Chapter 200-200 WAC

STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS -
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200-200-001
Promulgation.

Pursuant to the authority granted by RCW 43.19.011, 46.08.150, and 79.24.720, the director of the department of enterprise services hereby establishes the following regulations to govern pedestrian and vehicular traffic and parking upon state lands which are a part of the state capitol grounds. These regulations apply to all people and all vehicles.

200-200-015
Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Director" defined. The director of the department of enterprise services.

(2) "Impound"/"impoundment" defined. To take and hold an unauthorized vehicle in legal custody at the direction of the director or designee, subject to the procedures outlined in this chapter and in chapter 46.55 RCW. Such definition includes towing of an unauthorized vehicle.

(3) "Presiding officer" defined. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.485, a "presiding officer" is an individual(s) who is appointed by the director to preside over administrative hearings and render a decision regarding the suspension or revocation of parking privileges and removal, suspension, or revocation from parking waiting list under this chapter.

(4) "Reviewing officer" defined. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.491, a "reviewing officer" is an individual(s) who is appointed by the director to review the decisions by the presiding officer and is authorized to grant appropriate administrative relief upon review.

(5) "State capitol buildings and grounds" defined. means those buildings and grounds over which the department of enterprise services exercises custody and control under RCW 43.19.125, RCW 79.24.710, RCW 79.24.300 through 79.24.320, and RCW 46.08.150

Those grounds owned by the state and otherwise designated as state capitol grounds, including the west capitol campus, the east capitol campus, Sylvester Park, the Old Capitol Building and Capitol Lake, ways open to the public and specified adjoining lands and roadways.

(6) "Unauthorized vehicle defined." An "unauthorized vehicle" is a vehicle which is parked for any length of time on state capitol grounds and:

(a) Does not display the permit required for that area; and/or
(b) Is not otherwise authorized to park in that area; and/or
(c) Is parked in a metered parking area for a consecutive period longer than the time permitted for parking in that area; and/or
(d) Is parked in a metered parking area with insufficient payment to use the space it occupies; and/or
(e) Is parked in a parking space designated for disabled individuals and such vehicle does not display a valid special license plate or placard; and/or
(f) Is parked in a parking space reserved for use by another vehicle; and/or
(g) Is parked in an area not designated for parking.
(7) "Vehicle" defined. "Vehicle" includes every device capable of being moved upon a public highway and in, upon, or by which any persons or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway as defined in RCW 46.04.670. All mechanical transportation devices defined as vehicles in the motor vehicle laws and of the state of Washington including motorcycles and motor driven cycles.

(8) "Way open to the public defined." Any road, alley, lane, parking area, parking structure, path, or any place private or otherwise adapted to and fitted for travel that is in common use by the public with the consent expressed or implied of the owner or owners, and further shall mean public play grounds, school grounds, recreation grounds, parks, park ways, park drives, park paths.

(9) "Employee defined." Any person employed by the state of Washington, and assigned to a state facility, including state employees, vendors and their staff of vendors, concessionaires, contractors and consultants, who are performing duties that are similar to the duties of state employees or that are in direct support of the state agency functions performed at the facility.

(10) "Disabled defined." Any person who has made application to the department of licensing and displays a valid permit under RCW 46.19.

(11) "Visitor defined." Any person parking on the capitol campus or visiting at a state facility who is not employed by the state or any employee whose primary duty station is not located on the capitol campus at that facility.

200-200-020

Objectives of traffic regulations.

The objectives of these traffic regulations are:

1. To protect and control pedestrian and vehicular traffic;
2. To assure access at all times for emergency equipment;
3. To facilitate the work of state government by assuring access for its vehicles and those of its employees and visitors and by assigning the limited parking space for the most efficient use.
4. To promote energy conservation.

200-200-030

Traffic control.

The motor vehicle laws and other traffic laws of the state of Washington codified under Title 46 Motor Vehicles are applicable to pedestrian and vehicular traffic on the state capitol grounds, and are hereby adopted and made a part hereof by reference. In case of conflict between the provisions of the motor vehicle laws or other traffic laws of the state of Washington and these regulations, the laws of Washington shall govern.

200-200-070

Speed.

