Are non-motorized vehicles (such as trailers, boats and cars or boats on trailers) permitted to be parked or stored on residential streets?

No. The Municipal Code prohibits all non-motorized vehicles from being parked on residential streets for any period of time. If you observe such a condition, you may report it to the Police Department for appropriate action. [TOMC Section 4-3.410 (c)]

Can a neighborhood prohibit overnight parking on any public streets?

Residents can prohibit vehicle parking on their street between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. by submitting a petition signed by 75 percent of the streets’ property owners to the City Council. For additional information, contact the City Traffic Engineer at (805) 449-2412. [TOMC 4-3.420]
Can I paint the curb in front of my home or business to prevent my neighbor from parking in front of my home/property?

No. It is illegal for citizens to paint the curbs within the public right-of-way. The curbs are owned and maintained by the City of Thousand Oaks. The City is responsible for regulating parking restrictions on all public streets.

The City can mark curbs with red, yellow, green, or blue paint to designate special parking restrictions. The Public Works Department prefers the use of signs over painted curbs because signs can last up to 10 years while curbs must be repainted within 18 months. With proper spacing, signs can be just as visible or even more visible than painted curbs, especially at night.

Can I get the City to post “No Parking Vehicles for Sale” signs on my street?

Section 4-3.419 of the Thousand Oaks Municipal Code requires the following conditions be met before parking restrictions can be implemented:

- A minimum of two surveys, at least 24 hours apart, with a minimum of three vehicles displaying a For Sale sign.

- The City Traffic Engineer determines that the parking of vehicles in groups at this location or along the street significantly interferes with the flow of traffic or other vehicular or pedestrian safety.

My neighbor leaves his/her vehicle parked on the street at the same place for weeks at a time. Is there a rule which prohibits this practice?

Yes. Section 4-3.410 of the Municipal Code sets 72 hours as the maximum period a vehicle is permitted to be parked at the same location. If the vehicle odometer does not change by more than one mile after the 72 hour period, the vehicle may be cited if it is still at the same location.

Why doesn’t the City permit non-residents to park on the residential streets surrounding Thousand Oaks High School when evening football games are being played? The area is posted “No Parking Except with Permit”. The school’s parking lot is too small to meet the parking demand when game attendance is high.

Why is the curb in front of some fire hydrants painted red, while others are not? Is the City trying to trap people into getting tickets when they fail to paint curbs red in front of all fire hydrants in the City?

According to the California Vehicle Code, it is illegal to park within 15 feet of either side of a fire hydrant. The Vehicle Code does not require red curbs in front of hydrants for police officers to enforce this regulation. Therefore, most fire hydrants in the City do not have red curbs.

What is the largest vehicle that can be parked on a residential street?

The Municipal Code currently allows motorized commercial vehicles weighing up to 12,000 pounds to be parked on residential streets. However, as previously stated, no vehicle may park in the same location for a period exceeding 72 consecutive hours. It should be noted that larger vehicles, i.e., cement trucks, moving vans, etc. may be temporarily parked on residential streets for the purpose of conducting business, provided the vehicle leaves once business is concluded.