Parking Standards for Houses and Duplexes, Ch. 33.266.120

Paving
All driveways and parking areas must be paved. Gravel surfaces may be approved by BDS when the abutting street or alley is not paved, and the applicant executes a covenant agreeing to pave the area if the street or alley is paved in the future. Utility trailers and non-motorized accessory recreational vehicles may be stored on unpaved surfaces.

Parking space and driveway size
A parking space must be at least nine feet by 18 feet. The minimum driveway width on private property is nine feet. The driveway may have a three foot wide planter down the center.

Setbacks for required parking
Required parking spaces are not allowed within the first 10 feet from a front lot line or in a required front setback, whichever is greater. In addition, on corner lots, required parking spaces are not allowed within the side street setback. As an exception, on lots where the front lot line abuts a common green or shared court, parking spaces are allowed within 10 feet of the front lot line.

Setbacks for non-required parking
Where non-required parking is provided on a site, at least one parking space (required or not required) must meet the standards for required parking stated above. A non-required parking space is allowed within the first 10 feet from a front or side lot line or in a required front or side setback if it is in a driveway immediately behind a required parking space.
Front yard restrictions
No more than 40 percent of the land area between the front lot line and the front building line may be paved or used for vehicle areas. In addition, on corner lots, no more than 20 percent of the land area between the side street lot line and the side street building line may be paved or used for vehicle areas. As an exception to the area limitations in this subparagraph, a lot is allowed at least a nine foot wide vehicle area. On lots where the front lot line abuts a shared court, paving blocks or bricks may be used to surface the entire area located between the front lot line and the front building line.

For flag lots where the width of the pole is greater than 30 feet, no more than 40 percent of the land area between the front lot line and the front building line may be paved or used for vehicle areas. As an exception to the area limitation of this subparagraph, a flag lot is allowed at least a 12 foot wide vehicle area.

Types of vehicles allowed
Passenger vehicles and light trucks may be parked in any allowed parking area.

Parking of medium and heavy trucks.
1. The parking or storage of medium and heavy trucks and equipment is prohibited, except for motor homes and pickup trucks in the medium truck category.

2. Motor homes in medium truck category may be parked in allowed parking areas except they may not be parked between the front lot line and the building line.

3. Fire trucks and emergency vehicles are allowed if they are parked within a completely enclosed building.

Utility trailers and accessory recreational vehicles may not be parked or stored in required parking spaces. Utility trailers and accessory recreational vehicles may be parked in other allowed parking areas, except they may not be parked or stored between the front lot line and the building line.

The outdoor accumulation and storage of inoperable, neglected, or discarded vehicles is regulated by Section 29.20.010 of Title 29, Property and Maintenance Regulations.

For more information visit or call the Planning and Zoning staff at the Development Services Center at 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 1500, 503-823-7526. For current Portland Zoning Code visit www.portlandonline.com/bds/zoningcode.

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