



**City of Rio Rancho  
Nuisance Parking  
Regulation Policy**

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## Purpose

This policy establishes the parameters for requesting parking regulations on public roadways that are not otherwise specified within City Ordinance, that are not necessary for compliance with the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets for sight distance at intersections, or issues that are deemed an operational necessity.

## Definitions

**Block:** Segment of street between intersections or at the end of a 90-degree curve or cul-de-sac.

**Impacted Properties:** Those with access fronting directly the street segment being considered for a parking restriction. Other properties that use the street segment for parking on a routine basis (e.g. side facing the subject street) may also be considered impacted properties.

**Non-nuisance Parking Restriction:** Restriction that are specified by City Ordinance, required by national accepted design guidance (e.g. AASHTO, etc.), or deemed an operational necessity.

**Nuisance Parking Restriction:** A restriction on a public street for the benefit, or convenience of the property owners who consider parking adjacent to their property or along their street as blight or nuisance to themselves or the neighborhood.

**Operational Parking Restriction:** A parking restriction near an intersection where parking may cause congestion and/or traffic spillback onto a Collector or Arterial roadway, where parking may interfere with the safe and efficient use of a pedestrian facilities, or sight distance is blocked.

**Owner of Record:** The property owner as shown in the records of the County Assessor's Office ([Eagle Web](#)).

**Requestor:** Person(s) or entity that asking for Nuisance Parking Restriction.

**Roadway Functional Classifications:** A system that groups roads into classes based on how the how they fit into the overall road network. The City's Development Process Manual (DPM) defines five functional classes: Principle Arterial, Minor Arterial, Major Collector, Minor Collector, and Residential. Your street's functional classification can be found in the City's webmap ([VisionView](#)) by turning on the Streets layer.

**Unreasonable/Unfounded Nuisance Parking Restrictions:** These are parking restriction where any of the following conditions exist:

- Request to remove parking that narrows the roadway causing opposing directions of traffic to alternate. This form of parking is encouraged as it helps reduce roadway speeds.
- Request to eliminate parking near traffic generators such as schools or parks that have limited accesses and where there are no alternative locations for vehicles to queue during busy times of day.
- Request to remove parking lanes or parking stalls that have already been established.
- Individual lots or segments of street less than a block.
- Neighborhoods that have not reached full build-out.
- Private streets not maintained by the City.

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## Nuisance Parking Restrictions

Nuisance parking restrictions that limit parking for all vehicles, including residents' vehicles, are the only permissible regulations that the City will impose. Parking permits allowing preference to residents **will not** be issued.

## Requesting Nuisance Parking Restrictions

Requests for similar locations will only be evaluated once (1) per a three (3)-year period unless there has been a significant change in development that has been shown to affect the area.

For neighborhoods covered by Home Owners Associations (HOAs), residents requesting a nuisance parking restriction are encouraged to work through their designated HOA representative or property manager.

For neighborhoods not covered by HOAs, requests should be made directly by the property owner(s) and not by tenants of rental properties.

A request can be made by using the Nuisance Parking Restriction online form [here](#) and completing all required fields including the following information.

- a. Exact location of the requested parking restriction including street name and adjacent property addresses or cross-streets (e.g., "Little St between #123 and #456" or "Little St between Apple Ave and Lemon Ln") shall be provided.
- b. Description of the issue and the details of the requested restriction (e.g., parking prohibited at all times, certain hours, school days, etc.).
- c. Contact information (i.e. name, phone, and email address) so Traffic Section staff can follow-up with additional questions or discussion.

## Evaluation Criteria

Traffic Section staff will review the request and ask for additional information, if needed. Once staff has a clearly defined proposal for the requested parking restriction it will be evaluated based on the below criteria.

- 1) Review of Location: If the parking restriction is found to be an Unreasonable/Unfounded Nuisance Parking request, it will be denied.
- 2) Rio Rancho Police Department (RRPD) Consultation and Approval: RRPD's consent and agreement to enforce the restriction is required to proceed.
- 3) RRPD Consultation Outcome: The Department of Public Works' Traffic Section will communicate the result of the RRPD consultation with the requestor. If the outcome is approval, then the evaluation will proceed to Step 4. During the communication with the requestor, any required modifications will be presented.

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- 4) Petition Impacted Property Owners: Consensus from impacted property Owners of Record must be obtained before parking restrictions can be implemented. Requestor shall petition<sup>1</sup> impacted property Owners of Record and present the Department of Public Works' Traffic Section with a completed petition of approval signed by 66% of the impacted property Owners of Record.
  - a. Department of Public Works' Traffic Section staff will verify signatures of impacted property Owners of Record.
- 5) Notification to Impacted Property Owners of Record: After Step 4, the Department of Public Works' Traffic Section will notify all impacted property Owners of Record of the proposed parking restriction by USPS certified mail.<sup>2</sup> During the 30 days comment period, the affected property Owners of Record can provide written input to the Department of Public Works' Traffic Section for consideration before restrictions are implemented.
- 6) Input Review: The Department of Public Works' Traffic Section will consider the input received and make a final decision on implementation.
- 7) Results and Implementation Timeline: The requestor will be notified of the results by the City Traffic Section using the contact information provided in the original request. If the restrictions will be implemented, an estimated timeline for implementation will be provided.

