
CHAPTER 1.5
REGULATION OF PARKING IN DESIGNATED COUNTY PARKING LOTS

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261.5-1.
Description of County Parking Lots Which Are Regulated.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply only to the following County parking lots and off-street parking areas:

(a) The County parking lot on the south side of Fifth Street between "I" Street and "J" Street in the City of Eureka. This shall be comprised of the following:

Lots 1 through 11 and 14 of Block 60 of the City of Eureka as per official map thereof filed July 28, 1895, in the office of the Humboldt County Recorder in Book 1 of Maps, page 16.

(b) The County parking lot which is located in the City of Eureka in the block bounded by "I", "J", Third and Fourth Streets (Lots 3, 8, 9 and that portion of lot 5 bounded by the alley to the north and the Data Processing Building to the south, of Block 35 of the City of Eureka as per official map thereof filed July 28, 1895, in the office of the Humboldt County Recorder in Book 1 of Maps, page 16).

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- (c) The off-street parking area on the Fourth Street side of the Humboldt County Courthouse adjacent to the entrance of the Courthouse. (Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)
- (d) The Clark Complex parking lot which is located in the City of Eureka in the block bounded by "H", "I", Harris and Russ Streets (Lots 8 and 10 and a portion of Lot 2 of Block 75, a portion of Lot 1 of Block 80 and the portion of Wood Street designated in abandonment 720/252, File II). (Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)
- (e) The County Parking Lot in Garberville which is located at 727 Cedar Street. (Ord. 1677, § 2, 2/26/1985; Ord. 1707, § 1, 9/24/1985; Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)
- (f) The Humboldt County library parking lot which is located in the city of Eureka in the area adjacent to Third and O Streets where Third and O Streets intersect with Myrtle Avenue. (Ord. 2109, § 1, 1/16/1996; Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)
- (g) The Ming Tree building parking lots which are located in lots two and eight of block 174 of the City of Eureka as per the official map thereof filed City of Eureka, in the office of the recorder in Book 1 of Maps, page 16. Lot two of block 174 is located between where K and L Streets, are traversed by 3rd Street. Lot eight is located adjacent to the intersection of Fourth and K Streets. (Ord. 2109, § 1, 1/16/1996; Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)
- (h) The Humboldt County Correctional Facility parking areas are defined as the area located within the facility bordered by Fourth and Fifth, adjacent to the Courthouse and an area known as the apron outside the north side of the correctional facility on Fourth Street. The Correctional Facility parking areas are limited to use by Sheriff's personnel (as assigned by the Sheriff), other law enforcement agencies on official business and those agencies and businesses that are in the activity of conducting business with the facility or its personnel. (Ord. 2126, § 2, 8/13/1996; Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)
- (i) The lot bordered by K Street to the east, 4th Street to the north, 5th Street to the south, and the correctional facilities to the west. (Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)

261.5-2.

Designation of Parking Spaces.

- (a) All parking spaces shall be appropriately marked by the County, with designations which conform with County standards and State law. Individual parking spaces need not be marked in County lots which are unpaved. (Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)
- (b) The County Administrative Officer may designate "special parking" zones for County vehicles, reserved parking, loading zones and press parking. These shall be identified by yellow curb and border markings and appropriately labeled.

(c) The County Administrative Officer may designate “No Parking” zones. These shall be identified by red curb and border markings and be appropriately labeled.

(d) The appropriate number and location of “Accessible Parking” space shall be in compliance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and/or California Building Code whichever is the most stringent of the two.

(e) Controlled time limit parking spaces may be designated by the County Administrative Officer. These shall be designated by the use of green curb and border marking. The County shall label and post signs designating both the use and time limits for the parking spaces. (Ord. 1677, § 2, 2/26/1985; Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)

261.5-3.

Persons Eligible to Use County Parking Lots.

Wherever signs have been posted restricting the use of County parking lots, no person shall park in such lots unless: (Ord. No. 2256; 11/06/2001)

(a) Such vehicle is owned by a public agency and bears exempt license plates; or

(b) Such vehicle is privately owned by an officer or employee of the County or by some other public officer or employee whose regular place of employment is immediately proximate to the Humboldt County parking facilities description described in § [261.5-1](#) and displays a valid permanent parking permit; or

(c) Such vehicle is privately owned by any member of a County board, commission or agency who is in the Courthouse on the business of such board, commission or agency and displays a valid permanent parking permit; or

(d) Such vehicle displays a valid temporary permit.

(e) Applicable only to the Humboldt County library parking lot located in the city of Eureka in the area adjacent to Third and O Streets as described in § [261.5-1\(f\)](#): this library parking lot is limited to use by library patrons while said patrons are actually using the library or its meeting rooms.

All parking must be in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 1677, § 2, 2/26/1985; Ord. 1825, § 1, 3/22/1988)

(Ord. 2109, § 2, 1/16/1996; Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)

261.5-4.**Reserved Parking Spaces.**

The County Administrative Officer shall assign specific reserved parking spaces in the parking lots and parking areas identified in § [261.5-1](#) above. Such assignment of parking spaces may be amended or modified at any time by the County Administrative Officer. The County shall place and maintain at each of said parking spaces a sign denoting the assignment of such parking space with appropriate wording to identify the special assignment. (Ord. 1677, § 2, 2/26/1985; Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)

261.5-5.**Parking Permits for County Parking Lots.**

Permanent and temporary parking permits issued hereunder shall entitle the holder to park in the County parking lots described in §§ [261.5-1\(a\)](#) and [\(b\)](#) on a first-come, first-serve basis in those spaces not identified as being reserved. The off-street parking area identified in § [261.5-1\(c\)](#) above will be limited to reserved parking spaces. (Ord. 1677, § 2, 2/26/1985)

