

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-077

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK
ON-STREET PARKING POLICY**

WHEREAS, as the population of the Town grows, there is a projected increase in the public demand for on-street parking along Town-owned public streets, and

WHEREAS, there are growing requests for the Town to restrict on-street parking, or create parking permit programs, and

WHEREAS, currently a policy does not exist to provide a preferred position on whether to allow public parking where traffic operations and safety is not a reason to restrict parking, and

WHEREAS, allowing public on-street parking to exist when conditions are available provides an amenity for a majority of stakeholders, and value from the public roadway asset, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Approval. The Town of Castle Rock On-Street Parking Policy in the form attached is hereby approved.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of October, 2017 by the Town Council of the Town of Castle Rock, Colorado, on first and final reading by a vote of ____ for and ____ against.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

Lisa Anderson, Acting Town Clerk

Jennifer Green, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Approved as to content:

Robert J. Slentz, Town Attorney

Robert Goebel, P.E., Director of Public Works



Town Policy: On-Street Parking
Along Town Owned Public Streets

PURPOSE:

To establish policy associated with on-street parking on public streets owned by the Town.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

On-street parking is generally allowed within the Town limits on local residential streets, on some existing collector roads and in business/commercial areas where adequate space for maintaining safe traffic operations exists. As the population of the Town has grown, there have been some opposing views from stakeholders associated with various aspects such as the general look and feel of an area where on-street parking is allowed, and which users should have priority for parking.

It is the Town's general position to accommodate on-street parking, in a non-preferential manner as allowed by law, along Town-owned public streets where demand for such on-street parking establishes itself. In these cases, the addition of new vehicle or bike lanes necessary to accommodate new development should be the primary reason to prohibit on-street parking. The elements associated with this policy statement are an attempt to define this reasonableness.

The Town also recognizes that the public's use of on-street parking can potentially lead to items of concern from residents and businesses adjacent to streets where on-street parking is permitted. The Town will utilize available tools, such as Municipal Code enforcement, to assist with mitigating these concerns where possible while striving to maintain the allowance for on-street parking.

POLICY STATEMENT:

On existing Town-owned public streets, on-street parallel parking will be allowed where existing parking spaces that are delineated with markings don't exist. This includes parking on streets in which there are no markings already established to delineate a parking space, and on those streets where parking is not otherwise prohibited by Municipal Code, or where a specific street is not restricted or prohibited in association with special events. Parallel parking will be permitted pending the following conditions exist:

1. A parallel parked vehicle does not encroach into an adjacent lane of traffic, meaning that the adjacent travel lane remains at least 10 feet in width.
2. If a multi-use shoulder or bike lane is marked, a parallel parked vehicle may not encroach into this lane.

3. Adequate width required by the Town approved Fire Code is maintained.

An adjacent public school may request Town assistance with routine traffic operations around the school. The assistance may result in additional parking restrictions near the school. If potential prohibitions or restriction options will impact streets where residential driveways directly access the street, the property owner at the time when the prohibition or restriction is established must support the prohibition or restriction.

The Town may prohibit parking on any roadway segment in order to maintain adequate sight lines and provide for safe traffic operations. These will be established on a case by case basis, and determined by an engineering evaluation. Parking restrictions may be implemented through painting curbs and/or signage.

In residential areas where covenants restrict or prohibit parking on Town-owned public streets, the Town will not install regulatory signage along affected streets, or enforce these covenants.

Existing restrictions established prior to the adoption of this policy will not be impacted unless necessary for safety or operations as deemed needed by Town staff.