

CITY OF BEMIDJI PARKING ENFORCEMENT GENERAL INFORMATION



Parking in General.

Parking on City streets shall be limited as follows:

- (1) It is unlawful for any person to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle upon any street for a continuous period in excess of 24 hours.
- (2) The city manager may designate certain streets, blocks or portions of streets or blocks as prohibited parking zones or five-minute, ten-minute, 15-minute, 30-minute, one-hour, two-hour, four-hour, six-hour, eight-hour, morning or afternoon rush hour limited parking zones or such other limited parking zones as he may designate and shall mark by appropriate signs any zones so established. Such zones shall be established whenever necessary for the convenience of the public or to minimize traffic hazards and preserve a free flow of traffic or to facilitate street maintenance. It is unlawful for any person to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle in a prohibited parking zone for a period of time in excess of the sign posted limitation, or during signposted hours of prohibited parking.
- (3) For the purpose of enforcement, any vehicle moved and parked again less than **300 feet** from its original parking place in a limited time parking zone shall be deemed to have remained stationary. Simply moving your vehicle to the other side of the street could result in a ticket. Therefore, we recommend you move to a different block.

Why Calendar Parking?

Calendar Parking was recommended by the City Council Parking Committee **to enhance maintenance and snow removal as well as to improve public safety by providing better, quicker and safer access.** The Council adopted the Calendar Parking program on August 4, 1997. Maintenance crews sweep or plow the vacant side of the street and then return down the same street sweeping or plowing the other side, maneuvering around parked vehicles. The crews cannot always return the next day to sweep or plow the other side of the street, so they take care of what they can while they are there. When time permits, they return to maintain the second side of the street without obstruction. Parking regulations of this nature help eliminate the problem of disabled vehicles left standing for long periods of time.

Parking for the next day is allowed between 5 p.m. and midnight. However, after midnight you must be parked on the correct side of the street for that day.

Can I Appeal a Parking Ticket?

Any person receiving a parking ticket can appeal the ticket if they feel it was issued in error. You must first pay the ticket and then request a form for an administrative review of the parking violation. The City Police Department will review the request and determine if a refund will be issued. A letter will be sent from the City Clerk's office typically within 10 days of your request.

Where Does the Money from Parking Tickets Go?

Money collected from parking tickets go into the General Fund, which provides Police, Fire, Streets, Parks and General Government Services for the citizens of Bemidji.