

# Vehicles

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Every citizen has a responsibility to keep our residential neighborhoods clean and attractive. This The City of Overland Park is committed to maintaining the appearance and safety of all residential neighborhoods. In order to help accomplish this goal, the city has adopted regulations concerning the storage and parking of vehicles. This brochure highlights some of the major provisions of the City's vehicle ordinance regarding use, parking and storage. Your cooperation makes Overland Park a better place to live and work!

## What makes a vehicle "inoperable" according to Overland Park Municipal Code?

Examples of inoperable vehicles include those with a flat tire, missing wheels, a vehicle under repair or a vehicle that does not have a current license or registration.

## Is there a time period allowed for making auto repairs at home?

Yes. Fifteen days are allowed for repairs of one vehicle at a private residence when the vehicle is properly parked on a driveway or other approved parking surface. Other than emergency repairs of flat tires and dead batteries, repair work can only be conducted outside between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.



## What is an abandoned vehicle?

Any vehicle that is parked or stored unattended on the roadway, street or highway for a period of at least 48 hours is considered abandoned. Please alert the Overland Park Police Department of abandoned vehicles at 913/895-6000 or online at [www.opkansas.org/opcares](http://www.opkansas.org/opcares).

## Where am I allowed to park my vehicle?

Parking is permitted on a paved parking area, in a garage or in a carport. Parking on a patio or any hard surface not connected to the driveway is prohibited. You may not park a vehicle on the grass or in any area intended for landscaping. This requirement includes the front yard, the side yard, rear yard and the grass area between the street and sidewalk.

You are allowed to store one inoperable vehicle on your property for no more than 15 days while repairs are being made.

The only exception is that recreational vehicles may be stored in the side or rear yard under certain circumstances.

## Are there limits on what kind of vehicle I can park in a residential area?

Yes. In a residential area, parking is restricted to passenger cars and vans, pickup trucks or motorcycles. In other words, any vehicle primarily designed for the transportation of people. Vehicles parked on the street are regulated by the Overland Park Police Department at 913/895-6000.

Flatbed trucks and pickup trucks with a bed and sidewalls different from the standard pickup bed and sidewalls may be permitted if all of the following are demonstrated to a Community Services Code Compliance Officer:

1. The length of the vehicle does not exceed 20 feet.
2. The width of the vehicle does not exceed 8 feet.
3. The height does not exceed 7 feet.
4. The top of the highest sidewall is not more than 3 feet above the bed.
5. The truck does not have permanently mounted equipment such as aerial buckets or platforms, welding equipment, mechanical or hydraulic devices designed to assist in loading and unloading freight.



Commercial vehicles cannot be stored in a residential area but may be parked in a residential area on one occasion within a 30-day period for no more than 24 hours. A vehicle is considered a commercial vehicle when it exceeds the above requirements.

## What should I do if I want to construct additional parking?

If additional off-street parking is needed, you have several options. You may be able to expand an existing garage or carport or add a new garage or carport. In either case, you will need to obtain a building permit from the Building Safety Division of Planning and Development Services Department at 913/895-6225.

There are certain requirements for the distance between any new structure and your property lines that must be met before a permit will be issued. Check with the Planning and Development Services Department at

913/895-6217 to determine what setback requirements apply.

Another alternative is to expand your current driveway to allow additional room for parking. All driveway expansions must be paved. In addition, all driveways must be 2 feet away from any side property line. The total amount of driveway surface cannot exceed 35 percent of the area of your front yard.

### **Is there a penalty for violating the regulations?**

Yes. Failure to comply with the above requirements constitutes a violation of the city's ordinances and a ticket may be issued. Fines can be imposed up to \$500 for each violation on each day it exists or a judge may order up to six months time to be served in jail or both.

### **Failed Inspection Fees**

Failure to correct the violation(s) within the specified time frame required will result in a failed inspection fee of \$140.00 to be charged to the owner of record. The City will charge the owner of record an additional \$140.00 for each failed inspection hereafter, until the violation(s) are corrected.

Failure to pay the charges listed on the Notice of Cost within 30 days will result in the property owner being charged an additional \$70 as a late fee.

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## Guidelines for Residents



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