Vehicles on the state capitol grounds may not be operated at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour or in excess of such lower speed as is reasonable and prudent in the circumstances or as may unless otherwise be posted. Vehicles in parking garages and lots located on the state capitol grounds may not be operated at a speed in excess of 12 miles per hour.

200-200-080
Regulatory signs and directions.

Such regulatory signs, markings, and directions assist in managing parking capacity efficiently and effectively. Chapter 468-95 WAC manual on uniform traffic control devices for streets and highways

Pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers of vehicles shall obey regulatory signs posted by the director. Pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers of vehicles shall also comply with directions given in the control and regulation of traffic by uniformed state patrol officers and designated department of enterprise services parking staff. No person shall move or alter any sign, barricade, or other structure used for traffic and/or parking regulation, including painted stripes or markings utilized in traffic and parking control, without the authorization of the director. Enterprise Services may assign specific stalls for specific purposes such as but not limited to these examples: vanpool, carpool, emergency, agency-reserved, oversized, load unload, motorcycle, visitor, electric vehicle, fleet-reserved, and or oversized vehicles. Parkers may not park vehicles in these types of stalls if they do not have prior authorized access and approval through the parker registration process managed by the department. Failure to adhere to posted signs, paint markings, and/or barricades constitutes violation of this rule.

Pedestrians and drivers of vehicles shall obey regulatory signs posted by the director. Pedestrians and drivers of vehicles shall also comply with directions given in the control and regulation of traffic by uniformed state patrol officers and department of enterprise services parking controllers. No person shall move or alter any sign, barricade or other structure used for traffic and/or parking regulation, including painted stripes or marking utilized in traffic and parking control, without the authorization of the director.

200-200-085

Marking.

The marking of streets, parking lots and garages shall be as follows:

1. Yellow areas—No standing parking and may serve as pedestrian walkways
2. White areas—Crosswalks (no stopping in crosswalks) and parking stalls (no stopping in parking stalls without a permit or payment of fee) White areas with hash marks or stripes are for ADA stall permitted use only
3. Red areas—No stopping, emergency and fire vehicle use only.
4. Green areas—Electric vehicle stalls equipped with infrastructure for charging purposes in accordance to 46.08.185 RCW

200-200-140

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200-200-185

Knowledge of parking regulations.
It is the responsibility of all persons and entities parking on state capitol grounds to read and fully understand these regulations. Lack of knowledge of these regulations will not be accepted as grounds for noncompliance.

200-200-186
Parking time limits in metered areas.

On normal working days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., no person or entity shall park any vehicle on the state capitol grounds or in any area designated as metered parking for a consecutive period of time longer than that period of time for which parking is permitted in such areas, irrespective of the amount of time for which parking has been paid.

Vehicles moved from one parking space to another or from one lot to another shall be assumed to have been parked continuously from the time they are initially parked in any metered area.

A showing that the time period between when a vehicle is twice found parked in any metered area(s) on the same day is more than the time allowed for parking in metered areas shall constitute a prima facie presumption that the vehicle has been parked in violation of this section.

200-200-187
Parking spaces.

The director shall formulate plans for the marking and numbering of parking areas and spaces and shall designate parking spaces for visitors, service vehicles, employees, and others as well as areas in which parking is prohibited. The director may designate and set aside specific parking and travel areas for motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, and/or bicycles, and they may be operated or parked only in those specified areas.

200-200-188
Tourists and visitors.

Tourists and visitors may park vehicles without fee in areas designated for their use, subject to the traffic and control regulations. Tourists and visitors may also park, or in metered parking areas on the state capitol grounds provided, however, that the prescribed parking fee shall be paid prior to parking. Employees of the state of Washington who are employed on the state capitol grounds may not park in spaces set aside and marked for visitors, tourists, and other special purposes between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on normal working days, unless authorized to do so by the director.

200-200-189
Service and delivery vehicles.

Service or delivery vehicles may park in specifically designated areas on the state capitol grounds, provided, a parking permit is obtained before parking in such areas.

200-200-190
Parking within designated spaces.
No vehicle shall be parked so as to occupy any portion of more than one parking space as designated in the parking area, or so as to occupy any portion of a fire lane or other area in which parking is prohibited. No parking space shall be occupied by more than one vehicle at any given time, except as authorized by the director.

