

CITY OF SASKATOON COUNCIL POLICY

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POLICY TITLE <i>Parking Restrictions and Parking Prohibitions</i>	ADOPTED BY: <i>City Council</i>	EFFECTIVE DATE <i>July 18, 1983</i>
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1. PURPOSE

To define criteria for the installation of parking restrictions and prohibitions to ensure traffic safety is paramount, yet allow reasonable access to, and use of on-street parking.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Parking Restriction - a time limitation on the use of a parking facility to increase the turnover of parking stalls.
- 2.2 Parking Supply - the number of legal parking spaces in a given area.
- 2.3 Parking Inventory - the number of parking spaces available in a given area categorized by on-street or off-street spaces, public or private use, or by other classifications.
- 2.4 Private Parking Supply - parking spaces provided for employees or customers of a business or habitants of a residence and not available to the general public.
- 2.5 Public Parking Supply - parking spaces available to the general public either free of charge or for a fee.
- 2.6 Parking Demand - the number of drivers desiring to park in a given area during a specified time period.
- 2.7 Short-Term Demand - parking demand with a duration of less than three to four hours.

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- 2.8 Long-Term Demand - parking demand with a duration exceeding three to four hours.
- 2.9 Parking Surplus - the extent to which the parking supply exceeds the demand of spaces.
- 2.10 Parking Deficiency - the extent to which the parking demand exceeds the supply of spaces.
- 2.11 Parking Accumulation - the total number of cars parked in a given area at a given time.
- 2.12 Parking Duration - the length of time a given vehicle remains in a specific space.
- 2.13 Turnover - the number of different vehicles that park in a given space during a specified time period.
- 2.14 Occupancy - the portion of time a vehicle is parked in a given space during a specified time period.
- 2.15 Walking Distance - the distance on a normal walking path with crossings at intersections from the driver's parking space to the nearest door of his destination.
- 2.16 Parking Prohibitions – prohibiting vehicles from parking in a designated area.
- 2.17 Private Driveway – allows habitants of a residence to gain access to a private parking supply.

3. POLICY

3.1 General

- a) The City will employ the least restrictive parking restrictions and parking prohibitions possible to achieve the desired results.

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- b) Parking restrictions and parking prohibitions shall be used in a manner that will encourage obedience and respect.
- c) Parking restrictions and parking prohibitions are not to be applied without regard for the existing and potential land use and street system.
- d) Parking restrictions and parking prohibitions should meet the following elementary requirements:
 - i) Be capable of fulfilling an important need.
 - ii) Command respect of the road user.
 - iii) Be sanctioned by law.
 - iv) Be enforceable.
- e) The following data is required before recommendations for parking restrictions will be made:
 - i) Private parking supply.
 - ii) Public Parking supply.
 - iii) Short term demand.
 - iv) Long term demand.
 - v) Parking surplus or deficiency.
 - vi) Parking accumulation
 - vii) Parking duration.
 - viii) Turnover.
 - ix) Occupancy.
 - x) Walking distance.

3.2 Warrants

3.2.1 The following conditions MAY warrant the installation of parking restrictions:

- a) A high utilization of the area's private parking supply during the time that the proposed parking restriction would be in effect.

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- b) Installation of the parking restriction would not transfer the parking problem to another area.
- c) A petition requesting a parking restriction on a block face signed by 90% of the residences of that block face.
- d) On arterial streets where increased traffic capacity has been deemed as necessary to improve traffic flow and congestion.

3.2.2 The following conditions MAY warrant the installation of parking prohibitions:

- a) Where a safety concern regarding parked vehicles or obstructions restricting the sight lines for motorist exiting an alley, driveway or intersections and one of the following conditions are met:
 - i) At a location where three or more collisions are reported in the last twelve month period and are a type that is susceptible to correction by a parking prohibition;
 - ii) At a location where Parking Enforcement has continued issues with violations of the Traffic Bylaw;
 - iii) Emergency Service vehicles having trouble manoeuvring out of a driveway access;
 - iv) In an area where semi-trucks and trailers have difficulty manoeuvring out of their driveway;
 - v) If the geometrics of the road alignment, such as curve in the roadway or any obstructions on city right-of-way restrict visibility.
- b) To provide adequate lane widths where necessary and to improve traffic flow at locations where parking causes safety concerns such as congestion and delay.
- c) At a mid-block or signed and marked crosswalk location to allow appropriate visibility for pedestrians.
- d) To provide adequate space for transit stops.

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- e) To provide sufficient sight lines between two driveways that are too close together.
- f) To identify specific time limits for allowance of roadway maintenance work, including snow removal, street sweeping, and roadway work such as patching, paving and repairing potholes.

3.3 Traffic Control Devices

Parking control signs manufactured and installed as specified in the Uniform Traffic Control Device Manual for Canada shall be used to effect all parking restrictions and parking prohibitions.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 Transportation and Utilities Department shall be responsible for:
 - a) Administering, reviewing and recommending updates to the policy.
 - b) Installing all parking restrictions and parking prohibitions.
- 4.2 Director of Transportation, Transportation Division shall be responsible for approving all parking restrictions and parking prohibitions.
- 4.3 City Council shall be responsible for approving any updates to this policy as recommended by the Transportation and Utilities Department.