

City of Waukesha, Wisconsin

Ordinance No. 2025 – 11

**An Ordinance Amending Parking Regulations and Penalties
in Chapter 7 of the Waukesha Municipal Code**

The Common Council of the City of Waukesha do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 7.04(15) of the Waukesha Municipal Code is hereby created as follows to prohibit parking in fire lanes:

- 15. Fire Lanes.** No person shall park, stop, or leave unattended any vehicle in a designated fire lane. Fire lanes shall be clearly marked by signage or pavement markings.

Section 2. Section 7.04(16) of the Waukesha Municipal Code is hereby created as follows to prohibit parking of unregistered vehicles on city streets:

- 16. Registration Required.** No person shall park any unregistered vehicle on any public street if that vehicle is required to be registered under Chapter 341, Wis. Stats.

Section 3. Section 7.04(17) of the Waukesha Municipal Code is hereby created as follows to prohibit abandoning vehicles on city streets:

- 17. Abandoned Vehicles.** No person shall abandon any vehicle on any public street or public property.
- (a)** Pursuant to the authority contained in Wis. Stats. §342.40, vehicles left unattended under the following circumstances shall be deemed abandoned and constitute a public nuisance:
- (1)** Any vehicle found under circumstances prohibited in sections 7.04(1)-(4), (6), (7), (10), or (14)-(16) shall be deemed to be abandoned property, subject to removal in accordance with §12.07(3).
- (2)** Any vehicle whose owner cannot be determined after reasonable effort by the police department pursuant to paragraph (b) below shall be deemed to be abandoned property, subject to immediate removal pursuant to Wis. Stats. §342.40(3), and notwithstanding the 72-hour grace period otherwise provided for in §12.07(3).
- (b)** Whenever abandoned vehicles are found, the police department shall attempt to locate the owner or operator and require him or her to remove such vehicle.
- (c)** In the case of abandoned vehicles, if after a reasonable attempt the police department is unable to notify the owner or operator of an abandoned vehicle,

the department shall cause the vehicle to be removed pursuant to Wis. Stats. §342.40(3) and §12.07(3) of this Code.

- (d) The city, any employee of the city, or any agent of the city engaged in the removal of any vehicle under this section shall not be held liable for any damage caused to the property in the removal or storage process.

Section 4. The table within Section 7.08(3) of the Waukesha Municipal Code is hereby amended to include the following parking offenses and their associated penalties:

Violation	Code and/or Statute Section	Initial	After 15 days
Limited Parking Zones (Including Overtime Violations)	7.04(1) Mun. Code	\$25.00	\$44.00
Double Parking	7.04(8) Mun. Code	\$25.00	\$44.00
Parked in Wrong Direction	7.04(13) Mun. Code adopting 346.54(1)(a) Wis. Stats.	\$25.00	\$44.00
Restricted Parking in Municipal and Library Parking Lots and Parking Over Lines	7.04(7) Mun. Code	\$25.00	\$44.00
Parked Too Far From Curb	7.04(13) Mun. Code adopting 346.54(1)(d) Wis. Stats.	\$25.00	\$44.00
Prohibited Parking during Snow Emergencies	7.06(4) Mun. Code	\$25.00	\$44.00
Parked in No Parking Zones	7.04(3) Mun. Code	\$25.00	\$44.00
Parking Too Close to Corner	7.04(13) Mun. Code adopting 346.53(5) Wis. Stats.	\$25.00	\$44.00
Night Parking Violations (Including No Permit, Odd-Even Restriction Violation)	7.04(6) Mun. Code	\$25.00	\$44.00
Blocking Driveway/Safety Zone/Sidewalk	7.04(13) Mun. Code adopting 346.53(4), 346.52(1)(c), 346.52(1)(d) Wis. Stats.	\$25.00	\$44.00
Parking Too Close to Crosswalk	7.04(13) Mun. Code adopting 346.53(5) Wis. Stats.	\$25.00	\$44.00
Prohibited Parking at Schools	7.04(12) Mun. Code	\$25.00	\$44.00
Parked Too Close to Fire Hydrant	7.04(13) Mun. Code adopting 346.53(3) Wis. Stats.	\$40.00	\$65.00
Parked on Private Property	7.04(13) Mun. Code adopting 346.55(3), (4) Wis. Stats.	\$40.00	\$65.00
Parked in Bus, Taxi or Truck Loading Zone	7.04(2), 31.06, 31.07 Mun. Code	\$40.00	\$65.00
Parked on Terrace	7.04(4) Mun. Code	\$25.00	\$44.00

Handicap Parking Violation	7.04(13) Mun. Code adopting 346.505 Wis. Stats.	\$150.00	\$175.00
Other Parking Violations Not Otherwise Listed	7.04(13) Mun. Code adopting 346.50 through 346.55 Wis. Stats.	\$25.00	\$44.00
Parking in Fire Lane	7.04(15) Mun. Code	\$25.00	\$44.00
Parking Unregistered Vehicle	7.04(16) Mun. Code	\$25.00	\$44.00

Section 5. All ordinances, or portions of ordinances, inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be effective the day after its publication.

Passed the 4th day of November, 2025.


Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor


Attest: Katie Panella, City Clerk

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