No. 00-35, § 1, 4-4-00)

Sec. 20-13.4. Stopping in street; when permitted.

Except when parked, ranked or stopped in accordance with the provisions of this chapter or other ordinances of the city, no vehicle shall stop in any street unless in emergency to allow a pedestrian or another vehicle to cross its path or unless held up by traffic, or unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71)

Sec. 20-13.5. Long vehicles; time.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any vehicle exceeding 25 feet in length parked or ranked in the same space on any public street in the city for a longer period continuously than two hours, either day or night. The word "vehicle" shall include trucks, buses and all other automobiles, public-service and private. In computing the length of a vehicle, bumpers and other projections shall be included; provided, however, that

school buses, bookmobiles, traveling museum units and other service type vehicles may be allowed to park on public streets, provided parking locations are approved by the Columbus Police Department for the parking of such vehicles.

- (b) Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the east and west side of Fifth Avenue lying between the north curb of 10th Street and the south curb of 12th Street between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71; Ord. No. 79-97, § 1, 8-28-79)

Sec. 20-13.6. Reserved

Sec. 20-13.7. Passengers in parking meter zones.

In all parking meter zones in the city it shall be unlawful for the operator of a motor vehicle discharging or picking up passengers to stop in a street comprised in such zones except in parking meter spaces or in regularly designated limit lines marked in white for a longer period of time than actually necessary to discharge or pick up passengers. Such period of time shall in no instance exceed one minute. In all such cases an operator must remain at the steering wheel and keep the engine running.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71)

Sec. 20-13.8. Red flag and light.

Any vehicle with any part of its load projecting more than five feet beyond the front or rear of the body of such vehicle shall be provided with a red flag by day and a red light at night on the extreme end of any such projection.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71)

Sec. 20-13.9. Protruding articles.

No vehicle, while on a highway, shall have any implements, objects or material of any sort protruding or hanging beyond the side or sides of such vehicle.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71)

Sec. 20-13.10. Commercial vehicles and construction equipment in residential districts.

- (a) *Purpose:* The intent of this section is to regulate small commercial vehicles, small commercial trailers, large commercial vehicles, large commercial trailers and commercial construction equipment which operate and park within residential districts. Residential districts typically have roadways and driveways designed for local access of passenger type vehicles. Large commercial vehicles and large commercial trailers cannot easily maneuver and park on public streets without causing damage to roadways and sight distance restrictions. Commercial construction equipment is not intended for storage within residential districts.
- (b) *Allowances:* A residence shall be allowed to park only one commercial vehicle within a residential district as defined under the conditions described by the following:
 - (1) Only one small commercial vehicle and/or only one small commercial trailer shall be allowed per residence. The vehicle shall be required to park in resident's driveway when parking in the front yard or on a well defined parking pad in the side or rear yard on private property and not on street right-of-way. The vehicles can not block any sidewalks/walk paths or block sight distance for adjacent

driveways or streets. Any vehicle that is parked on street or on street right-of-way shall be in violation;
or

- (2) Only one large commercial vehicle shall be allowed per residence. The vehicle shall be required to park in resident's driveway when parking in the front yard or on a well defined parking pad in the side or rear yard on private property and not on street right-of-way. The vehicle can not block any sidewalks/walk paths or block sight distance for adjacent driveways or streets. All large commercial vehicles with open bodies designed for hauling materials/goods shall be empty when parked in residential districts. Any vehicle that is parked on street or on street right-of-way shall be in violation.

