



## PARKING

According to the 2010 U.S. census the Town of Farmville has a population of 8,216. Around the third week of August our town's population will grow by one half with the return of students. Approximately 4,834 students will join the community. Parking is at a premium in the Town of Farmville. With the influx of students (both commuter and resident) finding a parking spot in town can be difficult at times. Here are a few of our parking regulations and rules to help you better understand where you can and can't park and when. Be mindful that parking on campus is handled by Longwood University and that as off campus students renting from various property owners such as Walk To Campus and Greene Properties, it is your responsibility as a tenant to check with the property owners in reference to off-street parking availability and on-street parking passes and hang tags where applicable.



### Sec. 15-61. - Restricted and no parking areas.

□ (a)The town council is hereby authorized and directed to determine and define street areas within which the volume of vehicular traffic is such as to require restrictions upon parking of vehicles; to classify vehicles with reference to parking; to designate the time, place and manner in which such vehicles may be allowed to park upon the highways and to make such rules and regulations as traffic conditions may require in various areas and under the varying conditions which may prevail at different times. It shall be the duty of the town manager, upon the promulgation of such regulations, and before the same shall become effective, to give such public notice thereof, by establishing and posting signs, or otherwise, as may be reasonably adequate to make clear to the operators of vehicles "no parking" or "restricted parking" areas, the existence, nature and requirements of such regulations. From and after the effective date of regulations imposed in any area by virtue of the provisions of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to stop or park any vehicle in any restricted or prohibited area otherwise than in accordance with these regulations.

(b) In any prosecution charging a violation of any such ordinance, regulation or rule, proof that the vehicle described in the complaint, summons or warrant was parked in violation of such ordinance, regulation or rule, together with proof that the defendant was at the time of such parking the registered owner of the vehicle, as required by Code of Virginia, Tit. 46.2, [Ch. 6](#) (§ 46.2-600 et seq.) shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that such registered owner of the vehicle was the person who parked the vehicle at the place where, and for the time during which such violation occurred.

(Code 1973, § 16-28)

□ **Sec. 15-62. - Parking prohibited in specified places.**

□ (a) No person shall park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

- (1) On a sidewalk,
- (2) In front of a public or private driveway,
- (3) Within an intersection,
- (4) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant,
- (5) On a crosswalk,
- (6) In a zone marked in yellow unless otherwise designated.



(b) No person other than a police officer shall move a vehicle into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful, or start or cause to be started the motor of any motor vehicle, or shift, change or move the levers, brake, starting device, gears or other mechanism of a parked motor vehicle to a position other than that in which it was left by the owner or driver thereof, or attempt to do so.

**Not parking your vehicle on the sidewalk seems like common sense, but keep in mind it is easy to make an error when in a hurry or with other things on your mind. Make sure that when you pull into a driveway that your vehicle is clear of the sidewalk. This common mistake is the same logistically as if you had pulled your vehicle completely onto the sidewalk blocking it.**

**State Law reference—** Parking in certain locations, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-1239.

□ **Sec. 15-63. - Parking on private property.**

□ No person shall stand or park a vehicle on any private lot or lot area without the express or implied consent of the owner thereof. Whenever signs or markings have been erected on any lot or lot area, contiguous or adjacent to a street, thoroughfare or alley indicating that no vehicles are permitted to stand or park thereon, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle across any curb or lot line or over any driveway from a street or alley into such lot or area for the purpose of standing or parking such vehicle, or for any person to stop, stand or park any vehicle in such lot or lot area.

**When trying to find an area to park around town make sure you have permission to park in any private parking lot. The town operates multiple municipal parking lots. There are also just as many private parking lots designed for businesses and property owners. If you park without permission on someone else's property not only can you be ticketed but your vehicle can be towed at your expense.**

☐ **Sec. 15-64. - Parking for certain purposes prohibited.**

☐ (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to park or place any automobile, truck, trailer or other vehicle upon or in any street, alley or parkway for the purpose of selling or offering the same for sale or rent. No sign or lettering shall be attached or placed upon any automobile, truck, trailer or other vehicle parked in or upon any public street, alley or parkway of the town indicating that such vehicle is offered for sale or for rent. It shall also be unlawful to park any vehicle upon any street in a business district from which any merchandise is being sold.

(b) It shall be unlawful to stop a vehicle at any time upon the highway for the purpose of advertising any article of any kind, or to display thereupon advertisements of any article or advertisement for the sale of the vehicle itself.

☐ **Sec. 15-65. - Backing up to curbs.**

☐ No vehicle shall be backed up to a curb, except during the time actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise there from.

