

# **Ban on pavement parking – enforcement date now announced**

## **Edinburgh will begin enforcement of the new laws on banning pavement parking from 29 January.**

The Scottish Government introduced new legislation in December and the capital will be the first city in Scotland to enforce the new rules.

Anyone found to be parked on a pavement, double parked, parked at a crossing point or parked on a verge between roads and pavements could be subject to a £100 fine, reduced to £50 if paid within the first 14 days. There are no exemptions in place.

[Find out more about the new parking rules](#), and report incorrectly parked vehicles, on the Council website.

Cllr Scott Arthur, Transport and Environment Convener, said: “These new rules are about making our streets safer and more accessible for everyone, in particular those with visual impairments or mobility issues.

“I’ve heard from many people who say the change will make their day-to-day life much easier. I have also been pleased to hear that, as a result of our publicity campaign, pavement parking is already reducing in some areas.

“Officers have been working hard over recent months to prepare for the changes coming into force and have been in contact with residents on streets where pavement parking is a real

problem. I am proud that Edinburgh is leading the way on enforcing the ban, and that all political parties here agree that no street should be exempt.

“I would expect everyone to adhere to the new prohibitions once in place, but we’ll continue to monitor streets across the city to make sure the impacts on the wider network are minimal.”

Following an assessment of more than 5,000 roads in Edinburgh Council officers have identified a small number of streets where there is significant pavement parking and have written to these properties to help them prepare for the measures.

Once the ban is in place monitoring will continue to establish whether any of these streets require mitigation measures, such as double-yellow lines, to minimise potential negative impacts on the wider road network.



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