200-200-191

Liability of state.

The state assumes no liability for vehicles parked on the state capitol grounds or in state parking facilities. Only a license, not a bailment, is created by the rental of parking spaces or issuance of a permit to park on state property.

200-200-192

Use of roadways.

All buses, trucks, cargo trailers and similar equipment which exceed a five-ton load limit and similar heavy duty vehicles are prohibited from traveling on the Deschutes Parkway Road and other roadways posted for restrictive use. This provision shall not apply to public transportation vehicles.

200-200-200

Authorization for issuance of permits.

All parking on state capitol grounds excluding parking in metered areas shall be authorized through the issuance of valid parking permits unless otherwise authorized. These permits shall be issued by the director to state officials, state employees, and state agencies for official cars and to such other individuals as determined by the director to require parking to aid in carrying out state business. These permits shall not be transferred from one vehicle to another except as authorized by the director. All parking on state capitol grounds shall be for official purposes only. Parking spaces may not be used for other purposes such as the conduct of private business or the storage of personal property.

200-200-220

Allocation of parking permits.

Parking permits shall be allocated by the director in such manner as will best effectuate the objectives of these regulations. Unless in the director's opinion the objectives of these regulations would otherwise be better served, the director shall observe the following priorities in the issuance of permits:

1) Disabled state employees and officials;
2) Car pools consisting of three or more persons per vehicle;
3) Other state employees, state officials, state agencies, and nonstate parkers

200-200-235

Permits for demonstrations, parades, processions.

In order not to disrupt the orderly flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on the state capitol grounds, a person or group of persons desiring to conduct a demonstration, parade or procession of seventy-five or more
people on the state capitol grounds shall apply to the department for a permit using the process outlined in chapter 200-200 WAC.

200-200-290

Parking fees.

(1) The fees for rental parking shall be set by the director.  
(a) Adjustments to the fees may be made at the discretion of the director.  
(b) The director will establish a fee schedule for parking spaces/areas and will make it available on the department's web site.  
(2) In determining whether to adjust rental parking fees, the director will consider one or more of the following factors:  
(a) Parking facility costs;  
(b) Available commuting alternatives;  
(c) Change in the demand for parking facilities;  
(d) Transportation demand management requirements;  
(e) Market rates of comparable privately owned or leased property; and  
(f) Other circumstances as determined by the director, whereby a change in parking fees is necessary.  
(3) The director shall provide notice to state agency stakeholders and capitol campus parkers no later than sixty days prior to any proposed rental parking fees adjustment and provide a thirty-day comment period about the proposed parking fee increases. The director shall consider the comments in adopting adjustments to the rental parking fees.

200-200-295

Free parking permits for carpools/vanpools.

Parking permits shall be issued to carpools and vanpools without charge subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein. To be eligible for such permits, the carpool/vanpool must consist of at least three persons per vehicle. The application must be submitted by a state employee, and shall include the names of all other persons who are members of the carpool or vanpool. Members of carpools/vanpools to which permits are issued under this section shall not be eligible for issuance of any other parking permits.  
Permits issued under this section shall expire at the end of three months from the date of issuance. Application for renewal must be presented in person to the parking office at least two weeks prior to the expiration date.  
It shall be the responsibility of all members of a carpool/vanpool to which a parking permit is issued hereunder to notify the parking office of any changes in the ridesharing arrangements which affect the eligibility of the carpool/vanpool for the permit.

200-200-300

Monthly parking fee payments.

Agencies and nonstate personnel will be billed by the parking office. Employee rental parking fees and any and all employee parking permit fees shall be by payroll deduction. The person to whom the permit is issued, upon termination of use of such permit, shall notify the parking office prior to such termination of use.
Responsibility of person to whom permit is issued.

Any person or any governmental or private entity to whom a permit is issued pursuant to these regulations shall be responsible for all violations of these regulations involving that person's or entity's vehicle or permit: Provided, however, That such responsibility shall not relieve other persons or entities who violate these regulations.

200-200-350
General Captol Campus Employees.

Parking regulations on state capitol grounds are subject to enforcement between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Employees of the state of Washington who are employed on the state capitol grounds may not park in spaces set aside and marked for visitors, tourists, and other special purposes between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on normal working days—unless authorized to do so by the director.

