

PROHIBITED YARD PARKING ORDINANCE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Information and requirements for the establishment of yard parking restrictions are found in Section 28-303 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Houston. Attached you will find the following documents: the yard parking application, yard parking submittal requirements, example of a signed petition, a blank Evidence of Support page for other property owners to sign, map examples, public notification example, and notification sign specifications.

A complete application packet shall include a completed application form with all information requested on page four (4). The application packet must be hand-delivered to 611 Walker, 6th Floor, Planning and Development Department, Community Sustainability Division or mailed to the city's Post Office Box listed below. Application packets must be received by the Planning and Development Department before 5:00 p.m. on the first two business days of each month. Once an application has been submitted to the City of Houston, no additional information may be submitted by the applicant unless specifically requested by city staff.

The Planning and Development Department will review the application for completeness. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant with an explanation of the deficiency. Within ten (10) days of receipt of a complete application packet, the Director of the Planning and Development Department will notify in writing the single-family residential lot owners within the proposed Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area that an application has been received. The applicant shall also provide notice by posting signs and providing written public notice to single-family residential lot owners within the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area. Any property owner wishing to protest the establishment of the Prohibited Yard Parking application will have up to twenty (20) days from the date of the notice letter to file a written protest with the Planning and Development Department.

If the application meets all the criteria and there is no written protest, the Director of the Planning and Development Department will forward the application to the Houston City Council for consideration.

The Director will promptly refer those applications that are protested to the Prohibited Yard Parking Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer shall conduct a public hearing and provide notice to the contact person at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled hearing. Written notice of the pending public hearing shall also be given to all protestors of the Prohibited Yard Parking application. The Hearing Officer shall take final action no later than sixty (60) days following the Director's receipt of a written request.

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Physical Address	Mailing Address
City of Houston	City of Houston
Planning & Development Department	Planning & Development Department
ATTN: Tonya Sawyer	ATTN: Abraham Zorrilla
611 Walker Street, Sixth Floor	P.O. Box 1562
	Houston, TX 77251
Telephone: 832.393.6576	
Fax: 832.393.6661	
Email: Tonya.Sawyer@houstontx.gov	

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APPLICATION

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE 5 P.M. ON THE
FIRST TWO BUSINESS DAYS OF EACH MONTH**

BOUNDARY		BOUNDARY EXAMPLE
Subdivision Name		City Acres Subdivision
Block Numbers		8, 9, 10, 11
Lot Numbers		1-7, 1-7, 1-7, 1-8, 1-8
Street Name, Side & Hundred Block		Pine Street, North, 900 Block
		Ash Street, South 900 Block
		Ash Street, North 900 Block
		Ash Street, North 800 Block
		Ash Street, South 800 Block

Applications must include at least five contiguous blockfaces; please attach additional sheets if necessary.

CONTACTS		
Applicant		
Mailing Address		
City, State, Zip		
E-mail Address		
Phone Numbers	(Home)	(Other)
Applicant Signature	X	
Co-Applicant		
Mailing Address		
City, State, Zip		
E-mail Address		
Phone Numbers	(Home)	(Other)
Co-Applicant Signature	X	

PROJECT INFORMATION (STAFF USE ONLY – DO NOT FILL IN)		
File Number	Submittal Date	
Incomplete Date	Complete Date	
Lambert Number	Key Map Number	
City Council District	Super Neighborhood	

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SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Complete application (page 2)
- ☐ Signed petition (page 4)
- ☐ Evidence of support from 60% of single-family residential property owners within the Prohibited Yard Parking Area (page 10)
- ☐ Map of the proposed boundary of the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area
- ☐ Map of all property land uses within the proposed boundary area
- ☐ Description or map of the area within the proposed boundary where front or side yard parking is problematic
- ☐ Pictures or other media that illustrate front or side yard parking problems within the proposed boundary
- ☐ Copy of public notifications (page 7)

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PETITION EXAMPLE**

July 16, 2015

I, John Doe, owner of property within the proposed boundaries of the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area, specifically, Block (xx), Lot (yy), of (name of subdivision), do hereby submit this petition as prescribed by the Code of Ordinances, City of Houston, Section 28-303. With this petition and other required information, I request to restrict the parking of vehicles on the front and side yard of Block 8, north and south side, City Acres Subdivision; Block 9, south side, City Acres Subdivision; Block 10, south side, City Acres Subdivision; and Block 11, north side, City Acres Subdivision through the application of and creation of a Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area.

