



Loading Zones

What is a Loading Zone?

Green curbs within the city limits show those portions of on-street parking that are restricted for loading activities only. Passenger load zones are limited to three minutes. All other loading zones are limited to a maximum of 30 minutes.

What hours are loading zones in effect?

Within city limits, loading zones are restricted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week unless otherwise posted.

What is the proper way to use a loading zone?

Passenger loading zones are designed for “expeditious” passenger drop-off or pick-up, for up to three minutes. Other loading zones allow for expeditiously loading or unloading property from a vehicle for up to 30 minutes.

What is meant by “expeditious” loading?

Enforcement officers look for activity in and around your vehicle while it occupies the loading zone. Any vehicle standing, stopped or parked without activity risks a \$30 citation.

The sign says “30 minutes” so can I leave my vehicle there while I gather my materials?

No, 30 minutes is the maximum time for active loading or unloading. If you need an extended period, contact us to obtain a meter hood or park in metered parking.

How can I keep others from using or blocking the loading zone in front of my business?

Loading zones are in the public right-of-way and cannot be reserved for the exclusive use of a private entity. You can keep traffic moving by calling 911 to report loading zone violations to the Bellingham Police Department.

What can I do if I believe I was mistakenly cited?

You may request a hearing to contest your citation by following the instructions on the citation envelope.

Please be considerate of delivery drivers and others for which loading zones are intended.

More information can be found in the Bellingham Municipal Code, Sections 11.39.010 and 11.39.020.

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