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PARKING

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Meter Hours of Operation: The hours of operation for meters are 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Citation Penalties: The fine for a meter violation escalates as follows: if paid within 10 days of issuance, \$10.00; if paid 8 through 15 days, \$15.00; if paid after 15 days, \$25.00. In other words, **prompt** payment benefits the owner/driver.

General Information: Use common sense when parking and observe all parking laws. Do not park:

- on sidewalk or lawn areas
- in front or within 3 feet of a driveway
- beside another vehicle
- in yellow zones or where signs prohibit
- on roadways or alleys
- in front or side yards
- facing the wrong direction
- on snow emergency routes during emergencies

72 HOUR RESTRICTION

Vehicles **may not** be parked for more than 72 consecutive hours on city streets. Vehicles left for more than 72 hours are subject to citation and immobilization or impoundment.

This is in effect for **all** streets in Oxford and is a **\$50.00** citation.

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PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Parking on private property (driveways, apartment parking lots, etc.) without permission or in violation of signs posted on private property may result in citations or towing.

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Residential Parking Permits:

Parking in some sections of Oxford is limited to those vehicles displaying a residential parking permit issued by the City of Oxford. Signs clearly denote the boundaries of the residential parking zones as well as the restricted hours of parking. Violators will be cited.

Residential Permit Parking areas are:

- South Beech Street (Chestnut to Central)
- Linden Avenue, Silvoor Lane, Cedar St.
- East Rose Avenue
- South Main Street (Linden to Central)
- North Main Street, 100 Block
- Bouden Lane, Ardmore St., Plum St.
- East Chestnut St., 400-700 Block
- West Withrow (Main to Beech)
- East Church Street, 400 Block
- East Central (Campus to Poplar)

Municipal Parking Garage:

The Municipal Parking Garage located on South Main Street consists of four floors. **Public parking (metered) is available on the entry level and the upper level of the 1st floor.** The cost is \$.50 per hour. Parking is permitted during the hours of 6:00 AM and 4:00 AM daily.

Parking spaces on the 2nd and 3rd floors are reserved for City-leased parking and **the 4th floor is reserved** for use by authorized guests of The Elms Hotel.

Public parking is strictly prohibited from 4:00 AM to 6:00 AM daily, and violators are subject to citation and impoundment.

Where to Find Information, Updates & Advisories? Bookmark these websites and check them often:

- www.cityofoxford.org
- www.oxfordoffcampus.com
- www.mymiami.muohio.edu

SNOW ROUTES

Snow Routes are clearly marked with red, blue & white signs. In order to ensure the adequate and speedy plowing of main thoroughfares in Oxford, NO vehicles may be parked on a snow route when there is 3 inches or more of snow accumulation **and/or** during a declared emergency. Information is released to local media stations, posted on the city website and the police department's Facebook page, and sent via Nixle. To sign up for Nixle alerts, go to Nixle.com and type in your zip code. Vehicles parked on a snow route WILL BE TOWED and impounded.

Vehicles must be parked within 12 inches of the curb, regardless of the route designation. As the snow melts or is removed, vehicles must be moved in towards the curb if they have been parked more than twelve inches due to snow.

Snow Routes include:

- Chestnut Street (27S to 732)
- Fairfield Rd/Spring Street (W. Tollgate to Patterson)
- High Street (to Panda Lane)
- Lynn Street
- Locust Street (Chestnut to Sycamore)
- Main Street (Chestnut to Sycamore)
- Campus Ave. (Chestnut to High)
- Talawanda Road
- Sycamore Street
- Church Street (Locust to Poplar)
- Poplar Street (Church to Walnut)
- College Avenue (Chestnut to Church)

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**Parking Over Time Limit :
ESCALATING Fines**

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Feeding a meter beyond the maximum time allowed on the meter may result in a \$25.00 citation.

HOWEVER, this violation has been deemed a habitual offender violation, and therefore, with a second violation, the initial fine increases to \$50.00 and a third and subsequent violation increases to \$75.00 (all if paid within 5 business days) when the violations are received within a twelve month period.

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ALCOHOL

The appropriate, legal use of alcohol is of great concern to the Oxford community. Alcohol is a factor in many crimes -- one national survey indicated that 75% of the offenders and 55% of the victims in “date rape” cases were intoxicated at the time of the rape. The law clearly states:

You must be twenty-one (21) years old to buy, possess or consume alcohol.

High-risk drinking includes:

- Underage Consumption
- Drinking and Driving
- Activities where mental impairment may produce dangers to health, safety & welfare
- Drinking when health conditions or medication make use dangerous

- 4 or more drinks in a sitting and more than one drink per hour

It is illegal to:

- Furnish alcohol to an underage person
- Appear in public when intoxicated
- Annoy others or endanger property
- Have an open container of alcohol on any public street, sidewalk, alley, or park

Liquor violations are strictly enforced by uniformed and plainclothes officers. The possible penalty for most liquor violations is 6 months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Bicycles, Skateboards, and Rollerblades are strictly prohibited in the Uptown Parks and on the sidewalks in the Business District.

