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## NEWS RELEASE

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**Subject: EPD to Step-Up Alley Parking Enforcement**

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The Eureka Police Department would like to provide the public advance notice we will be increasing our code enforcement on vehicles found illegally stopped or parked within the City's alleys. EPD has received a multitude of citizen and commercial complaints concerning unattended or parked vehicles in the alleys. These vehicles obstruct the free passage of garbage trucks, fire trucks, and other large commercial vehicles attempting to conduct business in or thru the alleys. In the case of emergency vehicles unable to reach the scene of a fire or medical crisis, this also potentially creates a significant public safety issue.

As set forth in **Eureka Municipal Code 72.099**, it is illegal to "*stop, stand or park a vehicle for any purpose other than loading or unloading of persons or materials in any alley.*" **Eureka Municipal Code 72.096** sets forth the requirements and limitations for such loading or unloading of persons or materials. Full texts of these municipal code sections are included below.

Drivers and/or registered owners of vehicles found to be illegally parked in an alley can expect to be cited and/or have their vehicles towed at their expense pursuant to applicable laws and regulations.



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### **72.099 STANDING IN ALLEYS.**

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for any purpose other than the loading or unloading of persons or materials in any alley. Such loading or unloading of persons or materials shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements and limitations set forth in § [72.096](#) of this subchapter.

### **72.096 EFFECT OF PERMISSION TO LOAD OR UNLOAD.**

(A) Permission granted pursuant to the provisions of this section to stop or stand a vehicle for the purposes of loading or unloading materials shall apply only to commercial vehicles and shall not extend beyond the time necessary therefore and in no event for more than 20 minutes.

(B) The loading or unloading of materials shall apply only to commercial deliveries and the delivery or pickup of express and parcel post packages and United States mail.

(C) Permission granted pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter to stop or park for the purposes of loading or unloading passengers shall include the loading or unloading of personal baggage but shall not extend beyond the time necessary therefor and in no event for more than three minutes.

(D) Persons exercising the privileges granted by the provisions of this section shall be in close attendance to the vehicle at all times during which the vehicle is stopped or standing for the purposes of loading or unloading and shall be prepared to move the vehicle in the event the need for vehicle access arises during the loading or unloading operation.

(E) Within the total time limits specified by the provisions of this section, the provisions of this section shall be enforced so as to accommodate necessary and reasonable loading or unloading but without permitting the abuse of the privileges granted.

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