

## Memorandum

To: Government Operations Committee  
From: Paul Nicklas, Assistant City Solicitor  
Date: February 18, 2015  
Re: Driveways and On-Street Parking

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The attached ordinance would prohibit cars parked on the street from encroaching on driveways.

In certain areas of the City, driving into and out of driveways can be difficult due to the proximity to driveways of vehicles parked along the street. The vehicles sometimes block visibility or make maneuvering in and out of the driveways difficult.

State law prohibits blocking a private driveway, but proximity of a vehicle to a driveway can be a problem even if the vehicle is not blocking the driveway. The City has an ordinance that prohibits vehicles from parking “so as to interfere with or hinder the ingress or egress to and from a driveway,” but this ordinance is seldom enforced, in part because of the lack of a standard indicating whether a vehicle is interfering in this manner.

The attached ordinance would create a buffer area at the mouth of each driveway, giving those entering and exiting driveways visibility and room to maneuver. Each driveway would have ten feet to either side of the driveway’s centerline for which on-street parking would be prohibited; for instance, for a ten foot wide driveway, this would translate to five feet on either side of the driveway.



# CITY OF BANGOR

**ORDINANCE**, Amending Chapter 291, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the City of Bangor, By Prohibiting Parking Immediately Next to Driveways

**WHEREAS**, parked cars sometimes encroach upon driveways, making it difficult for those entering and exiting driveways to do so in a safe manner;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANGOR AS FOLLOWS, THAT

Chapter 291 of the Code of the City of Bangor be amended as follows:

**§ 291-38. Parking prohibited at all times.**

A. It shall be unlawful and in violation of this article for any person:

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- (3) Parking prohibited ~~in driveways,~~ on sidewalks and esplanades. To ~~stop, stand or park a vehicle so as to interfere with or hinder the ingress or egress to and from a driveway in the City of Bangor or to~~ stop, stand or park a vehicle on any portion or part of a public sidewalk or esplanade, except for temporary overflow parking at the Municipal Golf Course on the esplanade between Webster Avenue and the existing parking lot and on designated portions of the golf course property located south of Webster Avenue and west of the Bangor Hydro Substation.
- (4) Parking prohibited near driveways. To stop, stand or park a vehicle on a street within 10 feet of the point where the centerline of a driveway meets the paved portion of a street, or to stop, stand or park a vehicle so as to interfere with or hinder the ingress or egress to or from a driveway.
- (-4) 5 Parking prohibited at all times - Schedule I. In addition to the foregoing Subsection A(1) through (-3) 4, to stop, stand or park a vehicle on the streets or portions of streets duly marked or posted and which are described or specified in Schedule I.

Additions are underlined, deletions ~~struck through~~.