



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

March 31, 2026

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**SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR FRONT/SIDE YARD
PARKING VIOLATIONS**

Purpose

The purpose of this informal report is to provide the Mayor and City Council a brief overview of how responsibility for front/side yard parking violations was transferred to the Police Department and to present a coordinated strategy with Code Compliance to address these violations more effectively.

Ordinance

City ordinance § 22-160 prohibits parking vehicles on unpaved portions of residential front or side yards. Vehicles must be parked on a driveway or paved surface.

Background / Transfer of Responsibility

Between approximately 2007 and 2009, the Police Department assumed primary responsibility for enforcing front/side yard parking violations due to a reduction in Code Compliance staffing and a corresponding increase in police staffing levels. Code Compliance officers are typically on duty from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm; however, front/side yard parking violations often occur after their work hours. Historically, these complaints were handled by Neighborhood Police Officers (NPOs) rather than patrol officers. Currently, Code Compliance addresses front/side yard parking violations only when already onsite for a separate code violation. Complaints received solely for front/side yard parking are forwarded to the assigned NPO for follow-up.

Reporting Methods

Residents may report parking violations by:

- Calling the Police Department's non-emergency line
- Submitting a report through the MyFW app
- Emailing 1234@fortworthtexas.gov

Call Volume & Impact

In 2025, the Fort Worth Police Department responded to **12,631 parking violation calls for service**, approximately **950 (8%)** of which involved potential front/side yard parking violations.



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Although these calls are categorized as low priority, each call requires:

- Call-taker intake
- Dispatcher processing
- Officer response time

The data above reflects citywide complaints received through the MyFW app and non-emergency line.

Because officers must prioritize emergency incidents and violent crimes, these complaints often remain pending for extended periods. This results in service delays, increased call backlog, and negatively impacts perceived police response performance despite the issue being regulatory rather than criminal in nature.

Citations Issued

In 2025, FWPD officers issued **402 parking citations** for “Parked in Front/Side Yard.” Of those, **268 (67%)** were issued between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Solution

Assigning sole responsibility for front/side yard parking enforcement to the Police Department has proven inefficient for both service delivery and resource allocation.

A more effective, coordinated enforcement model between Code Compliance and the Police Department has been identified and will be implemented. Under this approach, Code Compliance will assume primary responsibility for enforcing front/side yard parking violations, with support from Neighborhood Police Officers (NPOs) for violations occurring outside of Code Compliance’s operating hours.

Expected Outcomes

- Reduced non-emergency call volume
- Increased patrol availability for priority incidents
- Faster response to quality-of-life complaints
- Improved public perception of service responsiveness



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Next Steps

- Coordinate with involved city departments to re-route complaints for front/side yard parking to Code Compliance
- Code will review methods to gain compliance
- Inform community members and internal stakeholders of changes
- Begin coordinated enforcement in May

Contact

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