

# VEHICLE PARKING GUIDE



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# INTRODUCTION

Wellington has parking regulations prohibiting parking of vehicles in the street, over a sidewalk, in a swale or any landscaped area. Parking in the street or over a sidewalk reduces the visibility of oncoming traffic to pedestrians and other drivers. This can become a hazard for our children when attempting to cross a street because the driver of the vehicle is unable to see a child dart into the street. Our swales provide the necessary drainage for stormwater runoff so that the streets and yards adjoining them do not become flooded. Parking in the swale causes damage that, over time creates drainage problems such as standing water, potholes, and driveway cracking. Wellington also has adopted codes for regulating parking of commercial, recreational and sports vehicles, boats and trailers.

## COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS VEHICLES, AND BOATS

### COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Commercial vehicle means a vehicle which is not used solely for personal non-business activities. The following factors will be considered when determining commercial status: (1) Outside lettering designating a business of any kind, (2) use of vehicle, (3) size of vehicle. The following



types of vehicles shall be considered commercial for the purposes of this section, but shall not be the only types of vehicles considered as commercial:

truck cab, semi-trailer, taxi, tow truck, step van, construction vehicle, bus, trailer or utility trailer, a vehicle outfitted for commercial purpose or a vehicle with three or more axles.

A commercial vehicle cannot be parked or stored on any public street, thoroughfare, or any right-of-way.

A commercial vehicle cannot be parked in any residential district as follows:

- For more than one hour between 6:00 am and 8:00 pm, such period commencing at the time of first stopping or parking
- For any period of time between 8:00 pm and 6:00 am

## EXCEPTIONS

### Commercial Vehicles

One commercial vehicle per dwelling unit may be parked on a residential lot, providing ALL of the following conditions are met:

- The vehicle is operative, registered and displays a current license tag and provided NO PORTION of the vehicle is visible from adjoining properties or the street
- One vehicle which is deemed a commercial vehicle due to the display of outside lettering ONLY may be parked provided the lettering is completely covered

### Construction Vehicles

The general prohibition set out above shall not apply to the temporary parking of construction vehicles on private property where construction is under way and a valid building permit has been issued and is displayed.



### Delivery and Service Vehicles

The general prohibition set out above does not apply to routine deliveries by tradesmen or the use of trucks making service calls, provided that such time in excess of one hour is actually in the course of business deliveries or servicing and the vehicle does not impede the orderly flow of traffic.



## GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

The general commercial vehicle prohibition shall not apply to government vehicles if ALL of the following conditions are met:

- The government vehicle is designated and authorized by a federal, state, county or municipal agency for use by a member of the household
- The government vehicle has a payload capacity of one (1) ton or less
- Government vehicles may also be subject to additional restrictions or exemptions as outlined in Chapter 316, F.S.

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, SPORTS VEHICLES, BOATS AND TRAILERS

A recreational vehicle, sports vehicle, boat or trailer cannot be parked or stored on any public street, thoroughfare, or any right-of-way.

Recreational vehicles, sports vehicles, boats and trailers cannot be parked in any residential district for a period exceeding one hour in a twenty four hour period, each such period commencing at the time of first stopping or parking.

### EXCEPTIONS:

#### Emergency Repairs

The general prohibition set out above shall not apply to a situation where a motor vehicle becomes disabled and, as a result of such emergency, is required to be parked for more than one hour. Any motor vehicle shall be removed within twenty-four hours, regardless of the nature of the emergency.



## Outdoor Storage

One boat, boat trailer with or without a boat mounted in it, jet ski or other type of personal watercraft, jet ski or personal watercraft trailer with up to two crafts mounted on it, recreational vehicle, sports vehicle, non-enclosed sports vehicle trailer with or without vehicles mounted on it or a horse trailer may be parked outdoors on a residential lot if ALL of the following conditions are met:

- The boat, boat trailer, sports vehicle, non-enclosed sports vehicle trailer, recreational vehicle or horse trailer is both owned and used by the resident of the property
- The boat or recreational vehicle is parked either on the swale or the paved parking area only for the purpose of loading, unloading or servicing the vehicle for a maximum period of four hours in any one day and a maximum of eight hours in any one-week period. Any vehicle on the premises more than two evenings between 8:00pm and 6:00am in any twenty-day period shall be considered a violation of the prohibited parking section of this code
- Any boat, boat trailer, sports vehicle, sports vehicle trailer, recreational vehicle or horse trailer located in the side or rear lot is not clearly visible from the street or abutting properties and is screened by a masonry wall, ornamental fence or landscaping at least six feet in height
- The recreational vehicle is not being used for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes
- The boat, trailer, recreational vehicle or horse trailer is currently registered and displays a current license tag

The provisions of the LDR shall govern parking of horse trailers in the equestrian preservation areas.



