

Parking Signs Design and Placement

The City of Richmond parking regulations are set forth by ordinances adopted by City Council. City ordinance has established parking regulation in Section 102-222, and violation and penalties in Section 102-243.

Parking signs installation and maintenance is governed by the Department of Public Works Transportation Engineering and Parking Division. Parking sign requests are evaluated on a case by case basis. The installation and maintenance of parking signs are in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Chapter 2B. Regulatory Signs, Barricades, and Gates; Sections 2B.46 through 2B.48.

MUTCD Section 2B.47 Design of Parking, Standing, and Stopping Signs

1. Parking signs and parking regulations in this Section apply not only to parking, but also to "standing and stopping". "Stopping or standing" refers to the practice of a driver keeping the vehicle in a stationary position while continuing to occupy the vehicle.
2. The legend on parking signs shall give applicable regulations.
3. Parking signs shall comply with the standards of shape, color, and location. For parking prohibition signs have a red legend and border on a white background. The alternate design shall have a black legend and border on a white background. For permissive parking sign, (limited-time parking or parking in a particular manner are permitted), the signs shall have a green legend and border on a white background.
4. Parking signs should display the following information from top to bottom of the sign, in the order listed:
 - a. The restriction or prohibition;
 - b. The times of the day that it is applicable, if not at all hours; and
 - c. The days of the week that it is applicable, if not every day.
5. If the parking restriction applies to a limited area or zone, the limits of the restriction should be shown by arrows. If arrows are used and if the sign is at the end of a parking zone, there should be a single-headed arrow pointing in the direction that the regulation is in effect. If the sign is at an intermediate point in a zone, there should be a double-headed arrow pointing both ways (Also note Section 2B.48 (4) below). When a single sign is used at the transition point between two parking zones, it should display a right and left arrow pointing in the direction that the respective restrictions apply.
6. At the transition point between two parking zones, a single sign or two signs mounted side by side may be used.

MUTCD Section 2B.48 Placement of Parking, Stopping, and Standing Signs

1. When signs with arrows are used to indicate the extent of the restricted zones, the signs should be set at an angle of not less than 30 degrees or more than 45 degrees with the line of traffic flow in order to be visible to approaching traffic.
2. Spacing of signs should be based on legibility and sign orientation.
3. If the signs are mounted at an angle of 90 degrees to the curb line, signs without any ?? should be used at intermediate points within a parking zone, facing in the direction of approaching traffic. Otherwise the standards of placement should be the same as for signs using directional arrows.
4. If the zone is unusually long, signs showing a double arrow should be used at intermediate points within the zone.