

City of Sacramento
Parking Services Division
Temporary “Tow Away No Parking” Posting Guidelines

Posting “Tow Away No Parking” Signs/Barricades after permit approval

When a Meter and Parking Space Reservation Application is approved and a permit number is issued, applicants may post their own signs by utilizing approved templates and following the instructions provided herein.

The following is a list of local vendors for traffic control and posting equipment. This is not a comprehensive list, and the City of Sacramento does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided, nor does the City of Sacramento expressly endorse any of the following companies:

Capitol Barricade Safety and Signs

Address: 6001 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95819
Phone: (916) 451-5176

National Trench Safety

Address: 8585 Thys Court, Sacramento, CA 95828
Phone: (916) 387-9733

Road Tech Safety Services Incorporated

Address: 9110 Union Park Way, Suite 100, Elk Grove, CA 95624
Phone: (866) 762-3832 or (916) 714-1466

Statewide Safety and Signs

Address: 7920 Cucamonga Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826
Phone: (916) 452-4855

Verify the Temporary No Parking Zone has been properly established

The permit holder must verify that the “No Parking” postings are in place and properly marked at least 72 hours in advance of the event start date, including set-up.

It is highly recommended that you verify that all No Parking signs remain placed in their correct location(s) every 24 hours from the time of initial placement of the signage, and a minimum of twelve hours prior to your event start time.

The 72-hour notice requirement allows vehicles parked in the space ample opportunity to move prior to the event or project start date. This notification also prevents other vehicles from parking in the space on the event or project start date.

The times and dates of the temporary no parking zone must be clearly posted on the signs. Please use templates provided by City to create signage.

Failure to comply with these requirements will result in the temporary no parking zone being unenforceable.

To verify the posting has been completed accurately, photographic evidence must be submitted to MeterCSR@cityofsacramento.org 72 hours prior to the event start date. Please enter the permit number in the subject line of the email. The City of Sacramento maintains sole discretion to modify these requirements based on an evaluation of unique circumstances associated with construction activity, special events, or for ongoing events such as a weekly Farmer’s Market.

If a temporary no parking zone has been verified, and on the start date of the reservation there are vehicles parked in the reserved spaces, you may contact the City of Sacramento Call Center at 3-1-1 (916-264-5011 from outside city limits) and request that Parking Enforcement be dispatched to your location. Sacramento City 3-1-1 agents are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However, Parking Enforcement dispatch is limited to specific hours of operation.

If Parking Enforcement verifies that a vehicle is parked in violation of the posted signage, a citation will be issued. **Parking Services does not tow vehicles.** Only a representative of the Sacramento Police Department can authorize the towing of a vehicle from the public right-of-way. Please note that you may be asked to provide evidence that “Tow Away No Parking” signs were posted 72 hours prior to the reservation effective date. If signs were not posted 72 hours in advance, vehicles parked in the reserved spaces cannot be towed as sufficient notice was not given to prohibit parking.

POSTING GUIDELINES

- Signs must be 12” wide x 8” tall, with a red border around the edge with the words “Tow Away” that is no less than 1” tall when printed and “No Parking” on the next line in the same size height
- A single sign must be used to reserve each individual metered parking space, and every 25’ for unmetered spaces. Where visual obstructions are present more signage may be necessary.
- Signs must be secured to the existing meter pole using plastic zip-ties for metered spaces.
- In unmetered areas signs must be secured to A-frame construction barricades.
- Signs must face oncoming traffic.
- Meter heads, signs, kiosk, or other equipment cannot be removed or altered by 3rd parties: only City of Sacramento Staff are authorized for removals.
- If a parking space has existing restricted parking signage, double signs are allowed if they are legible. **The effective days, times, dates, and reservation type must be at least 1” for each character (or font size 72) to increase visibility.**
- Signs must include the Sacramento Police Department’s current non-emergency phone number for towed vehicles.
- It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure any debris from the reservation is removed within 24 hours of the conclusion of activities.
- Missing, collapsed, improperly placed or damaged signs may prevent the temporary no parking zone from being enforced.
- Barricades cannot block access to the sidewalk or the parking lane.
- City of Sacramento will not lease or provide any materials to assist for self-posting parties.

POSITION OF POSTING GUIDELINES – EXAMPLES



SIGNAGE GUIDELINES

Example of improper signage:



Example of proper signage:



Reservation Type

CONSTRUCTION

Days, Times, & Date Range

MON - FRI

7 AM – 5 PM

8/4/23 - 8/11/23

Company

MCGUIRE & HESTER – PERMIT# 3150058

Permit #

For towed vehicles, call Sacramento Police Dept: 916-808-5471

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