

South Knoll Area Neighborhood Plan Fact Sheet

ON-STREET PARKING

On-street parking is prevalent throughout the South Knoll Area. Several streets have had parking removed from at least one side of the street, but on most, parking is permitted on both sides. When on-street parking becomes excessive, it can negatively impact the character of the neighborhood, and in some instances, become a safety concern. The challenge is providing enough parking for the convenience of neighborhood residents, while maintaining safe streets for all users, and minimizing the impacts of parking on neighborhood character.

Parking Enforcement by the Police Department

The Police Department is responsible for on-street parking enforcement in College Station. Parking enforcement is primarily by complaint and on-street parking violators can be ticketed by the Police.

The City is divided into three (3) sectors, with each sector under the command of a Police Lieutenant. The sectors are divided into beats with a total of eight (8) beats. A Patrol Sergeant is assigned to each beat.

- ❖ The South Knoll Area is within **Sector A** (Lieutenant Chris Perkins) and **Sector B** (Lieutenant Rodney Sigler)
- ❖ The South Knoll Area is within **Police Beats 10 & 50**
 - **Beat 10**, Sergeant Jason Summers – west of Welsh Avenue
 - **Beat 50**, Sergeant Roy Shelton – east of Welsh Avenue (including all South Knoll single-family areas)

Common Parking Violations:

- ❖ Parking, stopping, or standing within 15 feet of a fire hydrant -*Transportation Code 545.302(b) (2)*
- ❖ Parking in a fire lane -*City Ordinance No. 2532, Chapter 10*
- ❖ Parking within 30 feet of a traffic control device -*Transportation Code 545.302(b) (4)*
- ❖ Parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk -*Transportation Code 545.302(b) (3)*
- ❖ Parking facing traffic -*Transportation Code 545.302(b)*
- ❖ Parking more than 18 inches from the curb/edge of roadway -*Transportation Code 545.302(a), (b)*
- ❖ Parking unattended vehicle in prohibited area -*Transportation Code 684.011(a)*

Parking Enforcement by the Code Enforcement Division

Additionally, there are several parking-related Code violations that College Station Code Enforcement officers are responsible for enforcing:

- ❖ **Parking in the Yard** (*Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Traffic Code*) - Vehicles (excluding recreational vehicles) cannot park in residential yards or lawns unless screened from public view by a fence.
- ❖ **Junk Vehicles** (*Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Traffic Code*) - Vehicles must have an unexpired license plate and a valid motor vehicle safety inspection certificate. A vehicle can be inoperable for no more than 72 consecutive hours on public property or 30 consecutive days on private property.

Impassable Streets Due to On-Street Parking

If you believe that on-street parking makes a street impassable to emergency vehicles, you should contact the City Traffic Engineer. After consulting with the Fire Marshal, the City's Traffic Management Team will decide if a recommendation should be made to the College Station City Council to remove parking on one of both sides of the street. Parking may be removed by City ordinance if a safety evaluation concludes that emergency services cannot be adequately provided.

***If an emergency exists please call the Police.**

Who Do I Call?

- ❖ **CALL 911** if there is an emergency!

- ❖ **Code Enforcement** 979.764.6363 - Parking in the yard & junked vehicles

- ❖ **Police Department** (non-emergency line) 979.764.3600 –Vehicles parked illegally on the street
Police Traffic Enforcement Complaint webpage:
<http://www.cstx.gov/index.aspx?recordid=118&page=3086>

- ❖ **Troy Rother, PE, City Traffic Engineer** 979.764.3838 - Parking removal investigation

Did You Know...?

You can also report on-going parking violations on-line at <http://seeclickfix.com/college-station>.