

# Be Informed

This brochure has been developed to explain some of St. Petersburg's housing and neighborhood standards. Our first priority is to help residents voluntarily comply with these standards. If you receive a violation notice, we recommend that you take positive action to resolve any violations. Also contact your Codes Investigator with any questions about violations and what must be done to correct them. The following additional brochures are available:



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- Yard (Vegetation) Maintenance Standards

How can I solve storage problems when parking is not allowed?

Owners of commercial equipment and domestic equipment solve their storage problems by keeping the items within an entirely enclosed structure, such as their garage.



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# Parking In Residential Areas

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# Parking In Residential Neighborhoods

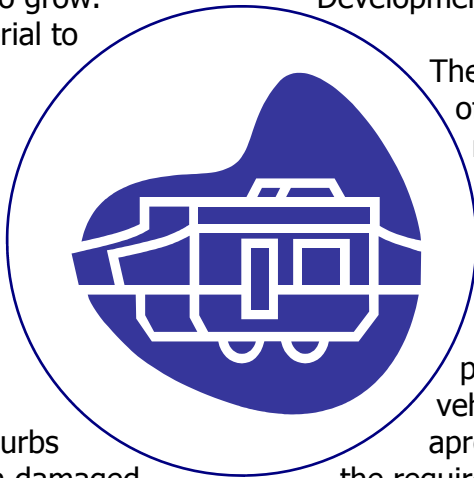
There are city codes that govern where you can park vehicles and equipment on your property. In residential areas, the rules vary for passenger vehicles, motorcycles, boats and trailers. It is easy to become familiar with the basics of the code and park or store your vehicles and equipment accordingly.

The parking codes were designed for several important reasons:

- When cars are improperly parked, grass and plants are unable to grow. Without live plant material to hold the soil in place, excessive soil erosion can result.

Soil from damaged yards is washed into storm water drainage systems and impairs their effectiveness.

- Underground utilities, curbs and sidewalks are often damaged by the weight of vehicles parking or driving over them.
- Improperly parked cars, boats, or other equipment can cause visibility and safety problems for motorists on streets, alleys, or driveways.



## Where can I park passenger vehicles and motorcycles?

Depending on the orientation of your lot, other rules may apply, but in general:

Passenger vehicles and motorcycles can be parked in the front of the house or in a street side yard provided they are on an approved legally recognized parking area or driveway. Legally recognized parking areas and driveways are approved by the City's Development Review Services Division.

The construction, location and size of the parking area must be reviewed; call (727) 893-7471 for information.

Parking is never allowed on the right-of-way area between the paved street and the private property line unless the vehicle is parked on a driveway apron that has been installed with the required permit.

## Where can I park boats and other domestic equipment?

Domestic equipment includes motor homes, trailers and utility trailers.



To be considered domestic equipment, the item cannot be designed or intended to be used for commercial purposes.

- Up to two pieces of domestic equipment may be parked on certain areas of a residential lot.
- Parking or storage of domestic equipment is not permitted in a front yard, on a corner lot within a street side yard, or in a waterfront yard.
- You may legally park domestic equipment in the rear or interior side yard of a lot. Domestic equipment may only be parked in the front on weekends. Depending on the arrangement of your lot, other rules may apply.
- Domestic equipment may be up to 35 feet long, up to eight feet wide and up to 12 feet high.