☐ **Sec. 15-66. - Angle parking.**

☐ Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this chapter, the town council may, when in its discretion the public interest so requires, provide for angle parking on any street or portion thereof; provided, however, that such streets are marked so as to apprise an ordinarily observant person of the regulation.

**When parking against the curb or within a marked spot on the street you must park with the flow of traffic and so as not to prohibit traffic from being able to move past you. If you park with your left side to the curb or any part of your vehicle sticking out into the roadway so as to create a hazard you will more than likely receive a parking ticket. Blocking the roadway will also, more than likely, result in your vehicle being towed.**

☐ **Sec. 15-68. - Parking prohibitions, time limitations within certain areas.**

☐ (a) Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them below, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) Parking limited, followed by a specified time limit, means that no vehicle of any kind shall be parked or left standing for any purpose, either with or without the driver therein, in the area or areas designated, for a longer period of time than is so specified; such parking limitations to apply at all times unless otherwise stated herein.

(2) Parking prohibited means that no vehicle of any kind shall be parked or left standing for any purpose, either with or without the driver therein, in the area or areas designated; such parking prohibitions to apply at all times unless otherwise stated herein. Any vehicle parked in the area or areas designated shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00).

(b) Designating and signing streets. The town council may, by resolution, designate certain streets, or parts of streets, as prohibited parking or limited parking zones. When such designations are made, the town manager shall erect signs in accordance with such resolution, visible to an ordinarily observant person, indicating that parking is prohibited or limited, as the case may be, in such zones. When such signs are erected, it shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle in violation of such signs.

(c) Loading, unloading, bus stops, etc., zones. Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter, the town manager is hereby authorized, when in his judgment it is in the public interest so to do, to set apart on any of the streets of the town, spaces for loading and unloading merchandise, bus stops, taxi stands and other places in which no general parking shall be permitted, and he is further authorized to set aside spaces in which parking time shall be further limited; provided, however, that such signs are present within or near such spaces as to apprise an ordinarily observant person of such parking prohibitions or regulations. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to comply with the requirements of such signs.

□ **Sec. 15-72. - Contracts with private persons for removal, etc., of vehicles.**

□ The town council shall have the power to enter into contracts with the owner or operator of garages or places for the removal or storage of vehicles referred to in [section 15-71](#). The contracts shall provide for the payment of the town of reasonable charges for the removal and storage of such vehicles, shall require such owners or operators to deliver such vehicles to the owners thereof or their agents upon demand therefor upon furnishing satisfactory evidence of identity and ownership or agency, and that the owners or operators of such garages or places of storage will indemnify the owners of such vehicles for injury or damage thereto resulting from the negligent removal or storage thereof, and such owners or operators shall be required to provide themselves with adequate liability insurance to cover such indemnity.

(Code 1973, § 16-38)

□ **Sec. 15-73. - Parking in spaces reserved for handicapped persons.**

□ It shall be unlawful for a vehicle not displaying a license plate, decal or special parking permit, issued under Code of Virginia, § 46.2-731, 46.2-739 or 46.2-1238, to be parked in a parking space reserved for the handicapped on public property or on privately owned parking areas open to the public. The immediate operator or custodian of the vehicle at the time of a violation of this section shall be subject to a fine not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). A summons for a violation of this section may be issued by police officers without the necessity of a warrant being obtained by the owner of such private parking area. Parking spaces reserved for the handicapped shall be identified by abovegrade signs.

□ **Sec. 15-74. - Parking of vehicles with left side to curb.**

□ It shall be unlawful for a vehicle to be parked with the left side to the curb on a town street, so that the front of the vehicle is facing toward the direction of on-coming traffic. This section shall not apply to vehicles parked on one-way streets.

□ □ **DIVISION 2. - RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS**

□ **Sec. 15-91. - Definition.**

□ For the purposes of this division, the word "resident" shall mean any person who owns and occupies any dwelling, along with the members of his household, any person who operates a business office, or any person who rents on a predetermined basis any apartment or room within the areas outlined in [section 15-92](#).

□ **Sec. 15-92. - Required.**

□ It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle without a valid parking sticker except commercial vehicles loading or unloading on any street, alley, or public way in those residential sections of town that are designated by the town council and so marked with proper signs.

□ **Sec. 15-93. - Issuance generally, expiration.**

□ Residential parking permits shall be issued to those residents of the area designated in [section 15-92](#) wishing to park motor vehicles at curbside on the streets within such area. Permits will be issued at the same time the town auto tags go on sale and shall expire with the same.

