

**CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS
ORDINANCE 2026-13**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 54 – “TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES”, ARTICLE II. – “STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING”; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS RESOLUTION CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$500.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Gatesville, Texas (the “City”), is a home rule municipality located in Coryell County, Texas, created under the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code and operating according to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 51, the City has general authority to adopt ordinances and regulations that are for the good government, peace, or order of the City and that are necessary or property for carrying out a power granted by law to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the regulations provided herein are reasonable and necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The City of Gatesville Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by amending Chapter 54 “Traffic and Vehicles”, Article II “Stopping, Standing, and Parking” to read in its entirety as follows:

CHAPTER 48 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

ARTICLE IV. – STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING

Sec. 54-60. - Ten feet of roadway to be left available for traffic.

No person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle upon a street in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of either lane of a roadway for free movement of the vehicular traffic, except that a driver may stop temporarily during the actual loading or unloading of passengers or when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals of a police officer.

Sec. 54-61. - Parallel and angle parking.

- (a) On one-way streets, vehicles may be parked on the left side of the street, with the left-hand wheels within 18 inches of the curb or edge of the roadway, unless signs prohibit parking.
- (b) The city manager, with the approval of the city council, shall determine upon which streets angle parking shall be permitted and shall mark or sign such streets, but such angle parking shall not be indicated upon any federal-aid or state highway within this city unless the state highway commission has determined by resolution or order entered in its minutes that the roadway is of sufficient width to permit angle parking without interfering with the free movement of traffic. Angle parking shall not be indicated or permitted at any place where passing traffic would thereby be caused or required to drive upon the left side of the street or upon any railway tracks.
- (c) Upon those streets which have been signed or marked for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle to, and with the hood or front end of such vehicle next to, the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings.
- (d) Whenever parking spaces are marked by lines on the pavement, whether for parallel or angle parking, a vehicle must be parked entirely within the lines of the parking space.

Sec. 54-62. - Parking for more than 48 hours prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any vehicle, including a boat, camper, or other type of trailer, to allow, cause, or permit such vehicle to remain standing or parked on any street, alley, avenue or public way, within the city for more than 48 hours continuously.

Sec. 54-63. - Prohibiting heavy vehicle parking in residential zones; providing penalty.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or owner to leave, park, or stand any recreational vehicle, truck tractor, road tractor, semi-trailer, bus, truck or trailer with a curb weight over 10,000 pounds upon any street, alley, or thoroughfare within any district zoned for residential purposes according to the city zoning ordinance (~~Ord. No. 95-17~~) in residential/single-family districts, community-facilities districts, agriculture and suburban-homesites districts, residential two—four family districts, and residential multifamily districts.
- (b) Notwithstanding the prohibition stated in subsection (a) of this section, any such recreational, noncommercial and commercial vehicles with a curb weight of over 10,000 pounds may be parked upon private property in such zones mentioned in subsection (a) of this section on such person's or owner's property, behind the building or setback line.
- (c) The prohibition stated in subsection (a) of this section shall not prevent the parking or standing of such vehicles in such zoned areas for the purpose of expeditiously loading or unloading passengers, freight or merchandise, nor shall such prohibition prevent the

parking in such zoned areas of construction equipment and/or utility vehicles by the city and other utility providers or emergency vehicles and equipment.

Sec. 54-64. - Parking for certain purposes.

No person shall park a vehicle upon any street in the city for the principal purpose of:

- (a) Displaying such vehicle for sale;
- (b) Washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency;
- (c) Advertising, except by permit issued by the chief of police and under the conditions stipulated therein.

Sec. 54-65. - Designation and marking of parking stalls and areas where parking is prohibited or limited.

- (a) The city manager shall cause parking stalls to be maintained and marked off in and on such streets and parts thereof as may be designated by the city council from time to time and shall cause spaces in which parking is prohibited to be maintained and marked off in and on such streets and parts thereof as may be designated by the city council from time to time. The city manager shall also cause time-limit parking areas to be maintained and marked off in and on such part of streets as may be designated by the city council from time to time. All such spaces or areas shall be clearly indicated by appropriate signs or by markings on the pavement or curb.
- (b) In areas designated as time limit parking areas, parking may be limited to any period prescribed by the council, the same to be designated with clearly distinguished markings or signs at both ends of the time limit area at reasonable intervals between the beginning and ending of such time limit area, indicating the time allowed for parking in such area.
- (c) Any prohibition of or time limit on parking established under this section shall apply on such days and between such hours as prescribed by the council.

