Ordinance 2026-009
Amends Ordinance 2021-005
Amending Ordinance 1993-195

Parking Ordinance

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHFORD, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Any person or corporation violating any provision of this chapter, by doing any act forbidden or by failing to perform any act required, shall be guilty of an offense against the City of Ashford, Alabama, and punished according to the provisions of this Ordinance.

2. In addition to any specific duties of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the police department to investigate traffic accidents and to arrest and to assist in the prosecution of those persons charged with violations of this ordinance.

3. All traffic along the streets wherein official traffic-control signs, signals, devices or markings are installed shall comply therewith; and the failure of any driver or pedestrian to do so shall constitute an offense against the City.

4. A citation shall comply with the state law of uniform traffic tickets and complaints (see Code of Alabama 12-12-53); and such citation, when filed with a court having jurisdiction, shall be deemed to be a lawful complaint for the purpose of prosecution under this Ordinance.

5. Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by this Ordinance, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its registration number and may identify its user, as well as any other facts, and shall conspicuously affix a citation to such vehicle on a form provided by the City, notifying the driver to answer to the charge against him at a date, time and place specified in the citation. Proof that the vehicle was registered to a person on the date of the citation shall be prima facie evidence that such registered owner is responsible for such act.

6. In the event any person fails to comply with the citation given to such person or attached to a vehicle of fails to make an appearance pursuant to a summons directing an appearance in the municipal court, the magistrate of the municipal court shall secure and issue a warrant for his arrest.

7. The fine schedule for nonmoving violations pursuant to this Ordinance is as follows, plus court costs, as applicable:

First offense fees –

- Overtime parking – 25.00
- Double parking – 50.00
- Improper parking – 50.00
- Prohibited parking – 50.00
- Blocking traffic – 50.00
- Parking in a loading zone – 50.00
- Blocking sidewalk – 50.00

- Blocking driveway – 50.00
- Parking in restricted parking areas – 50.00
- Parking in reserved parking areas – 50.00
- Parking in handicapped-reserved spaced – 100.00

Court appearance is required for additional offenses.

8. All fines or forfeitures collected upon conviction or upon the forfeiture of bail of any person shall be deposited in accordance with the City policy and with the state law.

9. Wherever in this Ordinance, or in any Ordinances of the City, any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or misdemeanor, or whenever in such Code or ordinance the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, and no specific penalty is provided therefore, the violation of any such provision of this Ordinance or any such Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar ($1.00) nor more five hundred ($500.00), or by imprisonment in the jail or at hard labor for a period of not exceeding six (6) months, or by both such fine and trying the case. Each day any violation of this Ordinance or any such ordinance of the City shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

10. Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be fined in accordance with the Alabama Uniform Traffic Citation Law schedule of fines, per Paragraph 7 or Paragraph 8 as applicable, unless otherwise noted.

11. No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon a public street in a business district or other heavily traveled street, whether marked to designate parking or not, other than parallel, with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle within eighteen (18) inches of the curb or edge of the roadway, except as otherwise provided in this article. Vehicles may be parked on the shoulder of the roadway, if they are at least two (2) feet from the edge of the roadway, unless otherwise prohibited.

12. Where signs are placed or erected or spaces are clearly marked off in a block, giving notice of parallel or angle parking, as the case may be, no person shall park a vehicle to the contrary or allow such vehicle to obstruct others from parking as directed.

13. No person shall park a vehicle on the premises of the City where such space has been reserved, and notice of such reservation is given, by placing notice thereof at such space.

14. Persons shall park vehicles only in an area designated for parking and for time not exceeding the posted time limit as applicable.

15. It shall be unlawful for any person:

a. To cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to be parked overtime or beyond the period of the maximum legal parking time established.

b. To permit any vehicle to remain or be placed in any parking space when the vehicle occupying such parking space has already been parked beyond the period of the maximum legal parking time established;

c. To park any vehicle across any line or markings of a parking space or in such position that the vehicle shall not be entirely within the area designated by such lines or markings;

d. To park a motor vehicle in any prohibited area when such area is properly marked by curbs painted yellow of notice is given by installed signs to persons engaged in maintenance or construction of streets, drainage or utilities, properly authorized or permitted by the city council, nor to the driver of any ambulance while picking up or discharging any ill, injured or deceased person.

16. No vehicle shall be backed into or parked in a back-in position within designated parking spaces along North Broadway Street, from Old Highway 84 to Adams Street, within the City of Ashford, Alabama. All vehicles must be parked front-in, with the front of the vehicle facing the direction of travel into the parking space. All drivers shall comply with posted signage and applicable parking regulations. Violations of this provision shall be subject to enforcement in accordance with the penalties established by this ordinance.

17. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed except as may otherwise be provided for herein.

18. This Ordinance is severable and each and every provision, section, clause or portion of this ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision, section, clause or portion of this ordinance to be void, not in effect or unconstitutional shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion of this ordinance which is not in and of itself held to be invalid or unconstitutional. It is further declared that the other provisions of this ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might be held invalid.

19. The Ordinance shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose, shall be authenticated by the signature of the City Clerk and the City Clerk shall append a certificate hereto stating therein the time that this Ordinance was posted and where this Ordinance was posted within the City of Ashford.

20. This Ordinance shall, pursuant to Alabama Code 11-45-8, be published by posting copies hereof in three (3) public places within the municipality, one of which shall be at the United States Post Office or the Mayors' office in the City of Ashford, Alabama.

21. This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after it is first posted as required herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ashford to be affixed this the 2nd day of November 2026.

Mayor Blake Rosenkoetter

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Gibson

Councilmember Joel Waller

Councilmember Josh Johnson

Attest:

Councilmember Brian McCraney

Janet Rumley, City Clerk

Councilmember James Smith