□ **Sec. 15-94. - Issuance upon application.**

□ Upon application to the town treasurer on the form provided by his office, and upon presentation to him of a valid town auto tag for a motor vehicle from the town, residential parking permits shall be issued by the town treasurer.

□ **Sec. 15-95. - Sale, transfer of vehicle; issuance of duplicate.**

□ Upon the sale or transfer of the motor vehicle for which a parking permit has been issued, the owner shall remove such permit. Upon application for a permit to replace the one so removed such owner shall present the original permit, or enough of the mutilated permit to identify it, and a duplicate permit shall be issued by the treasurer.

□ **Sec. 15-96. - Proof of residency.**

□ Any person who is not a permanent resident of the town shall show to the treasurer a receipt of rent paid for an apartment or room within the area outlined in [section 15-92](#), or a signed statement from his landlord that he is a tenant within such area.

□ **Sec. 15-97. - Guest cards.**

□ Each dwelling house or apartment building in which there is a household living on a year-round basis shall be eligible to receive two (2) residential parking permits and two (2) guest cards, as needed.

□ **Sec. 15-98. - Penalty for violation of division.**

□ Any person convicted of violating the terms of this division shall be guilty of a misdemeanor with a fine imposed of ten dollars (\$10.00). Each day a vehicle is parked in violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense. Any vehicle parked in this area for more than three (3) days will be subject to being towed away at the owner's expense.

□ **Sec. 15-99. - Placement of stickers and guest cards.**

□ The stickers issued under this division shall be affixed to the left side of the rear bumper so as to be easily viewed.

**\*\* Hang tags issued will be hung from the rear view mirror \*\***

**Your town parking permit is valid from April 15 of the current year to April 15 of the next year. It is the responsibility of the party wishing to park on the town street to make sure you are in compliance with the town parking regulations. If a person has a guest tag valid for Second Street and is caught using the tag to park on High Street, you are subject to fines, revocation of parking privileges, and possibly having your vehicle towed.**

□ **Sec. 15-100. - Passenger and commercial vehicles in front of residence.**

□ It shall be unlawful for the owner, operator or driver of any motor vehicle, passenger bus, for-hire car, truck, trailer or semitrailer to park the same or to permit the same to be parked on any of the streets, alleys or other public ways in the town in front of, or adjacent to, any portion of any lot upon which any residence is constructed, for a period longer than two (2) hours, unless such owner, operator or driver is actually conducting business, or has the written consent of the owner or tenant of such lot so to do; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle while actually engaged in loading or unloading.

□ **Sec. 15-101. - Passenger cars in front of residences—At night.** □ It shall be unlawful for the owner, operator or driver of any motor passenger car or automobile to park the same or to permit the same to be parked for a continuous period of more than three (3) hours on any of the streets, alleys or public ways of the town in front of or adjacent to any portion of any lot on which a residence is constructed, and located in a residential zone, other than such zones located within the area outlined in [section 15-92](#), for the period between one (1) hour after sunset and one (1) hour before sunrise of the following day, unless such person so parking such vehicle is the owner or tenant of the residence and lot in front of any part of which such vehicle is so parked, or unless the owner, operator or driver of the vehicle has first obtained the consent of the owner or tenant of the lot in front of which, or any part of which, such vehicle is so parked during the nighttime.

□ **Sec. 15-102. - Same—Daytime.**

□ It shall be unlawful for the owner, operator or driver of any motor passenger car or automobile to park the same or to permit the same to be parked between one (1) hour before sunrise and one (1) hour after sunset of any day, on any street, alley or other public way in the town in front of or adjacent to any portion of any lot on which a residence is constructed and located in a residential zone, other than such zones located within the area outlined in [section 15-92](#), for a period longer than two (2) hours, unless such person so parking such vehicle is the owner or tenant of the residence and lot in front of any part of which such vehicle is so parked, or unless the owner, operator or driver of such vehicle has first obtained the consent of the owner or tenant of the lot in front of which, or any part of which, such vehicle is so parked.

□ **Secs. 15-103—15-120. - Reserved.**

□ **DIVISION 3. - PARKING METERS**

□ **Sec. 15-122. - Time of operation.**

□ The provisions of this division shall apply to metered parking on the streets only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and on days other than Sundays and the following holidays: Christmas Day, Easter Monday, July Fourth and Thanksgiving Day. Should Christmas Day or the Fourth of July in any year fall on Sunday, the Monday following shall be taken as the holiday for the purpose of the division.

□ **Sec. 15-125. - Manner of parking.**

□ (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle in the spaces referred to in [section 15-124](#) except within the lines and markings so established.

(b) When a parking space in any parking meter zone is parallel with the adjacent curb or sidewalk, any vehicle parked in such parking space shall be parked so that the foremost part of such vehicle shall be alongside of and nearest to the parking meter; when a parking space in any parking meter zone is diagonal to the curb or sidewalk, any vehicle parked in such parking space shall be parked with the foremost part of such vehicle directed at and nearest to such meter.

□ **Sec. 15-126. - Deposit of coin; meter to indicate expiration of parking time.**

□ When any vehicle shall be parked in any space alongside of or next to which a parking meter is located, the operator of such vehicle shall, upon entering the parking space, immediately deposit, or cause to be deposited, one (1) or more coins of the United States of America, as indicated on such meter, in such parking meter, and the parking space may then be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period prescribed as the parking time allowed in such zone, or the portion thereof for which the necessary coin has been deposited. If such vehicle shall remain in such parking space beyond the parking limit prescribed for such parking space, then upon the expiration of the parking limit, or the portion thereof for which the necessary coin has been deposited, the parking meters shall display a sign or signal showing illegal parking and, in which event, the vehicle parked in such parking space shall be considered as parked overtime and beyond the period, and the parking of a vehicle overtime in any such part of a street where any such meter is located shall be a violation of this section and punished as provided in [section 15-135](#).

□ **Sec. 15-127. - Parking overtime.** □ It shall be unlawful for any person to permit a vehicle to remain or to be parked in any parking space adjacent to any parking meter while such meter is displaying a signal indicating that the vehicle occupying such parking space has already been parked beyond the period of time prescribed for such parking space. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle to be parked overtime or longer than two (2) hours for any parking meter zone; enforceable twenty-four (24) hours a day.

□ **Sec. 15-130. - Violations; duty of officers; payment of fine.** (a) Each police officer charged with the duty of enforcing this division shall take the number of any meter at which any vehicle is overparked, the vehicle tag number of such vehicle, and report the same to the police department and make proper complaint touching such violation.

b) Each officer shall attach to such vehicle a notice to the owner thereof that such vehicle has been parked in violation of a provision of the parking meter regulations and instructing such owner when and where to report with reference to such violation. Each such owner may, within fifteen (15) days of the time when such notice was attached to such vehicle, pay to the treasurer's office a penalty for and in full satisfaction of such violation, the sum of twenty-five (\$25.00) for each violation, or fraction thereof, during which such vehicle occupied such parking space illegally. The failure of such owner to make such payment to the treasurer's office within fifteen (15) days of the time when such notice was attached to such vehicle shall render such owner subject to the penalties provided for in [section 15-135](#).

(c) Vehicles parked in violation of this ordinance are subject to towing.

□ **Sec. 15-131. - Deposits required levied as fees for certain purposes.** □ Coins required to be deposited in parking meters, as provided in this division, are hereby levied and assessed as fees to provide for the proper regulation and control of traffic on the public streets and to cover the

cost of the supervision, inspection, installation, operation, maintenance, control and use of parking spaces and regulating the parking of vehicles in the parking meter zones hereby created.

☐ **Sec. 15-134. - Presumption of guilt.** ☐ In any prosecution charging a violation of this division, proof that the vehicle described in the complaint, summons, parking ticket citation, or warrant was parked in violation of this division, together with proof that the defendant was at the time the registered owner of the vehicle, as required by Code of Virginia, § 46.2-600 et seq., shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle was the person who committed the violation.

☐ **Sec. 15-135. - Penalty for non-payment.**

☐ Any person who does not pay the fine within fifteen (15) days from time when such notice was attached to such vehicle shall pay double the amount for all fines, with the exception of parking in a handicap space which will be two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

☐ **Sec. 15-136. - Effect of parking meter regulations upon other parking regulations.** ☐ Nothing in this division shall alter or affect any existing ordinance, rule or regulation, or any ordinance, rule or regulation hereafter adopted, relating to traffic or parking on any other street, alley, lane or highway, within the town, other than those included within the parking meter zones herein established.

**This is an overview of some of the parking rules and regulations you will deal with as a citizen and as a resident. They are presented here for you in order to give you a better understanding of where and when you can park and what the consequences can be for illegal parking. If you have questions concerning on campus parking, contact the Longwood University Police Department. For questions concerning parking throughout the Town of Farmville, contact the Farmville Police Department at 434-392-9259.**