

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
THE CITY'S PARKING REGULATIONS
CHAPTER 26**

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed its policies and procedures with respect to certain parking regulations and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Dacula to amend the City Code update and revise certain parking regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DACULA HEREBY ORDAINS that Chapter 26 be amended as follows:

SECTION 1

The existing Section 26-152 is deleted and the following is substituted in its place:

Sec. 26-152. Manner of parking when no specific provisions.

On all street or alleys in the City for which no special parking provisions have been made, it is lawful to park vehicles on either side of the street or alley with the right side of the vehicle within 12 inches to the curb or roadway edge and with the vehicle parallel to such curb or edge, provided that a minimum of ten feet of unprotected passageway shall remain for the passage of other vehicles, provided the following provisions are met:

- (a) In no event shall a vehicle block the flow of traffic on a public street, highway or other public place. A law enforcement officer may direct the removal of any vehicle determined to be obstructing the flow of traffic or being stored on a public street, highway or public space.
- (b) No person shall park or stand any bus, truck or other freight- or passenger-carrying vehicle in excess of one-half ton capacity upon any public street or highway for a period longer than one hour at any time during the day or night.
- (c) No person shall stop or stand any truck or bus with a body more than eight feet wide or ten feet high on any street or public place without the driver or chauffeur being actually present and in charge thereof.
- (d) No person shall park or stand any truck camper, camper trailer, motor home, boat, boat trailer, utility trailer, or other recreational vehicle on any residential street or public place for more than one hour at any time during the day or night.
- (e) Vehicles associated with the provision of services for residences and/or residential properties, such as, but not limited to construction, landscaping, moving, utilities, etc., may park in the street adjacent to or near the residence(s), they are serving while those services are ongoing for up to 12 hours.

- (f) Any vehicle in violation of this article, and which remains in violation for the period of 24 hours or more, shall be presumed to be abandoned and may be impounded by the Marshal's Department.

Section 26-154 is deleted and the following is substituted in its place:

Section 26-154. Parking prohibited at all times in certain locations.

- (a) It is unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle or other vehicle to park the vehicle in any of the places on the streets and alleys of the City specifically designated by posted signs indicating the prohibited parking
- (b) It is unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle or other vehicle to park the vehicle in or on any traffic circle or roundabout at any time.

The following Section 26-160 is enacted as follows:

Sec. 26 – 160. Parking surfaces.

- (a) In any non-residential district, the parking of any vehicle on other than a paved surface or hardened or greenscape surface approved by the Planning and Development Department is prohibited.
- (b) In a residential district, the parking of any motor vehicle except on a hard surface area (concrete, asphalt, greenscape, grasscrete, pavers, and/or contained gravel) 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.
- (c) Maximum allowable paved parking or hard surface area in the front yards (excluding walkways and required sidewalks):
 - 1. Single-family attached zoning districts - not more than 35 percent of the front yard area.
 - 2. Single-family detached zoning districts - not more than 30 percent of the front yard area.
 - 3. In the R-TH and multi-family zoning districts and developments, no parking shall be permitted except in driveways and designated parking lots.

The following Section 26-161 is enacted as follows:

Sec. 26 – 161. Prohibited uses. No parking areas, public street, highway or other public place may be used for the sale, repair, dismantling, assembly, servicing or long-term storage of any vehicles or equipment, unless permitted by the zoning district in which the area is located.

SECTION 2

The City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, and Director of Planning and Economic Development are further authorized to correct typographical errors in the text of the existing Code of Ordinances and to produce and publish a final codified version of the City Code with the amendments and revisions outlined herein.

SECTION 3

In the event any Court of competent jurisdiction determines that any portion of the foregoing amendment is invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise illegal, such rulings shall not impair the validity of the rest and remainder of this amendment.

SECTION 4

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed. All of the rest and remainder of Chapter 26 not specifically amended herein shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 5

This Ordinance and the amendments outlined herein shall be effective immediately upon their adoption by the Mayor and City Council.

SO ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Dacula, this _____ day of March, 2022.

AYES: ____

NAYES: ____

ATTEST:

HUGH D. KING, III
MAYOR, CITY OF DACULA

HEATHER COGGINS,
ACTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR