

Residential Parking Where.....?

The City of Dover gets frequent inquiries about *where* parking is permitted and *what* kinds of vehicles may be parked on residential properties.



We have prepared this handout to give you a basic overview of City rules and regulations for parking.

**Any Questions
or Concerns about parking?**

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The Fine Print (regulations) and what they mean:

ARTICLE 6. OFF-STREET PARKING, DRIVEWAYS AND LOADING FACILITIES

Section 1. Permitted accessory parking.

1.1 [Off-street parking spaces.] Off-street parking spaces, open or enclosed, are permitted accessory to any use. One commercial vehicle may be parked on a lot in any residence zone only if less than one ton in carrying capacity.

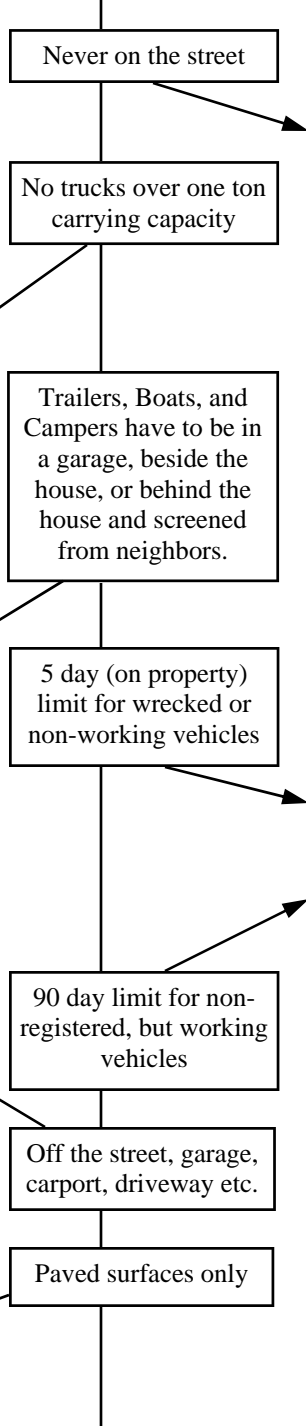
1.12 [1.2] **Trailers and boats.** The storage or parking and use of a house trailer by any person or persons is prohibited in all residential zones, except the mobile home park (MHP) zone. A boat with its trailer, a utility trailer, and an unoccupied travel trailer under 31 feet body length or an unoccupied motor home may be parked within a garage or anywhere behind the setback line if screened from adjacent lots. However, none of the vehicles shall be parked in a required side yard if alley parking adjacent to the lot is available.

3.2 **Areas computed as parking spaces.** Areas which may be computed as open or enclosed off-street parking spaces include any private garage, carport, or other area available for parking, other than a street or driveway. However, a driveway within a required front yard for a one-family or two-family residence may count as one parking space, other than a corner lot as provided in article 5, section 1.3.

3.6 Drainage and surfacing.

(a) All open permanent parking areas and access drives shall be properly drained and all such areas shall be provided with paved asphalt, concrete or other hard, paved, dust-free surface.

What if the vehicle doesn't work or is unregistered?



Sec. 106-130. Wrecked, nonoperating, or improperly parked or equipped vehicles.

(a) Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle or permit any vehicle to remain parked on the streets of the city when that vehicle is wrecked, nonoperating or improperly equipped to such an extent that it would be unlawful to drive the vehicle upon the streets of the city in its condition.

(b) Leaving vehicles on property. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge or in control of any property within the city, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, to allow any vehicle partially dismantled, stripped, nonoperating or in such disrepair as to render it unable to operate legally on a public street, or a wrecked, junked or discarded vehicle to remain on the property longer than five days or, in the case of operating unregistered or uninspected vehicles, to remain on the property for more than 90 days. No person shall leave such vehicle on any property within the city for a time longer than five days or 90 days in the case of operating unregistered or uninspected vehicles. This subsection shall not apply with regard to a vehicle in an enclosed building or enclosed area designed and approved for such purposes, a vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise or a vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the city.

Are there any exceptions?

The simple answer is:

No..... Not without asking and having a very good reason for an exception.

Unregistered or uninspected vehicles whose owners have properly parked and locked them and have notified the department of planning and inspections may be granted extensions of the 90-day limit on the keeping of unregistered or uninspected vehicles by the department of planning and inspections for reasons including but not limited to out-of-state military service, illness, extended travel or other reasons acceptable to the department of planning and inspections.

(c) Parking in grass. Vehicles shall not be permitted to be parked in front, side, or rear yards required by appendix B pertaining to zoning, except in approved driveways, garages, carports, or parking pads.

