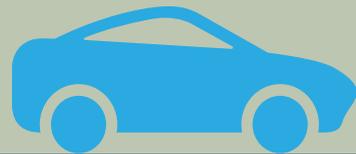


CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Back lane parking is generally permitted where driveway spacing and road width permit. However, in some neighborhoods, residents may support parking regulation changes such as prohibiting parking at any time or restricting parking to one side of the lane. The Engineering Department can change regulations in back lanes to suit local demand. In order to proceed with such a change, staff first confirms that:

- The regulation change applies to the full length of the back lane;
- 67% of adjacent property owners support the change; and
- There are no negative impacts on traffic safety.

To request a change in parking regulations in your back lane, send a letter or e-mail to the Parking Services Section at the address on the back of the brochure, indicating the details and signed by 67% or more of the property owners.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Parking Services
City of Surrey
13450 104 Avenue
Surrey, BC V3T 1V8
604.591.4225
Traffic@surrey.ca

www.surrey.ca/city-services



Download the
Surrey Request App.

ENFORCEMENT

Parking Enforcement Officers follow a regular program of parking enforcement, as well as responding to requests for enforcement. Please contact (604) 591-4352 or parkcomplaint@surrey.ca to request enforcement.

Please note that the information listed in this Guide is not exhaustive, and if any information in this Guide differs from City By-laws, the By-laws shall take precedence.



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PURPOSE OF PARKING REGULATIONS

Back lane parking regulations help ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. Provided that the visibility and passage of pedestrians, vehicles, and garbage trucks is not obstructed, parking in back lanes is generally permitted. However, many back lanes are not wide enough to permit parking, or have too closely spaced driveways. Where permitted, back lane parking is available for the use of the general public.

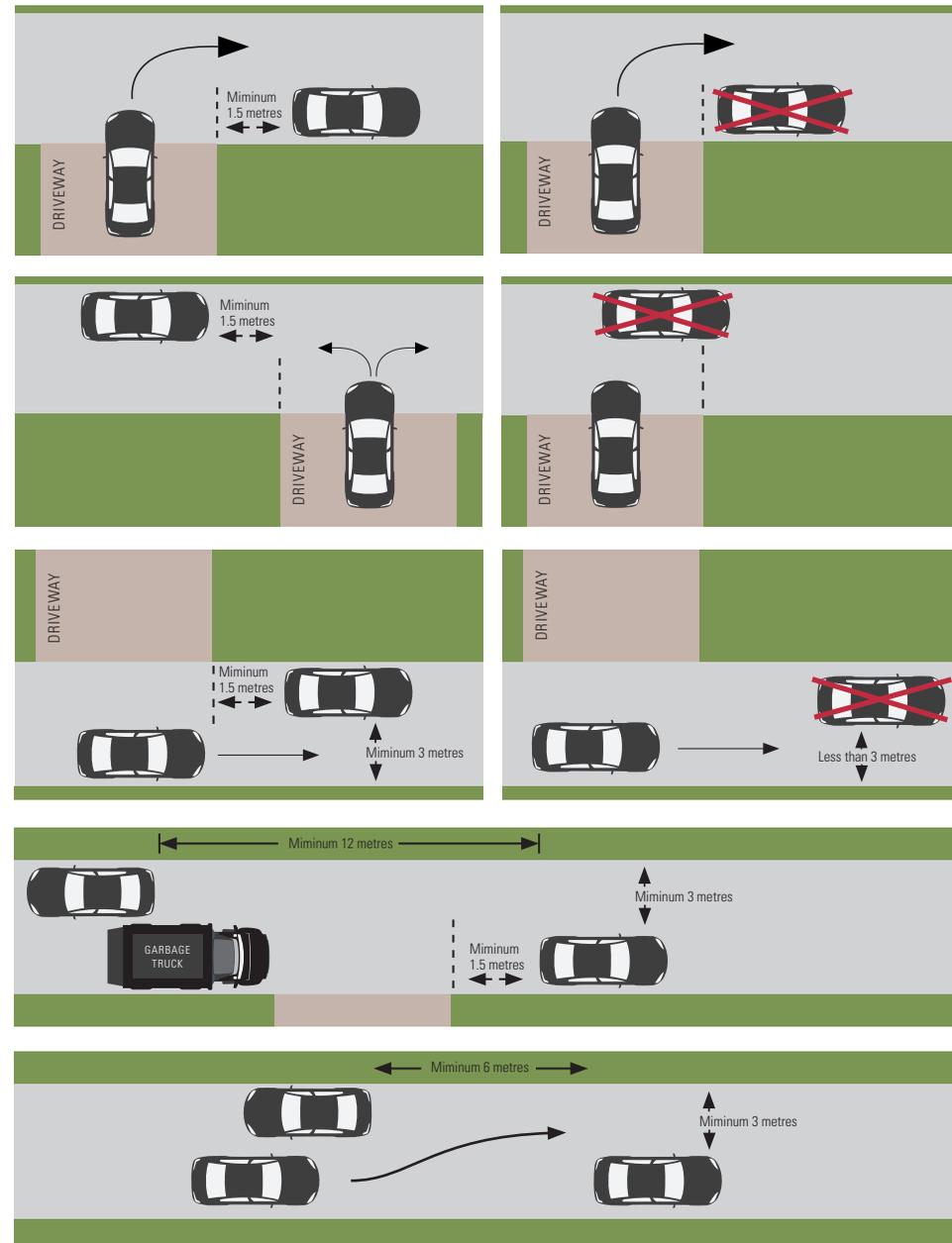
PARKING REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

Certain parking restrictions are in effect whether or not “No Parking”, “No Stopping”, or “No Parking in Lane” signs are in place. Except to avoid a collision, to obey a traffic control device, or to obey the directions of a traffic control person, a motorist must not stop or park their vehicle:

- within 1.5 metres of either side of a driveway;
- within 3 metres of either side of a walkway;
- within 6 metres of a curb return at an intersection; or
- in a position which leaves less than 3 metres of travelled road width or unduly restricts the flow of traffic.

Note: It is generally recommended to reverse vehicles into driveways. This improves maneuverability and sightlines when pulling out, and reduces the risk of collisions.

This guide describes the City of Surrey Engineering Department’s approach to setting parking regulations in residential back lanes. Additionally, a summary of pertinent parking regulations set out in the B.C. Motor Vehicle Act and Surrey’s Highway and Traffic By-law, 1997, No. 13007 is provided.



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In order to provide sufficient sightlines for motorists turning out of driveways, motorists must not park within 1.5 metres of either side of a driveway.

PARKING ACROSS FROM DRIVEWAY

In order to provide a sufficient turning radius for motorists turning out of driveways, motorists cannot park opposite a driveway and must be a minimum of 1.5 metres of either side of a driveway.

MINIMUM TRAVEL WIDTH

In a back lane, a minimum travel width of 3 metres must be maintained between the parked vehicle and the curb to allow vehicles to pass.

GARBAGE TRUCK SERVICE

On days when garbage trucks are servicing your back lane, a minimum distance of 12 metres must be maintained between parked vehicles on opposite sides of the back lane to allow garbage trucks to pass.

PARKING ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE BACK LANE

On days when garbage trucks are not servicing your back lane, a minimum distance of 6 metres must be maintained between parked vehicles on opposite sides of the back lane to allow vehicles to pass.