200-200-351
Impoundment without prior notice.

A vehicle may be impounded without prior notice having been made to notify the owner of the possibility of this action in the following circumstances:

(1) When in the judgment of the Washington state patrol the vehicle is obstructing or may impede the flow of traffic; or

(2) When in the judgment of the Washington state patrol the vehicle poses an immediate threat to public safety.

200-200-360
Parking infractions and fines—Towing.

Any unauthorized vehicle, as defined in this chapter, shall may be cited for a traffic infraction in accordance with chapter RCW 46.08.170 and 46.55 RCW. Repeat offenders are those receiving more than three notices of traffic infractions within a twelve-month period. Repeat offenders are subject to towing in accordance with chapter 46.55 RCW.

200-200-361
Suspension and/or revocation of parking privileges.

Repeated use of assigned parking spaces by unauthorized vehicles or for nonofficial purposes or for the storage of personal property and/or the repeated transfer of parking permits from one vehicle to another and/or being a repeat offender as defined in WAC 200-200-360 may result in the suspension or revocation of parking privileges. Violations may result in suspension and/or revocation of any permits issued to the violator and/or removal, suspension, and/or revocation from the parking waiting list for parking on state capitol grounds.

200-200-365
Notice of redemption of towed vehicles.
(1) Not more than twenty-four hours after impoundment of any vehicle, the impounding towing operator shall mail a notice by first-class mail to the last known registered and legal owners of the vehicle. The notice shall contain the identity of the person or agency authorizing the tow, the name of the impounding tow company, its address and telephone number and the location and time of the tow. The notice also shall include the written notice of the right of redemption and of the opportunity for a hearing to contest the validity of the tow pursuant to RCW 46.55.120. If a vehicle is redeemed prior to the mailing of notice, the notice need not be mailed.

(2) Redemption of towed vehicles shall be in accordance with chapter 46.55 RCW.

200-200-370
Hearing rights—Suspension and/or revocation of parking privileges or removal, suspension, or revocation from parking waiting list.

Any person or entity seeking to contest suspension and/or revocation of parking privileges or removal, suspension, or revocation from parking waiting list has a right to a hearing to contest the validity of those actions. Such request must be made in writing and received in the office of parking services within twenty days of the date of notice or effective date of action or such right to a hearing is forfeited. Hearing requests must be submitted to:

Office of Parking Services
Department of Enterprise Services
P.O. Box 41025
Olympia, WA 98504-1025

200-200-371
Hearing procedure—Suspension and/or revocation of parking privileges and removal, suspension, or revocation from parking waiting list.

(1) Contested hearings held pursuant to WAC 200-200-370 shall be conducted as brief adjudicative proceedings according to RCW 34.05.482, 34.05.485, 34.05.488, 34.05.491 and 34.05.494.

(2) Upon receipt of a written request for a hearing, the presiding officer shall provide the contesting party an opportunity to be informed of the agency's view of the matter and an opportunity to explain the contesting party's view of the matter.

(3) Within ten days of this opportunity, the presiding officer shall serve upon the contesting party and the agency, a brief written statement of the reasons for the decision. Such statement shall include notice that the contesting party may request an agency administrative review of that decision. The contesting party must request such review either orally or in writing within twenty-one days of service of the written statement. Service is deemed to be completed upon deposit in the United States mail as evidenced by the postmark.

(4) If no agency review is so requested by the contesting party, the agency may, on its own motion, review the brief written statement of the presiding officer. Action less favorable to the contesting party may not be taken by the reviewing officer without notice to that party and an opportunity to explain that party's view of the matter.

(5) If no review is taken by the agency or by the contesting party, then the brief written statement of the presiding officer becomes the final order and no further administrative or judicial review is available.

(6) If review is requested, the reviewing officer shall give the contesting party and the agency an opportunity to present their respective views of the matter. Within twenty-one days of receipt of the request for review, the reviewing officer shall issue a final order which includes a brief statement of the reasons for the
decision. The final order shall include notice of any judicial review available under the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

(7) Any of the time limits set forth in this hearing process may be waived by the contesting party.

200-200-372

Hearing rights—Towing.

