

ORDINANCE NO. 1052

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-202 RELATING TO PROHIBITED PARKING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 14, Article 2, Section 14-202(ai) of the Westwood City Code is hereby repealed and replaced, to read as follows:

- (ai) The purpose of this section establishes a procedure to consider and verify hardships resulting from the overnight parking restrictions.

Hardships in meeting parking standards are unique to a specific property, such as its location or unusual site conditions, and not a general issue in the neighborhood.

Notwithstanding the above, the city, through its designated personnel, shall have the authority to grant a parking variance from the overnight parking restrictions to allow a vehicle to park in contravention of the restrictions. Upon a showing of an applicant's hardship, and upon a determination that neither public safety nor emergency operations of the city will be adversely affected, a variance may be granted. The variance shall state the individual to whom it is issued, the location where parking is to be permitted, the vehicle to be parked, any other conditions deemed to be in the public interest to note, and the duration of the variance.

A parking variance will not be granted if the property owner can still achieve reasonable use of their property under the existing parking restrictions, as the purpose of a variance is to address unique hardships, not mere inconveniences. For a variance to be granted, the applicant must prove that the difficulty or hardship arises from the property's unique physical conditions, is not self-created, and will not harm public safety, operations of the city or its service providers, or the community at-large. If these conditions are not met, the request for a variance will be denied.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 14, Article 2, Section 14-202(aj) of the Westwood City Code is added, to read as follows:

- (aj) Overnight street parking is prohibited within the community. Overnight street parking is defined as any vehicle parked on the street at any time between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am.

Residents having overnight guests/visitors who intend to park on streets within the city must notify the police department and obtain a temporary variance. Temporary variances will be issued for guest parking only. Property owners and occupants may not use variance permits for their own vehicles, and must park vehicles in the garage or in the driveway.

Temporary Variance Rules

1. A temporary variance may not exceed a duration of 2 weeks.
2. No homeowner or tenant may be issued more than 2 temporary variances at a time for a particular address.
3. The total number of temporary variance days permitted for each unique address shall not exceed 21 days within a 90-day period.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED by the Governing Body this 11th day of September, 2025.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 11th day of September, 2025.

David E. Waters, Mayor

ATTEST:

Abby Schneweis, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ryan B. Denk, City Attorney