NOISE

Excessive noise impacts your entire neighborhood. Officers strictly enforce noise ordinances to protect the peace and quiet of the community. Oxford City Code defines a noise violation as playing music at a level that is plainly audible at a distance of twenty-five feet from a vehicle or property line.

Excessive yelling, shouting and singing at any time so as to annoy or disturb the peace is also considered a public nuisance and is subject to the guidelines and penalties of the Noise Ordinance.

Please, respect your neighbors and self-regulate the noise you create.

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**WHEN THE FUN BECOMES
DANGEROUS**
NUISANCE PARTY ORDINANCE

Everyone likes to have a good time. Everyone enjoys a great party. Yet there are times when a great party becomes a dangerous party. Such out-of-control events are a danger to the health, safety and welfare of all Oxford Citizens.

Section 509.13 of the Oxford Codified Code addresses "Nuisance Parties." The full section can be viewed on the city website.

In an effort to assist the Oxford Community in understanding what constitutes a Nuisance Party and in an effort to inform the citizenry as to the OPD's policy in addressing such parties, here are some facts you will need to know:

- A party becomes a nuisance when the police must make repeated appearances at a party due to either complaints from the community or evident unsafe behavior during routine patrol.
- Complainants must understand that there is a policy in place for officers to follow; a request to shut a party down does not constitute a "nuisance" situation.
- A party that is beyond control, even on the first visit by officers, with multiple violations of law occurring, can be determined a nuisance party.
- If officers order party-goers to cease

and disperse immediately, everyone must vacate the property immediately or face citation.

- If you are renting your property, and you are cited under the Nuisance Party Ordinance, your landlord will receive a letter of notification from OPD informing them of your violations.

Any number of conditions and conduct can lead to nuisance party citations. Monitoring your party for unsafe and out-of-control situations can keep you out of trouble.

OPD offers a brochure on the DO's and DON'Ts of throwing parties in Oxford. You can receive a copy by stopping in at the OPD or by checking out the [Need to Know ... Find it Here](#) page on the Police Department website at www.cityofoxford.org.

Some of the events or conditions that can lead to a nuisance party citation are disorderly conduct, noise violations, underage possession, consumption and/or furnishing, illegal use of a controlled substance, littering, public indecency, damage or destruction of property, standing or parking of vehicles that obstruct the free flow of traffic on public streets and sidewalks or that impedes the ability to render emergency services, or any other conduct or condition that threatens injury, inconvenience, or alarm to persons or damage to property.

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OUTDOOR FURNITURE RESTRICTION

Everyone likes to sit out on the porch or patio or yard and enjoy the nice weather. There are two types of furniture produced – that to be used inside and that to be used outside.

OCC 521.12 is a section you should familiarize yourself with if you are living off-campus this year. It addresses the inappropriate use of indoor furniture outdoors, which includes beer bong tables.

Furniture **not** manufactured for outdoor use is strictly prohibited on porches, in lawn areas, alleys, or any other outside area. Violators of this section will be cited.

LITTERING

It is unlawful to throw paper, trash, cups, etc. on the property of another. If you have a party, clean it up immediately after the party is over. Residents who allow litter to remain on their property will receive an early-morning wake-up call from a police officer and are subject to citation.

The posting of signs, notices, etc. on vehicles, light posts & traffic signs/signals is also illegal and can constitute littering. Offenders will be cited. If you are posting signs, be cognizant that the tree lawn area (between the sidewalk and the street) is city property. Signage is not allowed here without specific permission from the City of Oxford.

TRASH COLLECTION

If you are living off campus this year, especially in a house with waste rollers or trash cans, you will need to know the following information to ensure proper refuse pick-up:

- ◆ Trash cans are to be placed at the curb no more than 24 hours prior to pick-up, and they must be removed from the curb within 24 hours after pick-up.
- ◆ Rumpke **WILL NOT** take construction material. If you are disposing of such materials, they can be taken to the City compactor located at the City garage on Collins Run Road, 524-8412.
- ◆ Rumpke will not remove any item over **60 pounds** in weight, or remove any refuse that is unbundled, bagged yard waste or carpet that is longer than 4 feet in length and not bundled.
- ◆ Furniture may be placed at the curb with trash receptacles for normal removal.
- ◆ Residents in **apartment complexes** disposing of **furniture** need to attach a removal ticket which can be purchased at the Utilities Department in the Municipal Building.
- ◆ If Rumpke does **NOT** pick something up, please call the Utilities Department at 524-5221.

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COMMUNITY—ORIENTED POLICING

Although the Oxford community is a relatively safe environment, students should keep crime prevention in mind at all times.

The crime students are most likely to fall victim to is **THEFT**. Keeping your possessions is largely a matter of common sense.

- ◆ **TEXTBOOKS:** A popular target for thieves because they can easily be sold back for cash. Don't leave your belongings unattended, even for a few minutes.
- ◆ **RESIDENCES:** There are some people who literally make their living by stealing from student residences. **LOCK YOUR DOORS AT ALL TIMES.** Don't assume your roommates will lock the door when they come in late in the evening. Make sure everyone has a key to the residence and uses it. Check your windows and basement doors as well.
- ◆ **BIKES:** Always secure your bike with a lock when leaving it unattended. Lock it to a bike rack. **HOWEVER,** don't lock your bike to light poles, trees or fence posts — this is a violation of the Oxford Codified Code.
- ◆ **CARS:** Though few cars are stolen in Oxford, *Smash & Grabs* do happen quite often. Thieves break windows and grab whatever items they can find so don't leave clothes, CDs, tapes, radar detectors, cell phones, and other valuables lying out in your

car. Secure them in the trunk; or better yet, take them inside your residence.

