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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PRE-APPROVED PLANS POLICY

Policy R-6: PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

The Kirkland Municipal Code (KMC) specifies parking restrictions in the public right-of-way in the following sections:

- Chapter 12.40 - Abandoned and Unauthorized Vehicles
- Chapter 12.44 - Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited in Specified Places, Reserving Portion of Highways
- Chapter 12.45 - Parking

The purpose of Policy R-6 is to clarify designation and implementation of the above parking restrictions for new and existing developments and in response to citizen requests. In general drivers should be aware of the parking restrictions without them being designated. However, when drivers park habitually in violation of parking restrictions, formal designation of No Parking reminds drivers of parking restrictions.

In some situations, Public Works will designate No Parking in zones where sight distance, pavement width or other factors indicate parking should be restricted for traffic safety or access. The Fire Department, working in conjunction with Public Works, may similarly designate No Parking zones for emergency service needs.

No Parking restrictions are indicated either by signs or red curb. No Parking signs shall comply with Sections 2B.46 through 2B.49 of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (latest edition). Red curb shall conform to City of Kirkland standards and can be implemented by the City or citizens who received written authorization from the City in accordance with Policy R-19. Public Works will review citizen requests for parking restrictions on public right-of-way on a case-by-case basis.

The City shall install No Parking signs or paint curbs red when the following conditions are met:

1. On all new roadways where the pavement width is less than 24 feet, parking shall be prohibited on one side of the roadway.
2. On existing paved streets where new half-street improvements are being installed:
 - a. If the new total paved width is less than 24 feet, then parking shall be prohibited along the new frontage improvements.
 - b. If the new total paved width is 24 feet or more, then parking will be allowed on both sides of the road, unless other factors indicate otherwise.
3. Public Works determines parking should be restricted based on a site evaluation and/or engineering analysis.
4. On all sides of new hammerheads turn-arounds located within the right-of-way.