

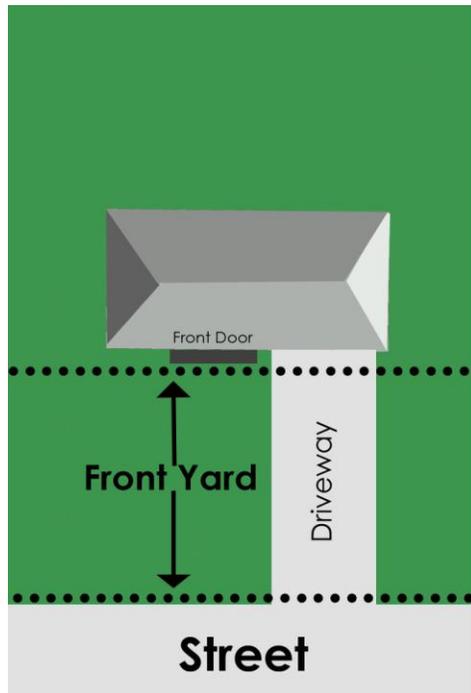
## FRONT YARD PARKING STANDARDS (FAQ List)

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The Greensboro City Council has adopted a new ordinance (July 15, 2008) to become effective July 15, 2009. This ordinance requires single family homes and duplexes to locate their parking in specific areas. Parking on front lawns is prohibited. The ordinance can be found in Section 30-5-3.4 of the Greensboro Zoning Code. Below is a list of FAQ's regarding this ordinance.

- 1. What are considered “temporary events”?** These are events that are typically less than 3 days in duration. These typically include things such as family reunions and get-togethers, barbecues, holiday visitations, weekend yard sales, etc.
- 2. What materials can be used as a “clearly defined edge”?** This can include landscape timbers, pavers, concrete edges, etc. It has to be material that an inspector, if called, can clearly delineate between the parking area and grass. Laying out gravel and not having it contained is not considered a defined edge.
- 3. How many parking spaces are required for single family homes?** Two per single family home. This typically applies to new construction. If you are in an older neighborhood, this requirement may vary if the home was built under older ordinance standards. It is best to contact the Planning Department to verify.
- 4. Can grass pavers be used to fulfill this requirement?** Yes, as long as the pavers have a clearly identifiable edge.
- 5. Am I grandfathered in on this provision?** Upon adoption by City Council, this provision is retroactive and applicable to all single- and two-family residences.
- 6. What if I don't have space to pave or delineate parking?** On-street parking is allowable, if provided, to meet the requirements of this ordinance. If on-street parking is not available, please contact the Planning Department for information on complying with the ordinance in those situations.
- 7. What is the appeal process for this if I can not meet the standards?** If the standards can't be met, please contact the Planning Department at 373-2144 to inquire about an appeal.
- 8. My neighbors have junked vehicles in their front yard, isn't this covered by this ordinance?** No, junk vehicles are covered under local ordinance enforcement .
- 9. How much of my front yard can I dedicate to paved parking?** Under this ordinance, no more than 40% of the front yard can be dedicated to paved or delineated parking as outlined in this ordinance.
- 10. My neighbor had to comply with this ordinance and is now parking on-street in front of my house all the time and I am getting tired of looking at his/her vehicles. What can the City do about this?** If the street is public, there is no indication of not allowing on-street parking, and the vehicle have not been identified by the City as being abandoned or junk, then the public has the right to park on-street anywhere in the city. To verify if any of these situations apply in your specific case, please contact the Police Department.

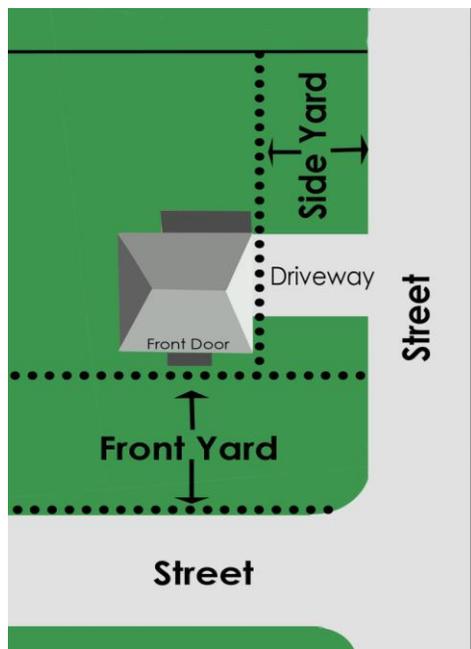
**11. How do you define “front yard area” under this ordinance?** Front yards are defined as being the area of the yard in front of the front facade of the principle structure. See the example below:



### Front Yard Parking Standards

- Driveway not to exceed 40%
- All weather surface
- Delineated edge
- Grass & bare earth, not allowed

**12. I have a corner lot, how am I affected?** Corner lots are still subject to this ordinance, however, the only condition for side yards is that the parking area must be delineated as shown here:



### Corner Lot Side Yard Parking Standards

- All weather surface
- Delineated edge
- Grass & bare earth, not allowed