

ORDINANCE NO. 03-22

**AN ORDINANCE CONTROLLING UNCONTROLLED PARKING OF
VEHICLES, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES; AND
AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, uncontrolled parking of vehicles within the Village contributes to safety concerns as well as the declining appearance of neighborhoods and is therefore considered a public nuisance.

WHEREAS, the Council for the Village desires to establish rules and restrictions regarding the acceptable parking of vehicles.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: The Council for the Village of Rockford, Ohio defines the following terms as they pertain to this Ordinance:

- (1) Front Yard. The term “front yard” refers to a yard extending across the full width of the lot, lying between the front property line or the right-of-way, and the furthestmost projection of the principal building or group of buildings.
- (2) Side Yard. The term “side yard” refers to a yard lying between the furthestmost projection of a building and a side lot line and extending from the required front yard to the required rear yard.
- (3) Rear Yard. The term “rear yard” refers to a yard extending across the full width of a lot and lying between the rear lot line and the furthestmost projection of a building.
- (4) Driveway. The term “driveway” refers to a passage way for vehicles composed of concrete, asphalt, or gravel that serves to connect a public street or alley to a garage or legal parking space.
- (5) Improved Area. The term “improved area” refers to a section of the lot that has been altered and defined by concrete, asphalt or gravel, with a positive boundary, for the means of providing a parking space for a vehicle. The improved area must be entered via a driveway or curb cut, except where adjacent to a paved street where there is no curb.
- (6) Vehicle. Any car, truck, trailer, motor home, camper, recreational vehicle, boat, trailer of any type, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or motorcycle.

SECTION 2: Parking of any vehicle shall be prohibited in the following areas:

- (1) It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle in a front yard, in a side yard on the street side of a corner lot, or in a rear yard that abuts a street or an alley.
- (2) It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle over any part of the sidewalk or curb that is parallel to the public way, including that part of the sidewalk that is part of a driveway.

SECTION 3: For the purposes of this Ordinance, parking shall not be prohibited in the following areas:

- (a) An improved space in the prohibited parking area used as a parking space before this section is adopted, provided that the entrance to the approved area is via a driveway or curb cut, except where adjacent to a paved street where there is no curb.
- (b) Parking in any portion of the driveway that may be located in the front yard, rear yard, or side yard, except the portion that is part of the sidewalk.
- (c) Parking off the edge of the street where no curb is present, within the existing right-of-way, and in an improved area.
- (d) Any improved area meeting setback requirements and other applicable zoning provisions. The Council and Zoning Department must determine compliance with all such improved areas.
- (e) Parking in front yard, side yard, or rear yard for the purpose of unloading a vehicle, washing a vehicle or some other similar purpose. The vehicle, however, must be removed from the front yard, side yard, or rear yard once the task is completed or within 12 hours.

SECTION 4: Any officer of the Police Department may enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. Anyone violating this Ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

- (1) The Police Department may issue a notification for a violation of this Ordinance, subjecting the violator to a fine of \$100 per violation with no limit to the number of violation per property and/or violator. Notification of the violation shall be placed in a prominent place upon the vehicle.
- (2) Any vehicle remaining in violation for more than 30 days will be rendered junk/abandoned and will fall under Section 150.308 Abandoned and junked vehicles of the Village's Zoning Regulations.
- (3) For the purposes of this Ordinance, the violator shall be the person to whom the unlawfully parked vehicle is registered.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed on this 15th day of March, 2022.

Attest:

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Fiscal Officer

Approved:

Amy Joseph

Mayor

Ron Scarsight

President of Council

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