(c) *Prohibitions:*

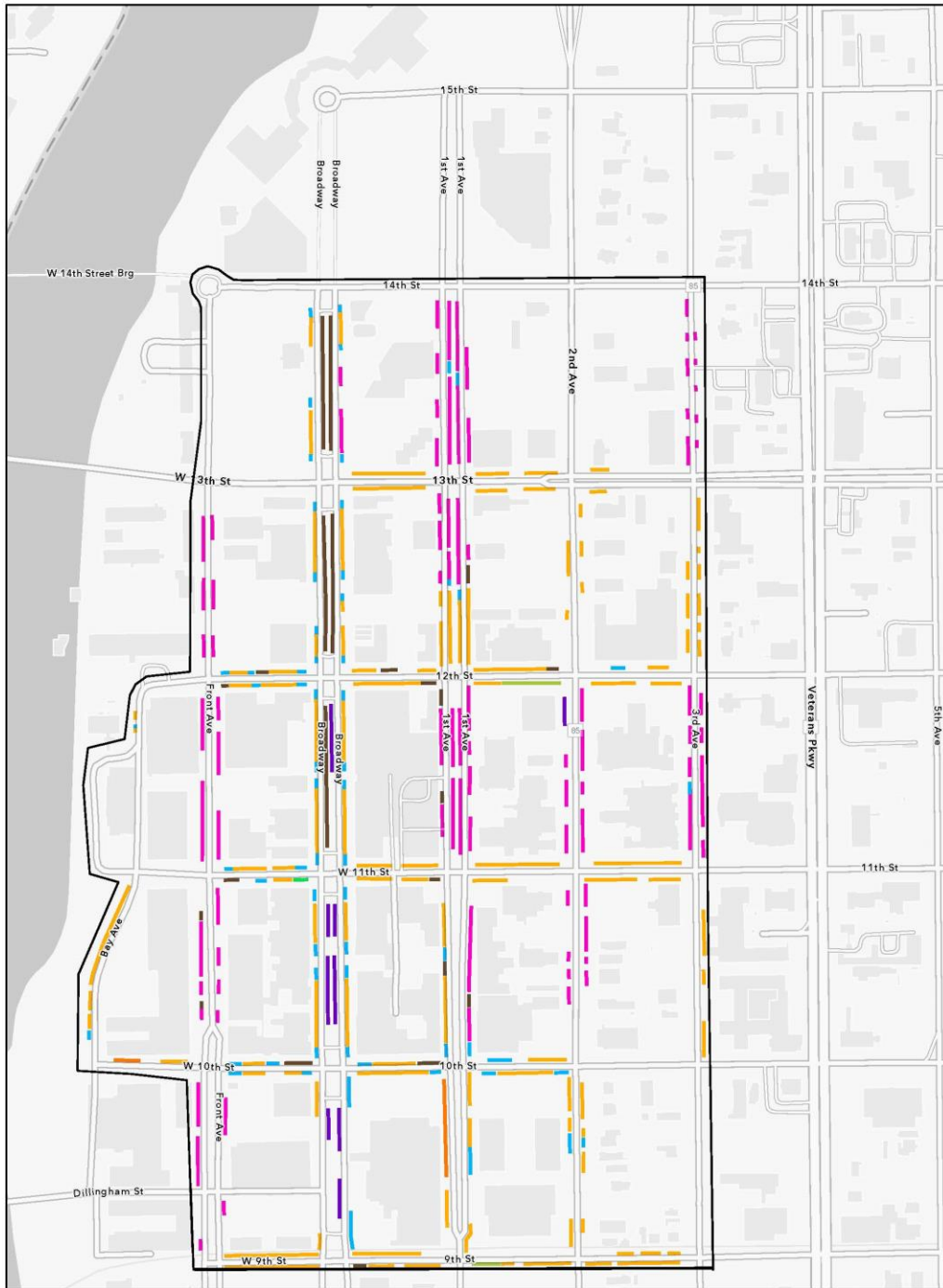
- (1) The operation of large commercial vehicles, large commercial trailers and commercial construction equipment shall be prohibited in residential districts except as allowed within this Code section. All large commercial vehicles, large commercial trailers, commercial construction equipment are prohibited from parking on the street, on street right-of-way or operating within a residential district except for the purpose of making local deliveries, pickups or providing a service. No large commercial trailers or commercial construction equipment will be allowed to park within residential districts. Maintenance of said vehicles shall be prohibited except for normal washing.
- (2) Any said vehicle making local deliveries, pickups or providing a service shall place 36-inch orange cones or minimum 36-inch orange/black warning signs on portable stands or orange reflective hazard triangles around vehicle to delineate work zone and warn motorists of parked vehicle.

(Ord. No. 87-126, § 2, 9-8-87; Ord. No. 99-52, § III, 8-10-99)

Sec. 20-13.11. Parking management districts.

