

APPEALS TIPS SHEET

(REASONS NOT CONSIDERED GROUNDS FOR AN APPEAL)

Please note: The following reasons for having violated the parking ordinance are not considered to be grounds for an appeal.

Short Errands or Deliveries

“I was just running in to drop something off.”

“I was only a few minutes.”

“I left my hazard lights on so I could run in and out.”

No errand or delivery, no matter how short or how important to the driver (short of a medical emergency which can be verified) is an acceptable excuse for unlawful parking.

Didn't See the Sign, Meter, Pay-station

“I didn't see the sign, meter, pay-station.”

Drivers are required to look for and abide by existing parking signs and pavement markings. Saying that you did not see a posted sign preventing parking is not grounds for an appeal.

Tried to Pay with App

“App wasn't working.”

“Used the Wrong App.”

Park Plymouth does not own or operate any parking apps. If there is a problem, the user is to contact the app provider via support/help. There is signage in all public parking lots as well as labels on the meters and pay-stations indicating several different ways to pay for public parking.

“Message from app was Parking Restricted.”

This means that the zone that the individual used was already at its maximum allowed time. There are different parking zones within Plymouth, it is important to read the signage, as well as the labels on the pay stations and meters, for the maximum time one can park within the designated areas.

First Offense

“Please excuse the ticket as this is my first violation.”

A first-time offense is not considered grounds for having a ticket dismissed.

Charging on Sundays

“I didn't think you charged on Sundays.”

Plymouth paid parking is Monday through Sunday, including holidays, April 1st through November 30th from 9a-7p. Stating that you did not know that we charge for parking on Sundays is not grounds for an appeal.

No Other Place to Park

“I was running late and there was no other place to park.”

It is the driver's responsibility to locate lawful parking. During busy times it may be difficult to find parking in the immediate vicinity of your destination, which may necessitate that you park further away from your intended destination.

Plenty of Open Parking Spaces

“There were plenty of open metered spaces, so I did not think I had to pay the meter.”

Metered parking is enforced from April 1st through November 30th each year during the hours posted on the parking meters regardless of the occupancy rates of the surrounding meters. Meter income is needed to maintain and enforce the public parking supply.

Wrong Direction

“I thought it was okay to park this way.”

Vehicles must park with the flow of traffic, otherwise, when leaving, the vehicle crosses over to oncoming traffic.

Handicap Placards

Any expired placard, facedown, and/or covered placard, will be subjected to a handicap parking citation. The owner of the placard is giving the “Do’s and Do Not’s” with their placards from the RMV Medical Affairs. [insert handout here]

Additional Reasons for Denial

“My car was only partially in the sidewalk/hash markings.”

A vehicle can never be parked on or partially on any crosswalks, sidewalks, islands and hash markings.

“Received a citation 2 minutes after the meter expired.”

All meters have a 5-minute grace/count down.

“I was parked in the local establishments parking lot.”

If a local restaurant or business has their own parking areas, they have marked spaces and signage.

“The vehicle next to me did not get a violation, but I did.”

There are multiple ways to pay for public parking, including using the app or purchasing a permit. You are responsible for paying for the space you occupy.

“The whale watch/fishing trip took longer than they said.”

All meters/pay stations/Apps must be paid with enough time whenever a vehicle is parked within a designated paid parking area.

“I was told I could park here by an employee/owner.”

Park Plymouth manages the public parking lots and areas for the town. No one can tell someone where to park without the consent of the Town.

“I am not a local, so I don’t get notification...”

Paid parking is from April 1st through November 30th, 7 days a week, including holidays from 9a-7p. Park Plymouth puts out signage, within the public parking areas, to assist in the notification of closures, opening, maintenance, etc.

“Didn’t know it was “pre-pay” in the parking lot.”

There is signage throughout the lot(s) and the pay station awnings all indicating to pre-pay.

“I moved my car within 2-hours/4-hours.”

“I parked and returned to the same space.”

Park Plymouth notes all vehicles within the two hour/four- hour areas. After 2-hours and 20 minutes and/or 4 hours and 20 minutes a MOE then checks to see if the vehicle is in the same space with the same stem placement noted earlier, if so,

then a citation is issued for overtime parking.

“I work for DoorDash, local delivery, Uber Eats, Grubhub and I received a ticket for not paying or parking illegally.”
Park Plymouth in association with some of the local restaurants have curbside parking areas, to help support the local businesses, and all vehicles must park lawfully, i.e. not parking in hash markings, in a crosswalk, etc.

“I didn’t see the fire hydrant” or “I didn’t realize it was a fire lane.”

Drivers should be aware of their surroundings; all fire lanes are marked with hash markings. It is important to keep these areas free for emergency vehicles.

Captain John’s permit: “I parked in the lot it told me to and still received a ticket.”

All confirmation emails receive a physical address based on the type of permit purchased. Additionally, all parking lots have yellow awnings with the name of each lot to assist in location of where to park.

“I parked in front of my own driveway.”

According to the Town bylaws, Article V, Parking Section 18 General prohibitions: “No person shall allow, permit, operate or suffer, any vehicle to stop, stand or park in front of any driveway on a public or private way.” (10/17/2017).

“I thought paid parking stops on Labor Day.”

Paid parking is from April 1st through November 30th, 7 days a week, including holidays from 9am-7pm.

“I didn’t see a place to pay.”

There are multiple pay stations, as well as signage indicating that one can use the Passport app to pay for parking.

“The sign says that the first 4 hours were free”

There are no signs indicating that the first 4 hours are free. The signs indicate the maximum parking time allowed for an area (for example- 2 hours and 4 hours).