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| **Delayed Office Opening for Employee Training**  This office will be closed from 8.45 am - 11.00 am on the first Thursday of each month.  The Owner/Occupier |  | **Environment and Infrastructure**  Strategic Lead – Fraser Crofts  2 High Street, Perth, PH1 5PH  Tel 01738 475000 [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)  Contact Mr Blair Watt  Tel 01738 476476  Email [PavementParking@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:PavementParking@pkc.gov.uk) | |
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| Date | 29 October 2024 |

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Pavement Parking Ban**

Under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, it is now illegal to:

* Park on pavements
* Double park
* Park at pedestrian crossing points (dropped kerbs)
* Park on road verges, which lie between roads and pavements

This came into law on Monday 11 December 2023 and we will begin enforcement on **6 January 2025**. There will be a period of soft enforcement carried out from **1 November 2024** which will allow us to educate drivers, residents and businesses.

Parking attendants have powers to issue fines to vehicles illegally parked and these can be issued instantly at the national level of £100 but reduced to £50 if paid within the first 14 days.

The legislation makes it safer for pedestrians and other road users to move around our streets and public spaces. Parking on pavements creates issues such as:

* Making moving around hazardous for people with disabilities or those pushing prams or buggies
* Preventing people from walking safely on pavements and around their neighbourhood
* Damaging pavements, which are expensive to repair and become a trip hazard for everyone.

Double parking and parking at dropped kerbs and crossing points:

* Can make it dangerous for vulnerable people to cross the road safely
* Prevents people in wheelchairs from crossing the road where vehicles are parked next to dropped kerbs.

A desktop study of all urban roads within Perth and Kinross was carried out to help understand where the problem areas for pavement parking are. The full report can be found on the pavement parking website (link below). We acknowledge that pavement parking occurs in your area and the introduction of the new rules may cause some concern and initial disruption, so we have enclosed some frequently asked questions to help you prepare and adapt to the introduction of enforcement.

You can find the most up-to-date information, including a report, about the new rules on our website [www.pkc.gov.uk/pavementparking](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/pavementparking). A MyPKC process has been set up to help answer your enquiries, questions and concerns and you can also find a link to this at the above website address.

The message from Transport Scotland is clear. Pavement parking is unsafe, unfair, illegal, and offenders could be fined up to £100 for committing an offence. If you can’t park your vehicle fully on the carriageway without blocking the road for emergency and service vehicles, then you should park somewhere else.

If you require any further information or have any queries, please contact PavementParking@pkc.gov.uk or 01738 476476.

Yours faithfully



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