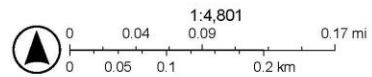
- (a) *Purpose.* This section establishes parking management districts for the purpose of managing parking spaces more efficiently and to provide for specific control and enforcement techniques. The goal is to increase availability of publicly and historic residential controlled parking areas. The responsible enforcement authority will enforce all violations of posted signage with respect to the use of specific parking spaces to include time limitations as shown on parking management district maps shown below.
- (b) *Parking management districts.* The following parking management districts are identified and boundaries described therefor:
 - (1) *Uptown parking management district.* Public parking from south right-of-way of Ninth Street to north right-of-way of Fourteenth Street and from west right-of-way of Bay Avenue to east right-of-way of Third Avenue as shown on the map below:

Uptown Parking Enforcement Map



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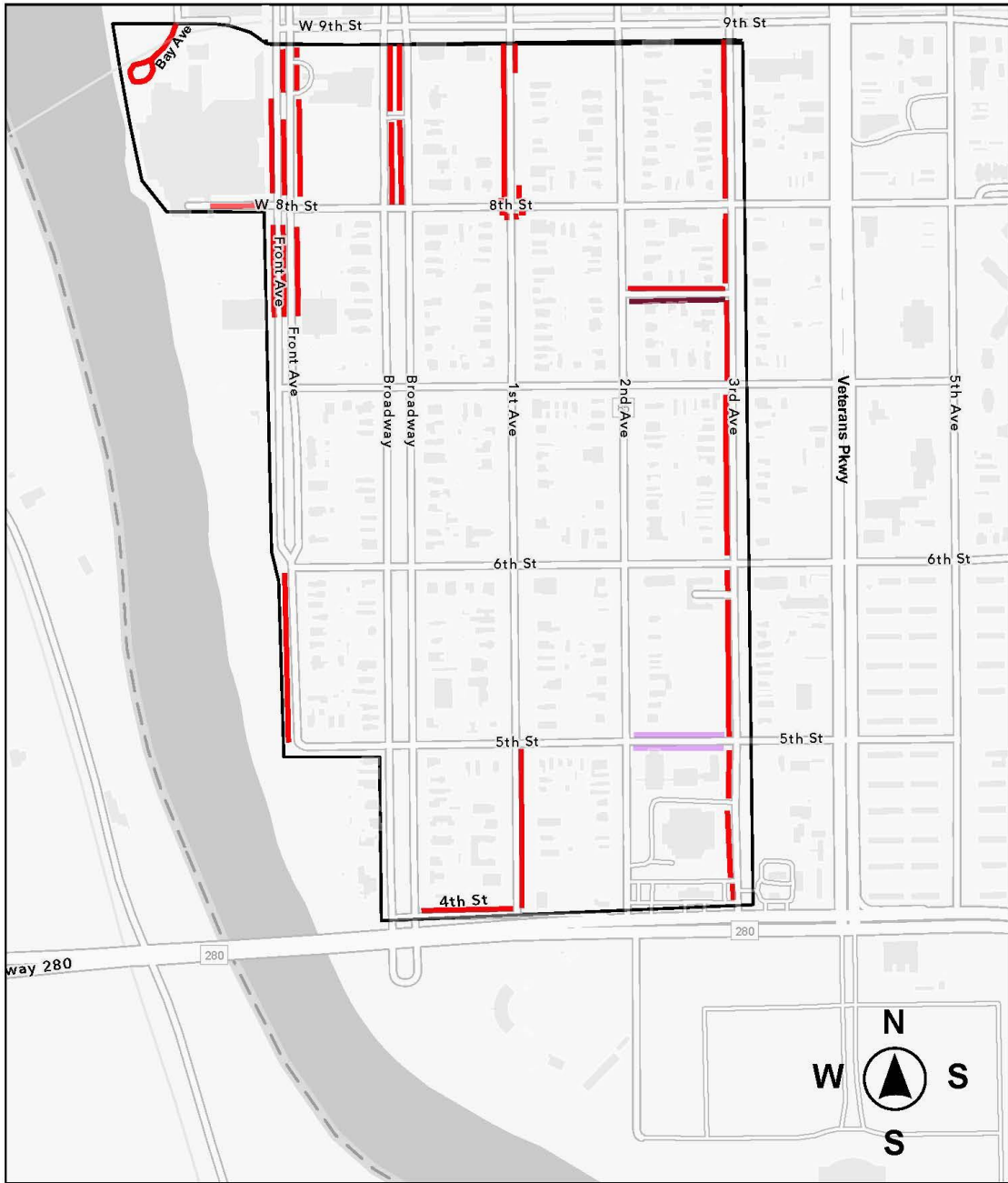
- 4 Hour Handicap
- 2 Hour Parking
- 4 Hour Parking
- No Parking - Loading Zone
- Reserved Parking
- 15 Minute Parking - Loading Zone
- Reserved Fire Lane
- 2 Hour - EV Parking Only
- Uptown Parking Enforcement Boundaries







