

Texas Transportation Code

§ 545.302

Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited in Certain Places

(a) An operator may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle:

- (1)** on the roadway side of a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
- (2)** on a sidewalk;
- (3)** in an intersection;
- (4)** on a crosswalk;
- (5)** between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of a place on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the governing body of a municipality designates a different length by signs or markings;
- (6)** alongside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction if stopping, standing, or parking the vehicle would obstruct traffic;
- (7)** on a bridge or other elevated structure on a highway or in a highway tunnel;
- (8)** on a railroad track; or
- (9)** where an official sign prohibits stopping.

(b) An operator may not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger, stand or park an occupied or unoccupied vehicle:

- (1)** in front of a public or private driveway;
- (2)** within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
- (3)** within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
- (4)** within 30 feet on the approach to a flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;
- (5)** within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to a fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to a fire station within 75 feet of the entrance, if the entrance is properly marked with a sign; or
- (6)** where an official sign prohibits standing.

(c) An operator may not, except temporarily to load or unload merchandise or passengers, park an occupied or unoccupied vehicle:

- (1)** within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing; or
- (2)** where an official sign prohibits parking.

- (d)** A person may stop, stand, or park a bicycle on a sidewalk if the bicycle does not impede the normal and reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic on the sidewalk.
- (e)** A municipality may adopt an ordinance exempting a private vehicle operated by an elevator constructor responding to an elevator emergency from Subsections (a)(1), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(9), (b), and (c).
- (f)** Subsections (a), (b), and (c) do not apply if the avoidance of conflict with other traffic is necessary or if the operator is complying with the law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device.
- (g)** If the governing body of a municipality determines that it is necessary to improve the economic development of the municipality's central business district and that it will not adversely affect public safety, the governing body may adopt an ordinance regulating the standing, stopping, or parking of a vehicle at a place described by Subsection (a)(1), other than a road or highway in the state highway system, in the central business district of the municipality as defined in the ordinance. To the extent of any conflict between the ordinance and Subsection (a)(1), the ordinance controls.

Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995. Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 814, Sec. 1, eff. June 18, 1999.

Location:https://texas.public.law/statutes/tex._transp._code_section_545.302.

Original Source: Texas Legislature Online, § 545.302 — *Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited in Certain Places*, <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/TN/htm/TN.545.htm#545.302> (last accessed Jun. 10, 2019).