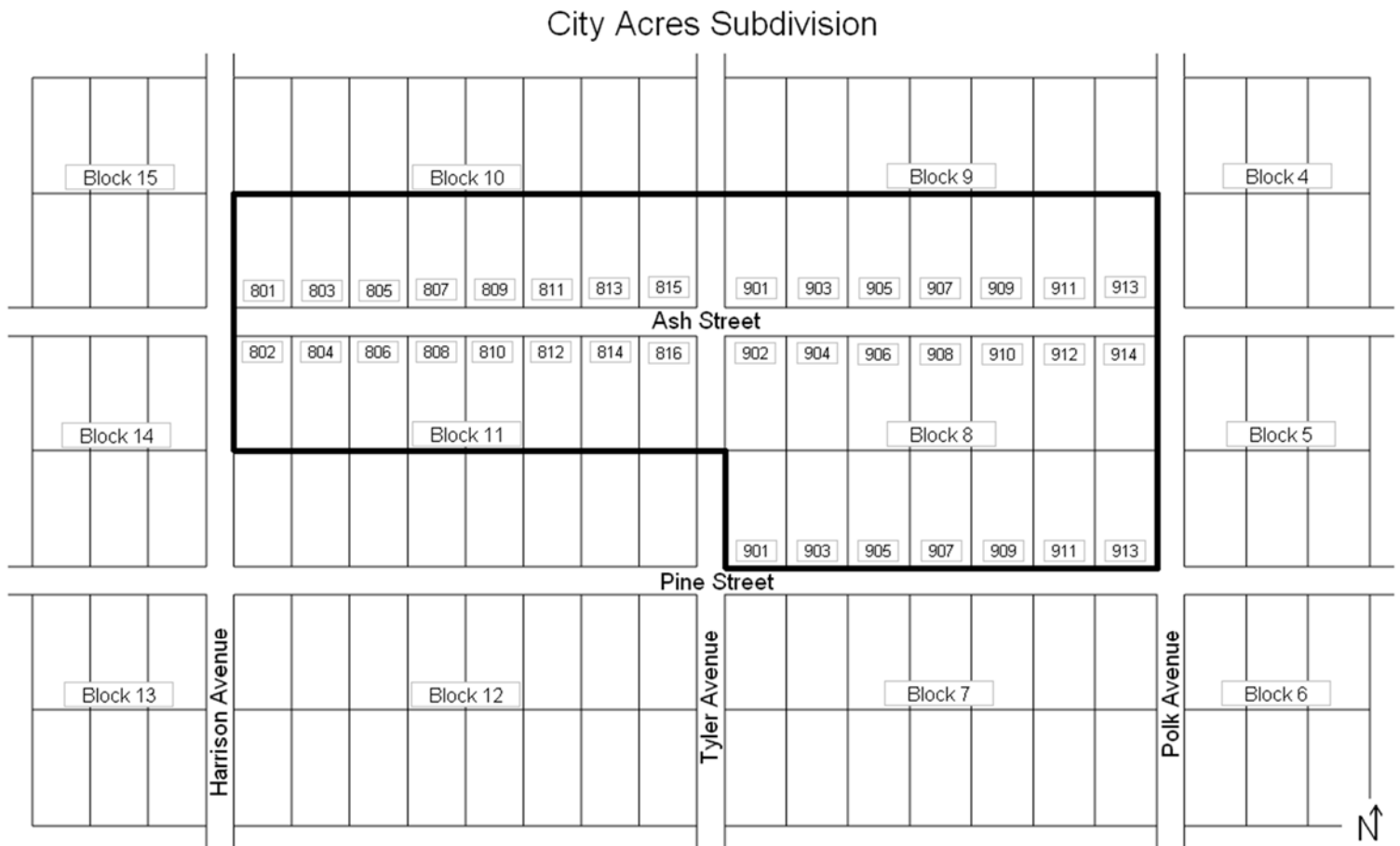
(Signature of petitioner)

John Doe
Petitioner

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PROPOSED REQUIREMENT AREA MAP EXAMPLE

THE PROHIBITED YARD PARKING REQUIREMENT AREA MUST INCLUDE A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) CONTIGUOUS BLOCKFACES.



