



**TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT**

PARKING POLICY FOR RESIDENTIAL STREETS

This document establishes the policy for controlling parking on residential streets within the corporate limits of the City of Concord, North Carolina. Residential streets are generally defined as those roads that provide service to small local communities and adjacent land typically over relatively short distances and have an ADT of less than 1,000. Residential streets are which have ADTs of 1,000 or greater are not to be considered as part of this policy.

Streets on the adopted MPO Thoroughfare Plan and those which serve commercial zones that have scattered residences on them are not considered part of this policy. Parking is generally not permitted along minor collector streets or streets with higher classification types.

INITIATION OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Parking restrictions on a block or street may be initiated upon the following:

1. Request of a City of Concord Department or City Council directive.
2. Request of the residents of the street or block.
3. Identification by Transportation staff of a potential problem.
4. Staff verification of the request, directive, and / or need.

All requests for parking restrictions will be referred to the Transportation Department where such requests will be logged and evaluated.

Department Requests and City Council Directives

All requests by City of Concord Departments and City Council directives will be considered and evaluated.

Requests from Residents

Parking restrictions will be considered and evaluated upon the submittal of a petition signed by 75% (percent) of the residents of the block(s) or street(s) where the restriction is requested. The 75% (percent) figure is consistent with other City of Concord policies such as speed limit reduction requests and street block party closings.

The petition must state on which side of the street where the restriction is to apply. Residents on both sides of the street must sign the petition. Prior to any parking control not based on safety or traffic flow considerations, staff must be assured of support by the residents and / or the property owners of record affected by the proposed controls. For the purpose of the determining the attainment of the 75% (percent) figure, businesses, churches, and vacant lots / houses are excluded from the number needed to initiate a staff evaluation of parking restrictions.

With regards to multi-family properties, the number of units directly adjacent to the street where the restrictions are to be installed are to be counted in the total needed. Either the owner of the units, the president or the chairperson of the board of a condominium, or the residents of the units adjacent to the street may petition. A petition constitutes notification of a proposed change in parking.

Restrictions will be considered for a minimum of a full block to avoid confusing and separate property-by-property restrictions. Once the signed petition is returned to the Transportation Department, it will be validated as to the signatures and if all applicable criteria is satisfied, the parking change will be made, signed and notification made to law enforcement.

Staff Initiated

Parking restrictions may be implemented by the Transportation Department without a 75% (percent) petition based on the following criteria:

1. Safety.
2. Emergency vehicle access.
3. Traffic operational needs.
4. Consideration of restrictions initiated by identifiable accident problems, volumes exceeding 2,500 vehicles per day, geometry of driveways and accesses, service vehicle access room.

Through the staff initiated process, parking may be restricted one or both sides of the street. For streets less than 28-ft. wide (back of curb to back of curb), restrictions will typically are placed on both sides of the street unless unusual conditions warrant. Availability of off-street parking and access to residential driveways will be considered as part of the decision to restrict parking.

Residents along the area of a change in parking will be notified of restrictions prior to installation of control signs.

APPEAL OF RESTRICTIONS

A resident, property owner, homeowner association, etc. not in favor of initiated restrictions may appeal the restriction(s) directly to the City of Concord City Council.

LISTING OF RESTRICTIONS

Those streets where parking restrictions are implemented will be added to the appropriate list for such actions as defined in Chapter 58 of the City Code and filed with the Transportation Department – Traffic Services Division of the City of Concord. The City of Concord Police Department will also be notified of such change(s) in parking restriction for enforcement purposes.