

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. My court date is a month away. Does my fine double or my vehicle registration get suspended while I contest a ticket?

Answer: No. Your fine freezes at whatever stage your ticket was in at the date you filed a Parking Ticket Contest Form. If you are found guilty, your fine remains that amount it was frozen at.

2. Can my vehicle registration still be suspended if I fail to pay the required fine amount?

Answer: Yes. If a fine is not paid, your vehicle registration can be suspended. In addition, if you contest a ticket in court and are found guilty and fail to pay, your driver's license can also be suspended.

3. Am I required to personally appear at court to contest a ticket, or can I speak with the village attorney in advance of the court date?

Answer: No. You must personally appear at your assigned court date and time. Court is typically held on the third Monday of each month at 5:30pm.

4. Can I still contest a ticket if I lost it?

Answer: Yes, as long as you can provide the license plate of the vehicle or the name it is registered to and we successfully locate the ticket in our records.

5. How do I contact the Coulee Region Joint Municipal Court direct?

Answer: (608) 781-9558

Reminder...Alternate Side Parking is enforced Nov. 1st – April 1st on all village streets.

Common Parking Violations

1. Alternate Parking - 6.05(D)\$15.00
2. Cul de Sac Parking – 6.05(E).....\$15.00
3. Private/Public Property Posted –.....\$15.00
4. Against Traffic – 6.01 – (346.54(1)(a))...\$15.00
5. Fire Lane – 7.01 – (14.03).....\$15.00
6. Blocking Alley – 6.05(F).....\$15.00
7. No Parking Zone – 6.05(G)(1)(a).....\$15.00
8. Improper Parking – 6.01.....\$15.00
9. No Parking Anytime – 6.05(J)(1).....\$15.00
10. Time Restrictions – 6.05(I).....\$15.00
11. Blocking Sidewalk – (346.52(1)(d)).....\$15.00
12. Trucks > 9000lbs, Trailers, Boats – 6.05(C)(1-5).....\$15.00
13. School Area – 6.05(G)(3)(aa) or (4) or (5).....\$15.00
14. Excess 48 hours – 2.01(E)(3).....\$25.00
15. Fire Hydrant – 6.05(G)(1)(c).....\$50.00
16. Handicapped Parking – 6.05(G)(1)(b).....\$50.00

For a complete listing of village ordinances, please visit our website and click on the “Quick Link” tab called “City Ordinances”.

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WEST SALEM
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*INFORMATION ON
CONTESTING A
PARKING TICKET.*

Our Mission:

We, the members of the West Salem Police Department, are guided by the highest ethical standards. We provide the highest quality of personalized services to all who live, work, visit, and travel through our village. This is accomplished by empowering employees to build partnerships with the community and other service providers to prevent and solve crime, lessen fear, and reduce neighborhood problems. We are committed to enhancing our community's safety and quality of life through continuous improvement of our work. We are a community-oriented police department as defined by the people we serve. We believe in the dignity of all people and respect individual and constitutional rights in fulfilling this mission.

We are constantly evaluating the quality of our service and what, if any, new services we can provide, all while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Whether it is bicycle or foot patrol, vehicle registration/renewal services, equipping squads with automatic defibrillators (AED's), active participation and commitment with the Coulee Region Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce (CRICACT), or the creation of this website, the entire staff of the West Salem Police Department is committed to this mission.

Part of our mission involves keeping our streets, alleys and parking lots clean and safe for travel. Parking enforcement helps achieve this mission. We realize there may be times a citizen disagrees with a citation issued. In those instances the citizen has the right to contest a parking ticket. The intent of this brochure is to provide you information on that process.

Sincerely,
The Staff of the West Salem Police Department

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO CONTEST A PARKING TICKET:

1. Make contact with the Chief of Police, either in person or by telephone, and explain the circumstances why you wish to contest the ticket.
2. If you wish to still contest the ticket after speaking with the Chief of Police, you must request that a formal "Parking Ticket Contest Form" be completed.
3. A copy of this form and your parking ticket will be submitted, by our department, to the Coulee Region Joint Municipal Court, located at 415 Main St., Onalaska, WI 54650.
4. A court date and time will be assigned by the staff member completing the form.
5. You will be required to personally appear at the assigned court date and time and meet with the Village of West Salem's Attorney.
6. If a satisfactory resolution is not achieved, you have the right to have a trial in front of the municipal judge in regards to the matter.
7. If you do not appear for your court date, or you are found guilty by the judge, your driver's license may be suspended if you fail to pay the required fine.



Please Note:
A list of the most commonly issued parking tickets are on the back of this brochure.

"Keep our community safe, please don't drink and drive!"