

# PEOPLE LIVING IN RVs AND VEHICLES



## How the City of Everett handles people living in RV's and vehicles

Living in a vehicle or parking an RV on public property is not unlawful, by itself, but every vehicle must comply with local parking ordinances and criminal laws. The City recognizes there are many reasons people do not have stable housing and takes steps to provide assistance to them. Unfortunately, those without stable housing are more vulnerable to crime, and some people in this situation also violate City code, criminal laws and parking ordinances.

The Everett Police Department responds to community parking complaints to assess violations of law. Enforcement can be taken if violations are found. However, a balanced approach between enforcement and outreach is important and, when appropriate, the department offers referrals to social services and connections for treatment. Even if people live in a vehicle, it may be towed if they violate parking laws or engage in criminal activity, but we attempt to provide assistance and referrals to those involved first, in most cases.

### Towable Parking Offenses on City streets

- Abandoned, junk or disabled vehicles
- Expired vehicle licenses, over 45 days
- Parking /Abandoned in a lane of travel
- Parking in a tow away zone
- Parking on a public street for more than 72 hours without moving through an intersection (or the vehicle may be ticketed)\*
- Having 4 or more unpaid tickets that are over 45 days past due and are currently violating any parking law

\*Important Note: In situations where people are living in their vehicles, and they are parked over 72 hours, the City provides occupants with several opportunities for services, and to connect with our Community Outreach and Enforcement Team. If the vehicle remains in violation of the above laws, it is towed.

### Ticketable Parking Offenses

#### Everett Municipal Code 46.28

- Vehicle must have, and display, proper license plate and tabs
- Parking in alleyways
- Reparking to avoid time limits
- Parking an RV or motor home in a residential zone for more than 24 hours
- Parking on a public street for more than 72 hours without moving through an intersection (or the vehicle may be towed)
- Facing the wrong direction
- Parking over a time limit
- Unattached trailers on public streets or in public alleyways
- Conducting auto repairs on right of way (except in an emergency)

### Parks

- City parks – including parking lots – are open to the public
- People living in RV's or vehicles are allowed to park in City parks during park hours, as long as other laws are not violated
- Vehicles remaining parked after park hours are subject to impound

### Private property

- Property owners are responsible for addressing vehicle issues on their property
- Aside from some parking laws (handicap parking violations and fire zone violations) and criminal activity, Everett Police does not enforce parking rules on private property

### Report criminal activity

Criminal activity may result in arrests or citations and should be reported via the non-emergency line (425-407-3999) or through 911, if it is an emergency.

### Contact information

#### City of Everett Parking Enforcement

425-257-8437

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