(1) Any person or entity whose vehicle has been towed pursuant to this chapter, may request a hearing in the district court for the jurisdiction in which the vehicle was towed to contest the validity of the tow or the amount of the tow and storage charges. The tow truck operator shall provide forms for requesting such hearings. All requests for hearings shall be made in writing and on the form provided and must be received by the district court within ten days of the date of redemption of the vehicle. The request for hearing also must be served upon and received by the office of parking within the above ten-day period.

(2) If the request for a hearing is not received by the district court within the ten-day period, then the right to a hearing is waived and the registered owner is liable for any towing, storage, or other tow charges permitted pursuant to chapter 46.55 RCW.

(3) The district court hearing procedure shall be as set out in RCW 46.55.120(3).

200-200-500

Violations unlawful.

A violation of any of these regulations is unlawful. All violators are subject to removal from the state capitol grounds by Washington state patrol capitol detachment.

200-200-600

Effective date.

These regulations shall become effective when adopted pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or changed under the provisions of said chapter.
DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS TITLE

200-200-150 Advertising and solicitation activities. [Statutory Authority: 2011 c 43. WSR 11-23-093, recodified as § 200-200-150, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/17/11; Order 76-2, § 236-12-150, filed 3/15/76; Order 12, § 236-12-150, filed 12/19/73; § 14, filed 8/19/64.] Decodified by WSR 19-14-004, filed 6/20/19, effective 6/20/19. Recodified as § 200-220-244.


200-200-250  Special event permits. [Statutory Authority: 2011 c 43, WSR 11-23-093, recodified as § 200-200-250, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/17/11; Order 12, § 236-12-250, filed 12/19/73; § 20, filed 8/19/64.] Decodified by WSR 19-14-004, filed 6/20/19, effective 6/20/19. Recodified as § 200-220-237.

200-200-430  Demonstrations, parades—Obstructing traffic, state business—Prohibiting. [Statutory Authority: 2011 c 43. WSR 11-23-093, recodified as § 200-200-430, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/17/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.19.125 and 46.08.150. WSR 09-22-059, § 236-12-430, filed 10/30/09, effective 11/30/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.19.011, 43.19.125, 46.08.150. WSR 81-11-001 (Order 81-1), § 236-12-430, filed 5/7/81; Order 12, § 236-12-430, filed 12/19/73; Order 4, § 236-12-430, filed 2/10/69; Emergency Order 2, § 236-12-430, filed 12/18/68.] Decodified by WSR 19-14-004, filed 6/20/19, effective 6/20/19. Recodified as § 200-220-233.


200-200-450  Prohibiting access to areas of capitol grounds. [Statutory Authority: 2011 c 43. WSR 11-23-093, recodified as § 200-200-450, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/17/11; Order 12, § 236-12-450, filed 12/19/73; Order 3, § 236-12-450, filed 2/10/69; Emergency Order 1, § 236-12-450, filed 12/18/68.] Decodified by WSR 19-14-004, filed 6/20/19, effective 6/20/19. Recodified as § 200-220-245.

200-200-460  Regulating access to capitol buildings and parking garages. [Statutory Authority: 2011 c 43. WSR 11-23-093, recodified as § 200-200-460, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/17/11; Order 76-2, § 236-12-460, filed 3/15/76; Order 12, § 236-12-460, filed 12/19/73.] Decodified by WSR 19-14-004, filed 6/20/19, effective 6/20/19. Recodified as § 200-220-247.

200-200-470  Prohibiting access to state capitol buildings and grounds while armed with dangerous weapons or with devices used to disrupt state business. [Statutory Authority: 2011 c 43. WSR 11-23-093, recodified as § 200-200-470, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/17/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.19.011, 43.19.125, and 46.08.150. WSR 04-24-080, § 236-12-470, filed 12/1/04, effective 1/1/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.17.060, 43.19.125 and 46.08.150. WSR 99-19-022, § 236-12-470, filed 9/7/99, effective 10/8/99; WSR 81-11-001 (Order 81-1), § 236-12-470, filed 5/7/81; Order 76-7, § 236-12-470, filed 10/18/76.] Decodified by WSR 19-14-004, filed 6/20/19, effective 6/20/19. Recodified as § 200-220-215.