- 1) Two (2) hour maximum parking along the western side of S 6th Street between E Main Street and E Leon Street.
- 2) Two (2) hour maximum parking along the southern side of E Leon Street between S 6th Street and S 7th Street.
- 3) Two (2) hour maximum parking along the eastern side of S 7th Street between E Main Street and E Leon Street.

Sec. 54-66. - Landing, unloading zones—Designation.

The city manager, with the consent of the city council, is unauthorized to determine and designate the location of passenger and freight curb loading zones and shall place and maintain

appropriate signs indicating the same and stating the hours during which the provisions therefor are applicable **and are in accordance with Chapter 49, Article VIII.**

Sec. 54-67. - Landing, unloading zones—Use of passenger zones.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers in any place marked as a passenger curb loading zone during hours when the regulations applicable to such curb loading zones are effective; and then only for a period of time not to exceed three minutes except when such spaces are adjacent to and serving a hotel or bus station, when such period of time may not exceed 15 minutes.

Sec. 54-68. - Landing, unloading zones—Use of freight zones.

(a) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle for any length of time in any place marked as a freight curb loading zone during the hours so set aside except that commercial vehicles may so stop, stand or park for the expeditious unloading and delivery or loading and pickup of material. In no case shall the stop for unloading, loading, pickup or delivery of material exceed 30 minutes **and are in accordance with Chapter 49, Article VIII.**

(b) The driver of a passenger vehicle may stop temporarily at a place marked as a freight curb loading zone for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers when such stopping does not interfere with any motor vehicle used for the transportation of materials which is waiting to enter or about to enter such zone.

Sec. 54-69. - Presumption that owner of vehicle illegally parked same.

In any prosecution charging a violation of any ordinance or regulation governing the standing or parking of a vehicle, proof that the particular vehicle described in the complaint was parked in violation of any such ordinance or regulation, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time of such parking, the registered owner of such vehicle, shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of such vehicle was the person who parked or placed such vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which, such violation occurred.

Sec. 54-70. - Impoundment of standing or parked vehicles—Authorized.

Any vehicle which shall be or remain standing or parked upon any public street, avenue, way, alley or other public place may be removed by or upon order of the chief of police and placed in storage as provided in Sec. 36-1.

Sec. 54-71. - Impoundment of standing or parked vehicles—Liability of city.

The city shall not be held as assuming any liability by reason of impounding or causing to be impounded a vehicle.

Sec. 54-72. - Parking, standing in alleys.

(a) No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to block the free passage of other vehicles in such alley.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle in any alley within the fire limits of the city, except when such vehicle is actually being used for the purpose of loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

Sec. 54-73. - Parking trailers, etc., for dwelling purposes.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park a mobile home, house trailer, camp car or any vehicle on the public streets for the purpose of occupying as a dwelling for any length of time, or to so occupy any such vehicle.

Sec. 54-74. - Maximum parking time on municipal parking lots; impounding vehicle, fees.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any vehicle to remain standing or parked upon any city-owned or -leased parking lot ~~for more than 72 consecutive hours, overnight from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.~~ and any individual who violates this subsection may have said vehicle removed by or upon the orders of the chief of police, and said vehicle may be placed in storage as provided in Sec. 36-1.

(b) Property removed under the provisions of this section and in accordance with the terms of Sec. 36-1. shall be kept at a place designated by the chief of police until application for its redemption shall be made by the owner or his authorized agent, who shall be entitled to the possession thereof upon the payment of a fee as provided in Chapter 18. This remedy and impounding fee shall be cumulative of any and all other penalties that may be provided. In the event the property impounded is not redeemed by the owner or his authorized agent, it shall be disposed of in a manner authorized by law.

Secs. 54-75—54-94. - Reserved

SECTION 2. Should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance, as amended hereby, be adjudged or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance, or the Gatesville Code of Ordinances, as amended hereby, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. An offense committed before the effective date of this Ordinance is governed by prior law and the provisions of the Gatesville Code of Ordinances, as amended, in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

SECTION 4. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this Ordinance shall be subject to the same penalty as provided for in the Gatesville Code of Ordinances, as amended, and

upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for each offense, and each and every day such violation shall continue shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the third and final reading.

Ordinance No. 2026-12 was read the first time and passed to the second reading this ____day of _____, 2026.

Ordinance No. 2026-12 was read the second time and passed to the third reading this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Ordinance No. 2026-12 was read the third time and duly approved, passed and adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Gary Chumley, Mayor

ATTEST

Holly Owens, City Secretary, T. R.M.C.