

Know Your Ordinances

Most Common Parking Violations

- Left wheel to curb
- Unattached trailers on public streets
- Parking on curbs

Bicycle Laws

- You must have your leadlight and taillight on if you are riding 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise
- Obey all traffic laws
- Give pedestrians the right of way
- Use hand signals to let people know you plan to stop or turn
- If you are 16 years old or younger, you must wear a helmet that meets ANSI requirements on any bike anywhere, at all times. The helmet must fit your head and the chin strap fastened.

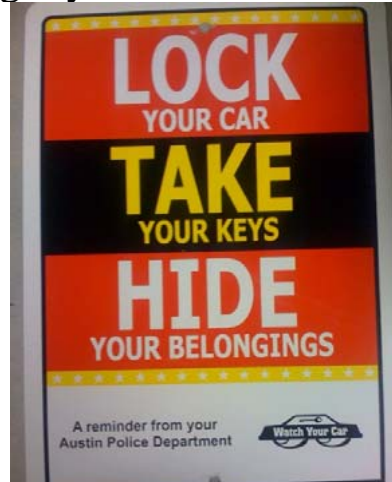
Amplified Noise Ordinance

- A person may not make noise or use sound equipment in public between 10:30 pm and 7:00 am.
- A person may not operate sound equipment in a vehicle that's audible or causing a vibration 30 feet from the equipment.



Planning an event? Contact PACE to insure you are not breaking any laws. (512) 974-0160

Burglary of Vehicle Awareness



Did you know...?

Your vehicle can be burglarized in less time than it takes to read this pamphlet.

- Most commonly stolen items include
 - Wallets, purses, briefcases and backpacks
 - Cellular phones
 - Radar detectors
 - Portable electronics
 - Compact discs
 - Small personal items

-There are fewer burglaries where actual parts from the vehicle are taken, radios being an example.

-Many victims do not lock their vehicles or roll up their windows. Burglary of Vehicles are crimes of opportunity. If you leave the property out in the open you give the Burglar the opportunity to steal from you.

-If your wallet/purse is stolen, you could become a victim again, this time of fraud. Thieves use stolen credit cards and information to make fraudulent purchases. It takes a great deal of time to straighten out these problems with creditors, and your credit may be damaged.

-Finally, if you happen to walk up on your vehicle while this crime is in progress, this incident has the potential of becoming violent.



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**Main Line- 974-5340
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Helpful Numbers

Code Enforcement	974-6428
Wrecker Ordinance	974-5793
Health Department	972-5000
Animal Control	972-6070
Travis County Jail	854-9889
Abandoned Vehicles	974-8119
Burn Bans	974-2876
Graffiti	854-4125
Municipal Court	974-4800
Report Sales	974-5212

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Code Enforcement Investigates

- Dangerous Housing
- Tall Weeds
- Illegal Dumping
- Trash and Debris
- Improper Storage of RV's and Boats
- Home Businesses
- Signs in the Right of Way
- Tree Limbs in the Right of Way
- Stagnant Water
- Garbage Carts at the Curb
- Improper Location of Adult Oriented Businesses

Call 3-1-1 to report Code Enforcement Violations

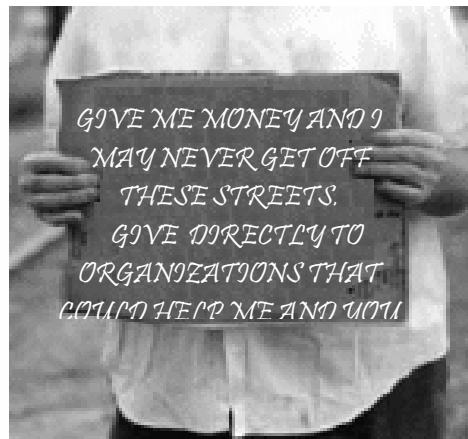
Other Helpful Numbers

Pollution "Spills" and
Environmental Complaints
974-2550

Keep Austin Beautiful
391-0617

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
974-4949

Abandoned and Junked Vehicles
974-8119



Say "No" to Small Change for Panhandlers.

Say "Yes" to Real Change for Homeless People.

Not all homeless people panhandle, and not all panhandlers are homeless. Some panhandlers are substance abusers, and others are not – but all need help.

It is difficult to know if the spare change you give to panhandlers will really help them, or if it will hurt them by enabling them to buy alcohol and drugs. What is certain is that there are more effective ways to help.

But what should you do when a panhandler asks you for money? Every situation is different, but these are some good guidelines:

- Acknowledge the person, then politely say "No Thank You" or "Sorry."
- While in Austin, you may encounter a person who is selling an Austin Advocate newspaper. This is a newspaper that is written by homeless people.
- Donate to an organization that provides REAL change for homeless people. Or volunteer your time. You will meet some great people if you do.
- Aggressive panhandling is against the law. If a panhandler violates your personal space, or is otherwise intimidating to you or to others, call 911.

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AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
AUSTIN'S ANSWERS
FOR POLICE NON-EMERGENCIES
GREATER AUSTIN CRIME
COMMISSION

WHEN SHOULD I CALL 3-1-1?

Call 3-1-1 to report incidents and situations that are non-emergencies, non-life threatening, or not currently in progress. Use 3-1-1 to request information from the Police Department, or other city agencies.

TYPICAL 3-1-1 CALLS

- Property crimes that are no longer in progress and the offender is no longer on the scene (for example, vandalism, theft, graffiti, stolen autos, and garage burglaries)
- Animal control problems
- Illegally-parked vehicles or vehicles blocking alleys or driveways
- Telephone numbers, addresses, and hours of operation of the Police Department's divisions or programs

Call 9-1-1 to report life-threatening incidents, any crimes that are in progress, and all serious or violent crimes.

➤ NOT SURE WHAT NUMBER TO CALL? DIAL 9-1-1

WHEN SHOULD I CALL 9-1-1?

Call 9-1-1 when you physically need an officer to assist with a problem.

TYPICAL 9-1-1 CALLS

- Fire and medical emergencies
- All violent crimes, such as homicides, robberies, and sexual assaults
- Domestic violence
- Home or business intruders
- Gunshots or person with a gun
- Property crimes that are still in progress or where the offender is still on the scene
- Vehicle accidents involving injury, major property damage, or serious traffic tie-ups