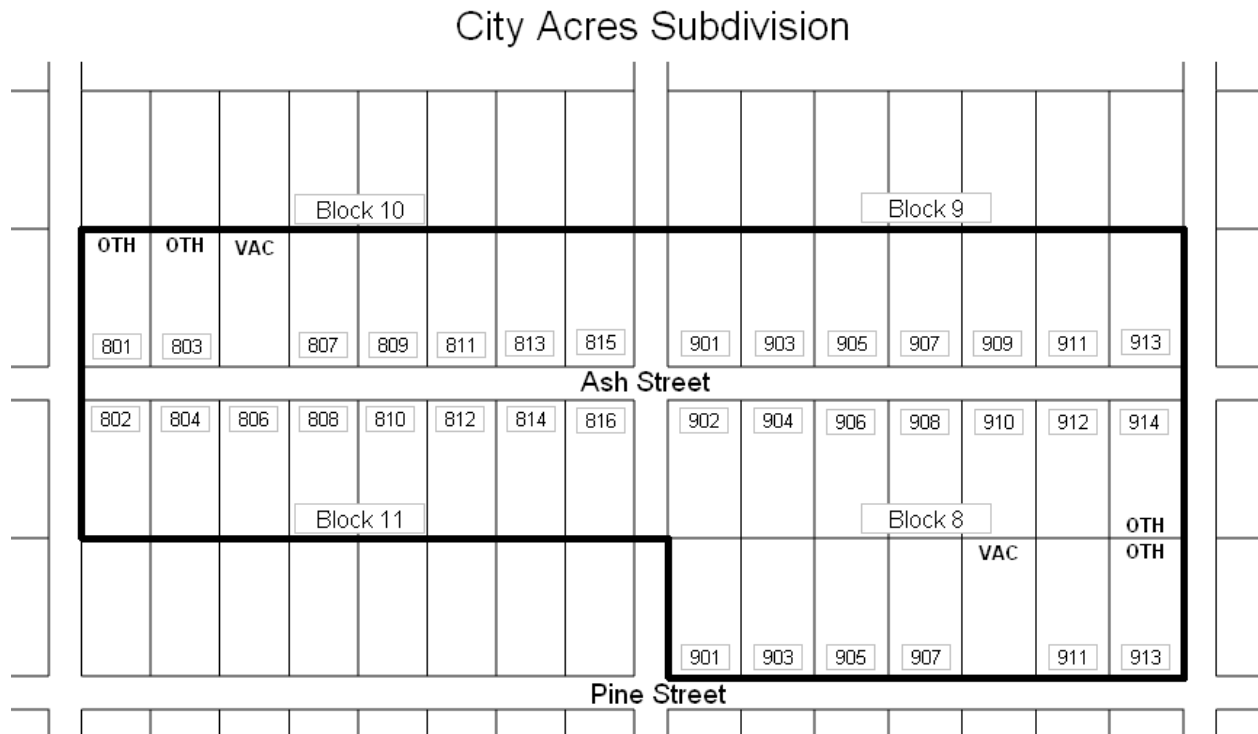
Map/sketch should look similar to the drawing shown above. Please provide the property addresses and street names within the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area.

A Harris County Appraisal District map may be substituted with the proposed Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area outlined. Appraisal district maps can be found at the Harris County Appraisal District website (<http://www.hcad.org>).

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LAND USE MAP EXAMPLE

THE PROHIBITED YARD PARKING REQUIREMENT AREA MUST BE AN AREA IN WHICH NOT LESS THAN 60% OF THE LOTS ARE DEVELOPED AND USED FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES AND PURPOSES



The land use map should indicate the existing land use of each property within the proposed Prohibited Yard Parking Boundary Requirement Area. Please use the abbreviation **VAC** to identify vacant property and **OTH** to identify land uses that are not single-family residential. Properties that are not labeled **VAC** or **OTH** will be assumed to be single-family residential.

Single-family Residential is defined as:

- the use of a lot with one building designed for and containing not more than two separate units with facilities for living, sleeping, cooking and eating therein; or
- a lot upon which is located a free-standing building containing one dwelling unit and a detached secondary dwelling unit of not more than 900 square feet; or
- a building that contains one dwelling unit on one lot that is connected by a party wall to another building containing one dwelling unit on an adjacent lot.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION METHOD	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Message
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neighborhood Newsletter or Other Publication
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Written Notification

Please see page 8 for further details on public notification.

PROPOSED NOTIFICATION SIGN LOCATIONS	
1	
2	
3	
4	

Please see page 9 for further details on sign specifications and requirements.

PROJECT INFORMATION (STAFF USE ONLY – DO NOT FILL IN)		
File Number		
City Notification Date		
Signs Posted Date	Pictures Taken	
Public Notification Date	Copy of Notification	

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Within ten (10) days after the filing of a complete application or petition, the applicant must provide notice to property owners within the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area. The applicant must submit a dated copy of the public notification to the Planning and Development Department. Applicants have three options for providing public notification.

- 1) An electronic message directed to all owners within the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area.

OR

- 2) Inclusion in a newsletter or other similar publication customarily used by the homeowner's association or civic club to disseminate information of interest to all owners within the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area.

OR

- 3) Any other writing or publication deemed by the party making the request as the most effective means of providing notice of such filing to all owners with the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION EXAMPLE

NOTICE OF PROHIBITED PARKING REQUIREMENT AREA APPLICATION:

Name of applicant has submitted an application for the establishment of a Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area (Section 28-303 of the Code of Ordinances) for Ash Street (north and south sides) between Harrison Avenue and Polk Avenue and for Pine Street (north side) between Tyler Avenue and Polk Avenue with the City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

Once established, violating the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area will be a misdemeanor and violators will receive a fine not to exceed \$150 a day.