## **Implementation**

Parking restrictions signs will be posted based on the layout of the area to be regulated and specific onsite conditions. Ingress or access points are the typical locations where parking restrictions signs are placed. Although staff typically tries to place signs near the boundary between adjacent properties, no guarantees can be made that signs will or will not be located directly in front of any given address. Sign spacing and location is determined in the field based on visibility to drivers, location of obstructions such as trees and walls, presence of underground utilities, and location of property boundaries.

No painting of curbs or other markings related to parking are permitted on public streets (i.e., no red curbs except as established by the Rio Rancho Fire Department (RRFD) or as are used for fire lanes within commercial sites).

Signs are typically custom-ordered from the manufacturer, which can take several months. Once received signs will be installed by Traffic Section staff and RRPD will be informed of the posted parking restriction.

## **Review of Existing Nuisance Parking Restrictions**

The City may from time to time review previously approved nuisance parking restrictions to determine continued validity without property owner input. If these restrictions are no longer reasonable or founded, the City will remove them.

Property owners may also request a review of nuisance parking restrictions through the same request process established above.

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<sup>1</sup> Reference [Appendix A - Petition Template](#) for additional details

<sup>2</sup> Reference [Appendix B – Notification Letter Template](#) for additional details

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**Questions / Contact Info**

Questions regarding this Nuisance Parking Regulation Policy, or other questions regarding existing parking regulations should be directed to Traffic Section staff using the Report Rio Rancho online application ([Report Rio Rancho](#)) or by calling (505) 896-5016.

For enforcement of an existing posted parking regulations, please contact the RRPD by calling non-emergency dispatch at (505) 891-7226.

## Appendix A – Petition Template

### Nuisance Parking Policy – Petition from Impacted Property Owners

The applicant, “*applicant’s name*”, is requesting approval of a parking restriction on “*street name(s)*” that will limit parking for all vehicles including residents’ vehicles, from “*start time*” to “*end time*” on “*days*”. Parking permits allowing preference to residents will not be issued.

Below is a location exhibit of the area affected by the parking restriction that includes proposed signing and sign locations.

*INSERT EXHIBIT HERE*

The City of Rio Rancho’s Nuisance Parking Regulation Policy requires the applicant to present a successful petition signed by sixty-six percent (66%) of the impacted property Owners of Record.

Signatures certify impacted property Owners of Record’s support for the aforementioned parking restrictions.

| PRINT NAME | PRINT ADDRESS | SIGNATURE |
|------------|---------------|-----------|
|            |               |           |
|            |               |           |
|            |               |           |

I, “*applicant’s name*”, certify that all signatures obtained are from impacted property Owners of Record in support of the aforementioned Nuisance Parking Restriction.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant      Date

*State of New Mexico*

*County of* \_\_\_\_\_

*This instrument was acknowledged before me on* \_\_\_\_\_ *(date) by* \_\_\_\_\_ *(name(s) of person(s)).*

*(Seal)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of notarial officer*

*My commission expires:* \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix B - Notification Letter Template

Click here to enter a date.

Recipient/Attention to  
Address  
City/State/Zip

RE: Nuisance Parking Restriction, *location description*

Dear Property Owner of Record:

The City of Rio Rancho's [Nuisance Parking Regulation Policy](#) requires all affected property owners to be notified if a petition to install parking restrictions is successful. Recently, a petition was completed for parking restrictions on "street name(s)." Sandoval County records indicate that you are the property Owner of Record, but if this is not the case, please contact me as soon as possible.

The proposed parking restriction on "*street name(s)*" would limit parking for all vehicles including residents' vehicles from "*start time*" to "*end time*" on "*days*". On the back of this letter, you will find a map depicting the area affected by the parking restrictions including example locations of proposed signage. Unfortunately, parking permits allowing preference to residents cannot be issued.

This letter presents an opportunity for you to submit your input on the proposed restrictions for the City's Department of Public Works' Traffic Section to review. Please ensure that your input is received by XX/XX/20XX at 5:00 pm. Any input received after the aforementioned timeframe cannot be considered.

If you would like to comment on or are opposed to this parking restriction, you are encouraged to send comments in writing to:  
[trafficengineering@rrnm.gov](mailto:trafficengineering@rrnm.gov).

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [tjohnson@rrnm.gov](mailto:tjohnson@rrnm.gov) or via phone at (505) 896-8771, if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Respectfully,

"*name*"  
Traffic Section Manager  
Public Works Engineering  
City of Rio Rancho

Enclosed: Exhibit of Affected Area and Proposed Signing

Cc: