



## Permitting Requirements

- Residents must obtain a permit before constructing or reconstructing any hard surface parking area.
- Property owners may appeal for a variance from the ordinance requirements.

For further information, please contact the City of Fort Smith Neighborhood Services Department.

- By phone (479) 784-1025, (479) 784-1076 or (479) 784-1027
- By email at [NeighborhoodServices@FortSmithAr.gov](mailto:NeighborhoodServices@FortSmithAr.gov)
- By Request Partner at [mycityservices.net](http://mycityservices.net)

Copies of the Property Maintenance Code can be found in all local libraries, city offices and on the city website.



## Vehicle Parking Regulations



A guide to the parking and screening of vehicles on residentially developed property.





# Vehicle Parking

**Effective January 1, 2009 all one and two family dwellings within the Fort Smith city limits will be subject to parking regulations.**

The Fort Smith Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2002 by the Fort Smith Board of Directors provides goals, policies, and land planning principles for guiding the future of Fort Smith.

One of the main goals of the Comprehensive Plan is to protect neighborhoods by implementing development ordinances.

In July 2008 the Board of Directors adopted an ordinance regarding the parking of vehicles on residential property and streets.

The new parking ordinance is an extension of the Fort Smith Comprehensive Plan developed to protect existing neighborhoods and create strong new ones.

Vehicles, as defined by the ordinance, includes any device except those moved by human power or on stationary tracts.

The ordinance applies to all one and two family dwellings.



## Parking Ordinance requirements:

- The parking ordinance requires that no more than six (6) vehicles be parked in the front and exterior side yard for corner lots.
- Vehicles must be parked on an improved surface. An improved surface is concrete, asphalt, or brick pavers.
- The vehicle must be capable of being driven or pulled if the vehicle is a trailer.
- Vehicles in excess of six must be parked on hard surface or on gravel in back yard and be screened with a six (6) foot opaque fence.
- No more than 40% of the front yard shall be paved.



## Ordinance Exemptions:

- Each one and two family dwelling is permitted one 9' x 19' grass parking space contiguous or adjacent to the driveway.
- Existing gravel, loose aggregate, rock or SB2 is permitted to remain if maintained so that no more than 50% of the surface is composed of dirt, grass or weeds.
- Existing gravel, loose aggregate, rock or SB2 may be expanded with similar material but cannot exceed 40% of the gross front or exterior side yard land area.
- A vehicle may be temporarily parked on an unimproved surface for no more than seven consecutive calendar days.