Protest to the establishment of the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area can be filed with the City of Houston. A written protest must be received by the City of Houston, Planning and Development Department, Community Sustainability Division within twenty (20) days of (date of the City of Houston Notification Letter).

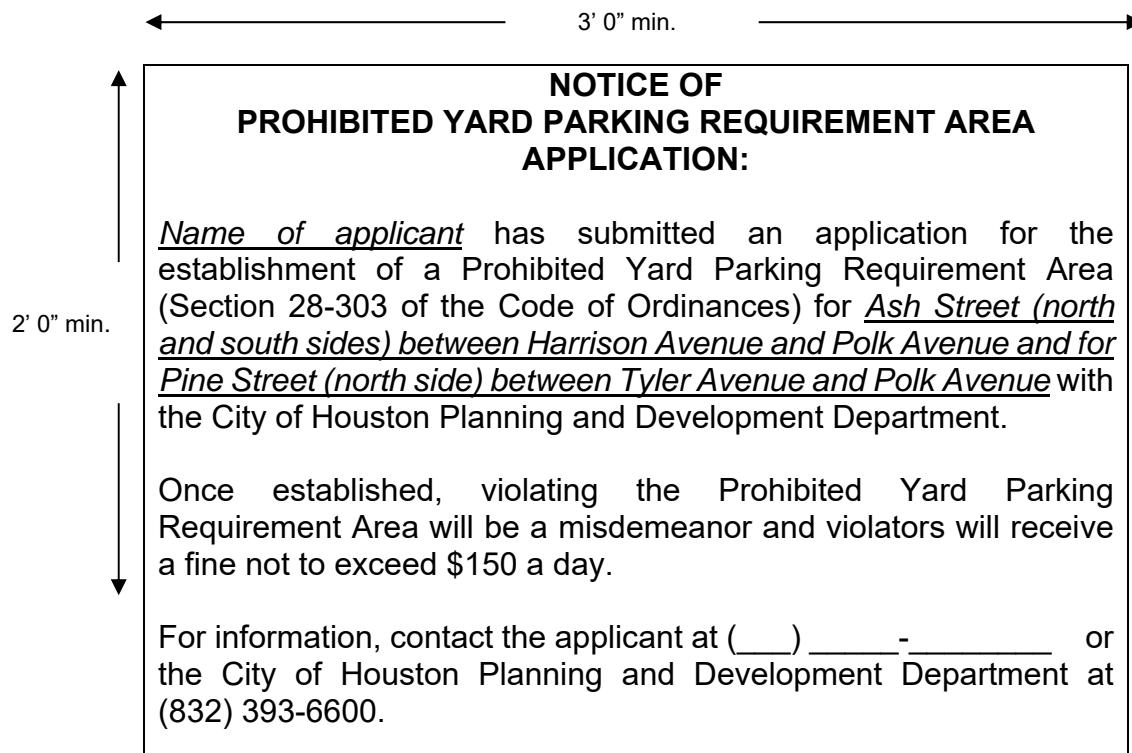
For information, contact the applicant at (____) _____ - _____ or the City of Houston Planning and Development Department at (832) 393-6600.

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SIGN SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant is responsible for posting a minimum of (4) signs within the boundary of the proposed Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area within ten (10) days of a complete application. Once it has been determined that the application is complete, the Planning and Development Department will inform the applicant to post signs (see Sample Notification Sign below). The signs (minimum size: 2' x 3') shall be placed within fifteen feet from each right-of-way bordering the area. Each sign shall face the R-O-W with print large enough to be legible from the R-O-W. The applicant shall maintain the signs to the end of the process. The Planning and Development Department must be contacted when the signs have been posted.

The applicant will recommend four (4) high visibility locations within the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area where the signs could potentially be posted. The Planning and Development Department will review the proposed locations and make final determination of the location of each of the four (4) signs. Staff may also identify an alternative number of signs for the Prohibited Yard Parking application upon determining that the signs will provide sufficient notice within the application area. The Planning and Development Department will notify the applicant of the locations where signs are to be posted.



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EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT

Listed below is evidence of property owners within the proposed boundaries of the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area, or their authorized agent, who support the request to restrict the parking of vehicles on the front and side yard and the creation of a Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area for the following area: (Example: “*Block 8, north and south side, City Acres Subdivision; Block 9, south side, City Acres Subdivision; Block 10, south side, City Acres Subdivision; and Block 11, north side, City Acres Subdivision*”)

The Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area shall be enacted by City Council through the adoption of an ordinance.

By signing this evidence of support, I thereby represent: (1) that I am the owner or owner’s authorized agent of the property to which I have affixed my signature, and (2) I support the petition to create a Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area.

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1)	Print Name	Address	
	Signature X	Date	Phone Number
2)	Print Name	Address	
	Signature X	Date	Phone Number
3)	Print Name	Address	
	Signature X	Date	Phone Number

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Homeowner Petition

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