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A weekly Q&A
with local
law enforcement

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Q: What are the parking restrictions?

A: Parking and storage of recreational vehicles clarification:

On Nov. 3, 2008, a 10-4 article was published regarding the parking and storage of recreational vehicles in the winter time. The Police Department received a few questions regarding that article so we will be using this article to clarify the ordinance. It was published that "vehicles 22 feet in length or less are not subject to any of the above restrictions." This is correct when referring to the spring and summer time period of April 1 to Nov. 15.

During the winter time period, however, the parking restrictions apply to all recreational vehicles, regardless of size. The winter time period is defined in the ordinance as Nov. 16 to March 30. Section 702:15 Subdivision 5 of the City of Owatonna code states: "From Nov. 16 to March 30 a recreational vehicle is temporarily permitted in the front yard setback on a surfaced driveway or upon one open surface space located to the side of the driveway away from the principal use for the purposes of loading or unloading or to accommodate guests visiting in a recreational vehicle, provided it is not parked for a period exceeding 48 hours in any consecutive seven-day period."

Even-odd parking restrictions clarification:

On Nov. 18, 2008, a 10-4 article was published outlining the even odd parking restrictions that have gone in to effect within the city. We also received a few citizens questions about this ordinance and would like to clarify that as well.

The question we were receiving is: "The parking restriction goes in to effect at 12:01 a.m. of each day. Does that mean I have to get out of bed at 12:01 a.m. and move my vehicle in order to not get issued a parking ticket?"

Section 700:05 Subdivision 1 of the City of Owatonna code states: "No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle on any street in the City on any day between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 12:00 o'clock noon from Nov. 15 through March 31." What this means for the citizens of Owatonna is that the even odd parking restrictions are only in effect from midnight to noon. For example, if you come home from work anytime after noon on Nov. 24, you should park your vehicle on the odd side of the street. From the time you get home after noon until 12:01 a.m. Nov. 25, there is no parking restriction regarding which side of the street you may park on. At 12:01 a.m. Nov. 25 you need to be parked on the odd side of the street to avoid being issued a ticket.

We hope that this clarifies both the recreational vehicle parking and even odd parking restrictions, however, if you have further questions regarding these or any other ordinances please contact the Owatonna Police Department at 774-7000.

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