***Parking restrictions.* It shall be unlawful to park on the same day within the boundaries of the above-described Uptown parking management district within the same block and same direction so as to extend the time parked in such block beyond the prescribed limit.**

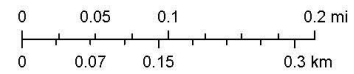
- (2) Downtown *Historic District. parking management district:* Residential parking from east of Broadway and 4th Street going east to 3rd Avenue and extending north to 9th Street, including all interior areas of the downtown historic district and going west on 9th Street to the corner of Front Avenue as shown on the map below:

Historic District Parking Enforcement Map



Legend:

-  No Parking - 8 A.M. to 7 P.M.
-  No Parking on Sundays - 6 A.M. - 9 P.M.
-  No Parking Zones
-  Historic District Parking Enforcement Boundaries



- (3) *Lakebottom Park/Weracoba Park parking management district:* Public parking along the following streets:] 13th Street, 18th Avenue, Gerrard Street, Cherokee Avenue and 17th Street, including all interior areas of the park, and 9th Avenue between 15th Street and Linwood Boulevard.
- (4) *City Services Center Garage parking management district:* Public and reserved parking in the City Services Center Garage and along Citizens Way and Midtown Drive from Rigdon Road to Boxwood Blvd. which provide ingress and egress to the garage
- (5) *City Hall Garage parking management district:* Public and reserved parking in the City Hall building located on 1st Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets.
- (6) *Civic Center parking management district:* Public and reserved parking at the Civic Center South Commons Complex.



(Ord. No. 92-72, § 1, 7-28-92; Ord. No. 00-14, § I, 2-15-00; Ord. No. 03-22, § 1, 5-1-03; Ord. No. 06-74, § 1, 8-22-06; Ord. No. 08-43, § 1, 8-19-08; Ord. No. 13-36, § 1, 6-25-13; Ord. No. 19-019, § 1, 4-9-19)

Sec. 20-13.12. Uptown leased lot districts.

- (a) *Purpose.* This section establishes leased parking areas under the control of the Consolidated Government more efficiently and to provide for specific control and enforcement techniques. The goal is to provide vehicles with a permit to park in a designated parking space.

- (b) *City leased parking lots; sticker or decal required.* It shall be unlawful for any person to park or rank a vehicle in any parking lot or area designated and regulated by the Columbus Consolidated Government, by sign, as a permit parking only lot owned or leased by public or quasipublic bodies without displaying on such vehicle a sticker or decal or other insignia issued by or under the authority of the consolidated government for said public parking. Permit fees shall be regulated by parking lot lease agreements. A copy of which shall be maintained by the clerk of council.

(Ord. No. 92-72, § 2, 7-28-92)

Sec. 20-13.13. Violations of sections 20-13.11 and 20-13.12.

The penalties for violations of section 20-13.11 or 20-13.12 shall be the same as established by section 20-16.11.

(Ord. No. 92-72, § 3, 7-28-92)

Sec. 20-13.14. Parking management and enforcement areas.

- (a) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 40-7-5, the parking management districts and lots referenced in sections 20-13.11 and 20-13.12 may be enforced special enforcement officers of the Department of Transportation/METRA or special enforcement officers otherwise deputized by the Chief of Police are authorized to use certain motorized vehicles for the enforcement of parking and related traffic ordinances and regulations within the parking management and enforcement area and said parking management and enforcement area is incorporated herein by reference. Such motorized vehicles may include the use of golf carts or other vehicles as determined by the Department of Transportation/METRA for special enforcement officers in the performance of their enforcement duties.

