

## **Overnight Street Parking Prohibited**

If you leave a vehicle parked on the street in Castle Hills during the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. a citation maybe issued for this parking violation. The City of Castle Hills Code of Ordinances states:

Sec. 44-175. - Overnight parking on paved streets.

The parking or storing of cars, trucks, tractors, or other vehicles on paved streets during the hours from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m., except temporarily disabled vehicles that are protected by flares or other approved signal devices, is prohibited.

Sec. 44-176. - Permits for temporary overnight parking.

- (a) Any person owning or occupying residential premises may obtain a temporary overnight parking permit for visitors or persons temporarily staying in such premises upon written application made and filed with the chief of police prior to the time such automobiles or other vehicles are parked on the street. No such permit shall exceed 30 days, and no more than three such permits may be issued for any premises during any calendar year by the chief of police.
- (b) To be effective, any such permit shall be in writing and displayed on the automobile at all times when parked on the streets of the city between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- (c) Permits under this section shall be granted by the chief of police upon a showing that the premises do not have adequate space for the parking of automobiles of persons temporarily visiting or occupying such premises and the person making such application cannot without undue hardship obtain off-street parking within the vicinity of such property.
- (d) In determining whether or not a hardship exists, the chief of police shall consider the cost of providing off-street parking on the premises so owned or occupied and the cost and availability for providing for such automobile or automobiles off-street parking on other premises and the proximity of other premises that might be available to such occupants for off-street parking.

Why did the city council approve this ordinance? Castle Hills was suffering a rash of nighttime vehicle and residential burglaries. By removing parked vehicles from the streets during the nighttime hours, patrolling police officers could rapidly identify vehicles that were parking and serving as get away vehicles during these crimes. Ordinance Number 756 was passed by the city council on March 14, 1995 to prohibit overnight street parking.

Residents are reminded that the Texas Transportation Code (Section 545.302) prohibits parking in certain places:

- on a sidewalk;
- in an intersection;
- on a crosswalk;
- where prohibited by an official sign;
- within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
- within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
- within 30 feet on the approach to a flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;

- within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to a fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to a fire station within 75 feet of the entrance, if the entrance is properly marked with a sign; and
- vehicles must be parked with the vehicle parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway in the direction of the authorized traffic movement with the right-hand wheels within 18 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway (on two way traffic streets).

*The list above is not inclusive of all parking regulations, but the ones most frequently encountered.*

If you have concerns regarding city codes please feel free to discuss with a city council member. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Castle Hills safe.

The Code of Ordinances can be found by following the link  
[www.municode.com/library/tx/castle\\_hills/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](http://www.municode.com/library/tx/castle_hills/codes/code_of_ordinances)