



GENERAL ORDER



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Erection of Temporary No Parking Signs, Granting of Special Parking Privileges, and Detailing of Police at Private Gatherings and for Escort Service	303	6	March 21, 1974
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The purpose of this order is to establish the policy and procedures governing the placement of emergency no parking signs in connection with emergency or special situations, the granting of special parking privileges, and the detailing of police at private gatherings and for escort service. This order consist of the following parts:

PART I Responsibilities and Procedures for Supervisory and Command Personnel

- A. Policy.
- B. Placement of Emergency No Parking Signs.
- C. District Commanders.

PART I

A. Policy.

1. Chapter 24, Section 2407, of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, Title 18 (Vehicles and Traffic, authorizes the Director, Department of Public Works and the police department to erect temporary emergency no parking signs. It is the policy of this department that:

- a. Placement of such signs shall be limited to those situations wherein there is a demonstrated need and a legal authority, except as stated under Part I, Paragraph R7.
- b. Exceptions to parking restrictions on rush hour streets and around schools during the hours those restrictions are in effect shall be made only under legitimate emergency conditions.

2. It is also the policy of this department that personnel shall not be detailed to private gatherings such as funerals, weddings, receptions, and parties. However, supervisory officials shall monitor and evaluate each event that comes to the attention of the district. If the need for traffic control arises, a supervisory official shall utilize the necessary manpower for that period of time which is necessary to restore the normal flow of traffic.

3. Police vehicles shall be used for escort duty only for the purpose of providing security for the President and Vice President of the United States and such visiting heads of state or their representative who may require extraordinary protective measures because of the political conditions which exist at that time, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

4. All other requests for escorts shall be approved by the Field Operations Officer or the official in charge of the department.

B. Placement of Emergency No Parking Signs.

Emergency no parking signs may be erected under one of the following conditions:

1. On streets where a parade has been authorized by a permit issued by the Chief of Police and on streets necessary for the assembling and disbanding of such parades.
2. In connection with the scheduled assembly of a large number of persons at any public or semi-public building, embassy, legation, stadium or other place of assembly, so as to provide for a free flow of traffic on streets leading to such assemblies.
3. To restrict parking on streets adjacent to streets which are closed by reason of parades or emergencies in order to provide for a free flow of traffic on the adjacent streets.
4. To provide curb parking for vehicles which are part of a funeral cortege.
5. In connection with street construction to ensure the free movement of traffic.
6. To provide for the parking of trucks and moving vans when the parking of vehicles abreast of other vehicles will reduce the roadway to 20 feet or less.
7. When requested, at the entrance only to private premises at which a large number of persons is expected to attend a private gathering--to include weddings, receptions, and parties. Not more than two curb spaces may be reserved where vehicles stopping to discharge or pick up guests in the roadway would either impede traffic or create a safety hazard.

C. District Commanders.

1. District Commanders shall maintain a record to be kept of all requests for emergency no parking signs that meet the following criteria. The record shall include:

- a. The date and time received.
- b. Name and address of the person making the request.
- c. The purpose of the restriction.
- d. Location of the requested signs.

- e. The specific period of time for which the signs are to be in effect.
- f. The time, date, and the name of the individual erecting the signs.
- g. The time, date, and the name of the individual removing the signs.

2. Emergency no parking signs shall be erected at least 72 hours prior to their effective time and date in those places where no other parking restrictions are in effect. Except, that such posting time requirement may be waived in extraordinary circumstances or for good cause shown, such as an authorized parade for which the permit has been obtained less than 72 hours in advance. In other places, signs shall be erected at least the length of time in advance that parking is normally legally permitted.

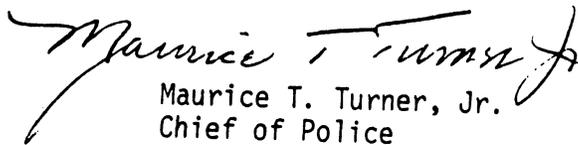
3. All temporary emergency no parking signs shall be removed at the expiration of the time stated on the sign.

4. Signs provided for police use shall not be turned over for posting to citizens. Such signs which have been posted by private citizens shall not be enforced.

5. Requests for signs that must be placed in an area larger than one block shall, when time permits, be referred to the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Traffic Services.

6. It is the policy of this department to recognize that in predominantly residential areas the parking convenience of neighborhood residents deserve equal consideration with the travel convenience of passers through. This principle shall be given particular consideration for conditions listed in subparts B1, 2, and 3; limitations on parking in residential areas shall be kept at the minimum necessary for public safety.

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