Personal Safety:

As always, *common sense* is the key. Take an active role in ensuring the safety of your person and your surroundings, and you will greatly reduce the risk of being the victim of crime:

- ⇒ Lock your residences, especially at night when going to sleep. People will find their way into your homes, even if it is just to fall asleep themselves, if there is an open door.
- ⇒ Don't pick up strangers at bars or other social events and take them back to your residence.
- ⇒ Secure windows at night and when no one is going to be in the house.
- ⇒ Don't attach your student ID to your residence keys.
- ⇒ Don't walk alone at night. If you are going out or headed home, find someone to walk with you. If you can't, call the "Night-time door-to-door" van for a ride at 593-2716.
- ⇒ When walking at night, take the most direct route, and stay in well-lit and populated areas.
- ⇒ Always be cognizant of what is going on around you, especially at night.
- ⇒ Never wear a Walkman when walking at night.
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The District Maps and designated District Teams can be found on the Police Department pages of the city web site, www.cityofoxford.org.

COP PROGRAMMING

OPD offers numerous programming events and speakers for all your informational needs. We have a detailed color brochure available **FREE** that outlines our programs, speakers, and special units. We work with individuals, groups and organizations to offer informative programming to meet all the needs of the community.

If you would like more information on the programming available or to discuss topics of interest to your group, contact Sgt. Jon Varley at 524-5257 or jvarley@cityofoxford.org.

No Front License Plate

The Oxford Police Department vigorously enforces all traffic laws, which includes Oxford City Code Section 335.09, Display of License Plates.

When you obtain your vehicle registration from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the registration comes with two license plates. The law requires that the owner/operator of the motor vehicle properly display in plain view both the front and rear license plate because they are an investigative tool for law enforcement, both for locating suspects and assisting the general public.

ENFORCEMENT POLICY

While committed to the Community Oriented Policing philosophy, it is the task of the Oxford Police Department to enforce the laws of this city and the state of Ohio.

When a violation is confirmed, enforcement action **will** be taken. **ALL** residents are expected to conform to the Oxford City Code. It's through this conformity that a higher quality of life can be realized in Oxford. We are available to assist residents at any time.



Code Enforcement

National Inspection Corporation (NIC) is responsible for enforcing Municipal laws that prohibit conditions deemed to be hazardous to public health, safety and welfare.

If you have questions about issues and/or laws pertaining to these issues, you may call NIC directly at 937-433-7978 or visit the GovQA link on the City of Oxford website.

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OPD offers numerous programming events and speakers for all your informational needs. We have a detailed color brochure available **FREE** that outlines our programs, speakers, and special units. We work with individuals, groups and organizations to offer informative programming to meet all the needs of the community.

If you would like more information on the programming available or to discuss topics of interest to your group, contact Sgt. Jon Varley at 524-5257 or jvarley@cityofoxford.org.

No Front License Plate

The Oxford Police Department vigorously enforces all traffic laws, which includes Oxford City Code Section 335.09, Display of License Plates.

When you obtain your vehicle registration from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the registration comes with two license plates. The law requires that the owner/operator of the motor vehicle properly display in plain view both the front and rear license plate because they are an investigative tool for law enforcement, both for locating suspects and assisting the general public.

ENFORCEMENT POLICY

While committed to the Community Oriented Policing philosophy, it is the task of the Oxford Police Department to enforce the laws of this city and the state of Ohio.

When a violation is confirmed, enforcement action **will** be taken. **ALL** residents are expected to conform to the Oxford City Code. It's through this conformity that a higher quality of life can be realized in Oxford. We are available to assist residents at any time.



Code Enforcement

National Inspection Corporation (NIC) is responsible for enforcing Municipal laws that prohibit conditions deemed to be hazardous to public health, safety and welfare.

If you have questions about issues and/or laws pertaining to these issues, you may call NIC directly at 937-433-7978 or visit the GovQA link on the City of Oxford website.

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Emergency	911
Non-emergency	523-4321
Administrative	524-5240
Chief of Police	524-5247
Investigations	524-5240 opt. 6
Animal Control	524-5270
Parking Control	524-5260
Records Division	524-5240 opt. 3
Crime Tip Line	524-5249

Administrative/Supervisory Staff:

Chief Robert Holzworth 524-5245
 Lt. Tom Horvath, 524-5254, Operations
 Lt. John Jones, 524-5252, Support Services
 Sgt. Pete Reising, 524-5256, Patrol
 Sgt. Jon Varley, 524-5257, COPS Coordinator/Patrol
 Sgt. Denny Colyer, Patrol, 524-5253
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- ◆ Integrity and honesty.
- ◆ Dignity and respect of all human beings.
- ