

Here is the current Lynden Municipal code:

10.08.020 - Angle parking—Length of vehicles.

No vehicle more than twenty-one feet in length shall park in any angle parking space. The penalty fee for violation of this section shall be set by resolution of the Lynden City Council.

(Ord. No. 1531, § 1, 5-15-2017)

Let me know if you want to propose change.

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From: John Williams

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 1:59 PM

To: Pam Brown <BrownPa@LYNDENWA.ORG>; Dan Jean <dmjean@gmail.com>

Cc: Scott Korthuis <KorthuisS@LYNDENWA.ORG>; Steve Banham <BanhamS@LYNDENWA.ORG>

Subject: RE: Email Response

Mr. Jean

Your email regarding this topic was discussed at the most recent Public Works Committee meeting. It is now in the hands of the Public Works department for review. I will ask for someone from public works to respond to you if there are further developments on the topic.

Thank you

John Williams

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From: Dan Jean <dmjean@gmail.com>

Subject: Front Street Parking**Date:** October 28, 2022 at 9:49:00 AM PDT**To:** citycouncil@lyndenwa.org**Trouble on Front Street**

I am writing to ask the Lynden City Council and other city planners and leaders to begin discussion on the future of Front Street and its use, accessibility, safety, and charm. The area needing careful watch is the four block stretch between 3rd and 7th Streets, where many of Lynden's signature landmarks, restaurants and businesses are located. The principle concern is parking and oversize vehicles. The narrow street employs angled parking to accommodate as many cars as possible, and the number of oversize vehicles that have grown – not only in size but popularity – threaten to bring Lynden's hallmark street to a halt.

When the downtown strip is busy, traffic moves slowly but steadily in both directions. However, when pickup trucks are parked on Front Street, even with a front wheel touching the curb, the rear bumper hangs far into the traffic lane. When a larger service vehicle decides to use one of the angled spaces, the traffic lane can be completely blocked. On occasions when two pickups park on opposite sides of Front Street, it effectively becomes a one-way street.

A modern pickup truck is 19.8 ft long, 6.7 ft wide, and 6.3 feet tall on average.

Here are some specific examples:

2021 Ford F150 XLT Super cab 4x4 has the following dimensions:

Length: 19.31 feet

Width: 6.65 feet

2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew cab 4x4 has the following dimensions:

Length: 20.1 feet

Width: 6.76 feet

2022 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew cab 4x4 has the following dimensions:

Length: 20.15 feet)

Width: 6.84 feet

2021 Toyota Tundra Double cab 4x4 has the following dimensions:

Length: 19.08 feet

Width: 6.66 feet

(Source - <https://measuringstuff.com/what-are-the-average-dimensions-of-a-pick-up-truck-with-examples/>)

It only takes a drive through the area on a busy day to see that Lynden's Front street is simply not wide enough to accommodate vehicles of this size in the current configuration of parking.

A secondary problem is the blocked visibility of smaller vehicles parked next to these larger ones. With any view of traffic blocked, the only way to get out of a parking spot on Front Street is to back out slowly while hoping any oncoming car stops in time. Even with reduced speeds and common courtesy, parking is becoming less and less safe.

The problem of parking in any growing city never seems to go away. Possible solutions vary widely. Should oversize vehicles be moved to areas away from angled parking? Should Front Street be made one way? And which way? Should the four block section be made a pedestrian only area? There are certainly many available choices. The current situation threatens the charm of Lynden's center. My request today is that the discussions begin now.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Jean

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