FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Is there a limit to the number of vehicles a person can own?
A: There is no law dictating the number of vehicles a person can own.

Q: Can they be stored on my property?
A: Vehicles parked on private property must have the consent of the owner and must be parked on a surface of asphalt or Portland cement concrete with adequate drainage. Vehicles must be in running condition.

Q: How many cars are allowed to be parked on the street?
A: Vehicles may not be parked or left standing on the street for more than a consecutive period of 72 hours. If left beyond a consecutive period of 72 hours, the police department may cite and/or remove the vehicle.

Q: How can I report an abandoned vehicle?
A: If a vehicle is located on a city street, you can report it by either calling the Abandoned Vehicle Hotline at 805/339.4432, or by filling out an Abandoned Vehicle Online Report Form at www.cityofventura.net/pd/services/abandonedvehicle. If the vehicle is on private property, call 805/658.4711 or visit our website at www.cityofventura.net/ce for a complaint form.

Keep our neighborhoods safe and beautiful by maintaining your vehicles!

Neighborhood Preservation serves our community with compassion to promote safe and clean neighborhoods, preserve property values, support economic vitality through education and compliance. Ventura is where we live, work, and play!

The City of Ventura Neighborhood Preservation Section is available to assist you in understanding the various codes and obtaining compliance. Contact us at 805/658.4711.

There are many ways to get involved to enhance the quality of life in our community. Participate in your Community Council – attend public meetings to connect with neighbors, volunteer, raise issues, and make a difference in your neighborhood!

Find Your Neighborhood Community Council
www.cityofventura.net/involved/communitycouncils
Volunteer Ventura!
www.cityofventura.net/volunteer
Q: Why does the City of Ventura have rules about vehicles?

A: The City’s Municipal, Zoning, and Building codes ensure the safety of our community. Neighborhood Preservation assists our community with the regulations as set forth by the Ventura City Council.

Q: Is it okay for my neighbor to rent out their trailer and let someone live in it on their driveway?

A: It is unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle or a transportable living facility on any street, highway, or public or private property for purposes of sleeping in, living or residing.

However, a resident within the city may permit a visitor to live or sleep in a vehicle equipped for transportable living or sleeping on a temporary basis as long as (1) it is no more than 7 days in a 90-day period; (2) there is still parking room on site; (3) it doesn’t create a safety hazard and (4) the vehicle and/or its occupants do not cause a public nuisance.

Q: Why is my car considered abandoned if it is on my own property?

A: You cannot store a vehicle which is in an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative condition upon any private property or public property for a period in excess of five days unless the vehicle is completely enclosed within a building where it is not visible from the street or other public or private property.

An exemption exists if you are a licensed dismantler, licensed vehicle dealer or a junkyard.

Q: Is it legal to work on my car while it is on the street?

A: You cannot perform maintenance or repairs upon a vehicle parked upon a street except temporary repairs necessitated by an emergency.

Only temporary repairs are permitted while your vehicle is parked on the street.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The washing or polishing of vehicles upon any public street is not permitted.

Q: What if I don’t comply with the vehicle regulations and requirements?

A: Our main objective is to obtain voluntary compliance with all of Ventura’s municipal codes. But if for some reason you don’t comply, you may be subject to a range of fines per each offense and potentially other civil penalties. See our website for further details: www.cityofventura.net/np or call our office at (805) 658-4711.

Q: Are there any other requirements that I should know about?

A: You cannot park any vehicle upon the lawn. All parking areas must be completely surfaced with asphalt or Portland cement concrete surfacing with adequate drainage.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- City of Ventura Municipal Code: www.cityofventura.net/cm/municipal-code
- Ventura Police Department www.cityofventura.net/pd
Parking Issues: 805/339-4401