

SHERIDAN STATION WEST PARKING POLICY UPDATES

What is Changing?

The Sheridan Station West Metro District is implementing a revised Parking Policy (attached) to provide additional recourse for illegal parking issues within the Metro District boundaries. Note that this policy only applies to private streets within the Metro District; all public streets within and around the Metro District are only governed by City of Lakewood regulations (see the attached map for additional detail). The updated Parking Policy provides additional definitions and clarity, including a formal warning system and a towing option that can be used to remove illegally parked vehicles. Enforcement of this policy will begin on February 15th, 2022.

Why is the Parking Policy Changing?

- **Ensure Emergency Access:** Emergency access lanes were designated in West Line Village during the planning portions of the development project and cannot be changed without a new fire district review and a re-entry into city planning and platting processes. Emergency access lanes are important to ensure access for fire trucks, hoses, ladders, and hydrants when fighting fires. Unobstructed emergency access lanes are also critical during other emergencies such as natural gas leaks, water and electrical problems, and medical emergencies.
- **Improve Other Access Issues:** A number of West Line Village residents have reported instances of illegal parking that have created garage, alleyway, and street access issues. Illegal parking also hinders snow removal, trash collection, and service truck access to the community.
- **Increase Safety:** Visibility is improved for vehicles turning from side streets when vehicles are not illegally parked too close to an intersection. Reducing the number of vehicles illegally parked next to a building also improves public safety by increasing visibility in West Line Village alleyways.
- **Provide a Tool to Residents:** The adjacent Traverse Apartments building will open in the next few months, which will introduce more vehicles to the general area. By introducing this revised Parking Policy, the Metro District is also adding a clear tool that West Line Village residents can use to remove illegally parked vehicles that may be owned by non Metro District residents.

How are Emergency Access Lanes Designated?

The Life Safety Department at West Metro Fire oversees code enforcement, building plans, investigation, and public education. The City of Lakewood sends a development application to the fire district to review, and Lakewood's established fire code is used to determine the emergency access lane requirements. Once emergency access lanes are designated, development plans are recorded ("platted") with the City of Lakewood. To change emergency access lane designations in West Line Village, a new fire district review and re-entry into city planning and platting processes would be required.

Why Isn't There More Parking in West Line Village?

The City of Lakewood determines the number of parking spaces required for developments during the planning phase, and West Line Village meets all requirements set by the City of Lakewood. West Line Village is intended to be a transit-oriented neighborhood due to the proximity of the Sheridan Light Rail Station and aligns with the City of Lakewood's [Sheridan Station 20-Minute Neighborhood Implementation Strategy](#).

How Can I Find Out More About Emergency Access Lanes?

The West Metro Fire District has offered to host an info session about the design and importance of emergency access lanes in the Sheridan Station West Metro District. If this is a session that you would be interested in attending, please let us know by filling out [this short, anonymous survey](#).

Can I Appeal If I am Towed?

Yes, the Parking Policy includes an appeal procedure. Be sure to follow the listed instructions and timelines included in the Parking Policy.

How Do I Know If I'm Parked Legally?

The following pictures are provided for reference to clarify the difference between legal ("allowed") and illegal ("not allowed") parking. A map showing designated street parking on private Metro District Streets is also available in the Parking Policy.

ALLOWED

ALWAYS Allowed

- FULLY INSIDE GARAGE
- DESIGNATED STREET PARKING
- ACTIVE UNLOADING/LOADING WITH HAZARD LIGHTS ON

ALSO Allowed:

A - Sideways parking - tires fully on sidewalk



B - Driveway parking - tires fully on driveway / sidewalk



NOT ALLOWED - EMERGENCY ACCESS LANE OBSTRUCTION

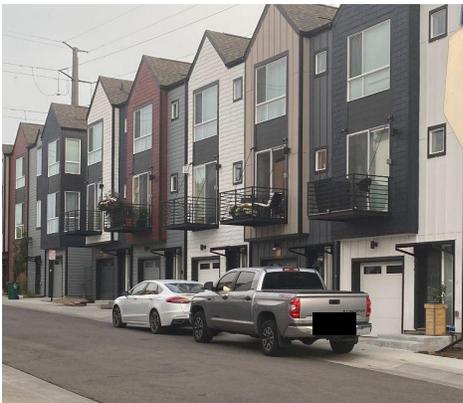
C - Parking between or at no parking signs



D - Alley parking
(Active unloading/loading with hazard lights on is okay)



E - Sideways parking - overlap into street



F - Driveway parking - overlap into street



G - Sideways parking - overlap into gutter



H - Driveway parking - overlap into gutter

