

City of Albany

POLICY FOR RESTRICTING STREET PARKING NEAR INTERSECTIONS



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SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for prioritizing pedestrian safety from improved visibility over vehicle parking at intersections.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND

One of the principles of roadway design is that on-street parking should be positioned far enough away from intersections to allow for good visibility. Pedestrians preparing to cross the street should have an unobstructed view of approaching vehicles and approaching motorists should be able to readily see pedestrians approaching a curb ramp.

The Albany Municipal Code section 9-10 authorizes the City Engineer to place curb markings and restrict parking at hazardous areas. This policy details the City's approach to provide safe and visible roadway crossings through application of restrictions to street parking near intersections.

SECTION 3: STANDARDS

Restriction of street parking near unsignalized intersections shall be applied as follows:

1. On the approach side of a standard perpendicular intersection between local and/or collector streets or paths, on-street parking shall be prohibited within 20 feet from the marked crosswalk, curb ramp, or edge of sidewalk path of travel. This distance may be reduced by up to 5 feet if staff determines that this would permit an additional parking space, and it may be extended beyond 20 feet to the nearest curb cut in situations where the remaining curb length is insufficient for parking a motor vehicle.
2. On the departure side of a standard perpendicular intersection between local and/or collector streets or paths, on-street parking shall be prohibited within 10 feet from the marked crosswalk, curb ramp, or edge of sidewalk path of travel. This distance may be reduced by up to 7 feet if staff determines that this would permit an additional parking space, and it may be extended beyond 10 feet to the nearest curb cut in situations where the remaining curb length is insufficient for parking a motor vehicle.
3. For intersections with a unique angle of approach, topography, or other unique safety consideration, the City Engineer shall prepare a technical analysis to determine where parking restrictions would significantly improve pedestrian visibility.

SECTION 4: PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

As a general practice, notification to owners and occupants of properties within 150 feet walking distance should be sent in writing at least 10 days before changes in curbside designations restricting parking.