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- (b) The chief of police is hereby authorized to deputize any necessary special enforcement officers of the Department of Transportation/METRA or other agencies for the enforcement of parking and related traffic ordinances and regulations within said parking management enforcement area. The chief of police is further authorized to apply for any vehicle permit which may be necessary for the enforcement of such regulations.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person other than authorized enforcement personnel or authorized delivery personnel to park a motorized vehicle anywhere other than authorized public parking spaces within and adjacent to said parking management and enforcement areas.

(Ord. No. 00-8, §§ 1, 2, 1-18-00; Ord. No. 03-22, § 3, 5-1-03)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 00-8, §§ 1, 2, adopted Jan. 18, 2000, did not specifically amend this Code; hence, inclusion of its provisions as § 20-13.4 herein was at the discretion of the editor.

Sec. 20-13.15. Uptown residential parking areas.

- (a) The following areas are hereby designated as residential parking areas in uptown Columbus:

Res. Code	Designated Four-Hour Areas
(F)	Front Avenue (between 10 th & 12 th —E. side only)
(1)	1 st Avenue (between 13 th & 14 th)
(2)	2 nd Avenue (between 10 th & 11 th)
(3)	3 rd Avenue (between 12 th & 14 th —E. side only)
(W)	Warren Avenue (between Broadway & 14 th)

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- (b) Permits for parking in the designated residential parking areas described in subsection (a) of this section may be obtained by residents living within the parking management and enforcement area established in section 20-13.14. These permits may be obtained from department of transportation/METRA upon payment of a fee of \$25.00 per vehicle with a maximum of two vehicles per residence. These residential parking permits shall be valid for a period of 12 months and may be renewed within 30 days of expiration from the department of transportation/METRA, Upon application for a residential parking permit, the applicant must present proof of residency within the parking management and enforcement area described in section 20-13.14 and a valid driver's license and current Georgia vehicle registration, except military personnel and students may be exempt from the Georgia vehicle registration requirement upon showing valid military identification or a valid student identification card.
 - (c) Residential parking permits shall be displayed in the rear window of the vehicle when the vehicle is parked in the designated residential parking area which is assigned to each resident.
 - (d) Residents displaying a valid residential parking permit and parking in the designated residential parking area assigned to such resident may park in such assigned residential parking area without being subject to the four-hour parking limitation otherwise in effect.
 - (e) Residential parking permits may be revoked by the department of transportation/METRA upon (a) the providing of false information by any applicant for a permit; or (b) upon the receipt of three or more parking citations in Columbus, Georgia within a 12-month period for which fines remain unpaid or (c) the return of any check issued to the department of transportation/METRA for insufficient funds.
 - (f) Residential parking permits shall not be valid in other 15-minute, 30-minute or two-hour limit parking zones or four-hour zones designated in subsection (a).
 - (g) Other guidelines for the use of residential parking permits may be published by the department of transportation/METRA but shall not conflict with the provisions of this section.

(Ord. No. 01-8, § 1, 2-6-01)

Sec. 20-13.16. Designated streets time limits; parking restrictions.

- (a) That from the hour of 8:00 a.m., to the hour of 6:00 p.m., except on Sundays, no vehicle shall remain parked or ranked on the parts of the streets hereinafter designated for a longer period continuously that is hereinafter set forth; the parts of said streets and the respective time limits for parking or ranking being as follows:
 - (1) On the south side of Wynnton Road beginning at the east line of Britt Avenue and running east 196 feet; time limit, 30 minutes.
 - (2) On the south side of Linwood Boulevard beginning at the west line of Twelfth Avenue and running west 50 feet; time limit, 30 minutes.
 - (3) On the south line of Linwood Boulevard, beginning at the west line of Dudley Avenue and running west 145.3 feet; time limit, 30 minutes.
 - (4) On the south side of Wynnton Road beginning at a point 300 feet east of the east line of Henry Avenue and running east 58 feet; time limit, 30 minutes.
- (b) That appropriate signs shall be erected along the area described in section (a) hereof, indicating the parking restriction described herein.
- (c) That any person violating this ordinance shall be subject to the fines and penalties set forth in section 20-14.2 of the Columbus Code.

(Ord. No. 21-065, §§ 1—3, 12-14-21)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 21-065, §§ 1—3, adopted December 14, 2021, added provisions that were not specifically amendatory. At the editor's discretions and at the direction of the city, these provisions have been included as § 20-13.16.