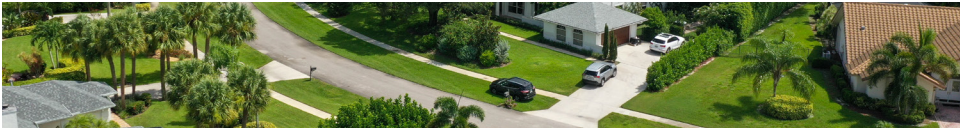
## BOAT RAMP ACCESS

The municipal boat ramp shall be for the exclusive use of Wellington residents. Residents shall be allowed to park vehicles and boat trailers in designated parking areas at Wellington owned boat ramps. Such vehicles shall be required to obtain a parking license from Wellington. For more information contact Building Permits at 561-791-4000.



## VEHICLE PARKING

A motor vehicle **may not** be parked in the street, on a sidewalk or in any portion of a yard or landscaped area clearly visible from the street or adjoining properties except the driveway or ARB-approved alternative surface. This includes swale areas and the front lawn.



## INOPERATIVE/UNLICENSED VEHICLES

A vehicle that is inoperative, unlicensed or does not display a current license tag cannot be parked or stored on any lot or in any right-of-way. An inoperable vehicle is any vehicle that cannot be driven away without receiving some kind of repair or service, including the replacement of one or more tires, the replacement of the battery, or repairs to any mechanical or electrical component.

### EXCEPTION

One vehicle that is unregistered or does not display a current license tag may be kept on the site provided the vehicle is COMPLETELY screened from view from adjacent roads and lots.

## VEHICLES REPAIRED OR DISPLAYED FOR SALE

Mechanical or other repair work cannot be performed out-of-doors on any motor vehicle.

### EXCEPTION

Minor maintenance such as oil and tire changes or emergency repairs lasting no more than 8 hours performed on a vehicle owned by a resident of the property.



A vehicle cannot be displayed for sale on any lot or right-of-way.

### EXCEPTION



Provided the vehicle is otherwise allowed, one non-commercial vehicle may be parked in a driveway with one "for sale" sign placed inside one of the windows.

## HORSE TRAILERS IN THE EQUESTRIAN PRESERVE AREA

Parking of horse trailers is permitted anywhere in the EPA except that they may not be parked in a roadway or canal right-of-way or easement.

Horse trailers on properties within the Urban Service Boundary of the EPA are permitted, subject to the following limitations: One unscreened horse trailer may be parked adjacent to a barn or stable on an individual lot, provided the horse trailer may not be parked between the front plane of the primary structure and the road easement or right-of-way. Additional

horse trailer(s) shall be screened from the view of adjacent roadways and private properties and the screened parking area meets the accessory structure setbacks.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

Parking for special neighborhood or individual events can be accommodated without ticketing by prior arrangement. Please call Wellington at (561) 753-2560 for special arrangements.



## PENALTY

- \$35.00 For each violation
- \$250.00 Handicapped parking violation
- \$30.00-\$250.00 Parking trailer at boat ramp without decal
- \$12.00 Late Fee for fines not paid within 30 days after

The Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) may withhold a vehicle registration renewal if three or more parking tickets or one or more disabled parking violation tickets remain unpaid.

## APPEAL

Any person wishing to contest a parking violation citation issued by a Code Compliance Officer may appeal and contest the citation by making a written request for a hearing to the Wellington Clerk at 12300 W. Forest Hill Blvd, Wellington, Florida 33414 within 10 days of the date the citation was issued. Any person wishing to contest a parking violation issued by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and processed by the Palm Beach County Clerk of Court shall contact the Clerk of Court within 30 days of the date the citation was issued. Failure to contest the violation by way of this procedure shall be deemed to have admitted the infraction and to have waived the right to a hearing. Upon receipt of the request for an administrative hearing, the village clerk shall then notify the clerk of the court. The alleged violator and village shall be given notice of the date and time of the hearing before the traffic hearing officer.