261.5-6.**Parking Spaces Reserved for Public Agency Vehicles.**

Parking spaces which are assigned and reserved for public agency vehicles bearing exempt license plates may be used on a first-come, first-serve basis by such vehicles in County parking lots identified in subsections [\(a\)](#), [\(b\)](#), [\(c\)](#), [\(d\)](#), [\(e\)](#), [\(f\)](#), [\(g\)](#), [\(h\)](#), and [\(i\)](#) of § [261.5-1](#). (Ord. 1677, § 2, 2/26/1985; Ord. 1825, § 1, 3/22/1988; Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)

261.5-7.**Parking Restrictions, Department of Social Services.**

The County leased parking lot located at 929 Koster Street, Eureka, California, shall be restricted to the parking of vehicles of employees of the Department of Health & Human Services and for vehicles used by persons who are doing business with the Department of Health & Human Services. This designated parking area shall be posted with appropriate signage designating the restrictions imposed by this ordinance and any resolution adopted hereunder. The Board of Supervisors may adopt further resolutions defining any conditions associated with the usage of this parking lot. Any violation of this section shall be an infraction. (Ord. 1880, § 1, 11/28/1989; Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)

261.5-8.**Prohibition against Blocking Movement of Other Vehicles.**

Except as to the parking lot identified in Section [261.5-1\(i\)](#), vehicle parking shall be restricted to marked and designated lot spaces. Parking shall be limited to those spaces designated as parking spaces by the appropriate curb and lot markings.

In all County parking lots, it is prohibited to park a vehicle in such a manner as to block the usual means of movement of other vehicles into or out of a parking space, whether such space is delineated by markings or not.

It shall be unlawful and an infraction for any person to park in violation of the provisions of this section. Punishment shall be as provided in Sections [261.5-13](#) and [261.5-14](#). (Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)

261.5-9.**Approval and Issuance of Parking Permits.**

All parking permits shall be approved by the County Administrative Officer or his/her designee and issued by the Director of Human Resources or his/her designee. A permanent permit must be hung from the rearview mirror of the vehicle so as to be in plain sight through the windshield. A temporary permit must be placed so as to be readily visible hanging from the rearview mirror of the vehicle. Temporary permits shall be dated and shall specify the duration of the parking assignment. (Ord. 1677, § 2, 2/26/1985; Ord. 1825, § 1, 3/22/1988; Ord. 1880, § 2, 11/28/1989; Ord. 2364, § 3, 6/20/2006)

261.5-10.**Surrender of Permits.**

Any person issued a permanent permit who, at the time of ceasing to be a public officer, employee or commission member, has in his or her possession an unexpired permit which has been issued hereunder shall remove such permit from his or her vehicle and surrender it to the Director of Human Resources or his/her designee. (Ord. 1677, § 1, 2/26/1985; Ord. 1880, § 2, 11/28/1989)

261.5-11.**Hours during Which Parking Assignments Are in Effect.**

Except for sheriff or police vehicles and certain vehicles owned by their employees assigned to work other than day shift, and except for reserved parking spaces assigned pursuant to the provisions of §§ [261.5-4](#) and [261.5-6](#), the assignment and allocation of parking spaces shall be effective only from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, holidays excepted; provided, however, that any vehicle which is properly parked pursuant to such assignment and allocation at the hour of 7:00 p.m. may remain so parked until its operator completes his/her business and the vehicle is removed by its operator. (Ord. 1677, § 2, 2/26/1985; Ord. 1880, § 2, 11/28/1989)

261.5-12.**Suspension of Assigned Parking in County Parking Lots.**

During a declared emergency, the assignment and allocation of any or all of the parking spaces done under the authority of §§ [261.5-3](#) and [261.5-4](#) may be temporarily suspended by the written order of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors or the CAO of the County of Humboldt. The use of any parking space, the assignment of which has been so suspended, shall be under the control and direction of the Director of Emergency Services or the Sheriff. Such power of suspension shall not apply to areas reserved for the parking of sheriff vehicles. (Ord. 1677, § 2, 2/26/1985; Ord. 1880, § 2, 11/28/1989; Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001; Ord. 2364, § 3, 6/20/2006)

261.5-13.**Penalty; County Parking Lots.**

It shall be unlawful and an infraction for any person to park a vehicle in the County parking lots and off-street parking area referred to in Section [261.5-1](#) in violation of the provisions of this chapter. Every person convicted of such infraction shall be penalized Thirty Five Dollars (\$35.00) for each conviction. (Ord. 1677, § 2, 2/26/1985; Ord. 1880, § 2, 11/28/1989)

261.5-14.**Enforcement.**

The provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by any law enforcement department having enforcement jurisdiction, or by the CAO or his/her designee. Any vehicle parked in violation of the

provisions of this chapter may be cited and/or removed by such law enforcement department, or by the CAO or his/her designee. Removal of vehicles pursuant to this chapter shall be in accordance with the procedure prescribed in §§ [22850-22856](#) of the California Vehicle Code, and at the owner's expense. (Ord. 1677, § 2, 2/26/85; Ord. 1880, § 2, 11/28/89; Ord. No. 2256, 11/06/2001)

Any lot subject to this chapter shall be properly signed at each entrance to alert potential violators of the possible consequences of parking illegally. (Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)

261.5-15.

Notice.

The CAO or his/her designee shall place appropriate signs at each of the parking lots and areas referred to in § [261.5-1](#) giving notice of the parking restrictions imposed by this chapter. (Ord. 1677, § 2, 2/26/1985; Ord. 1880, § 2, 11/28/1989; Ord. 2256, 11/6/2001)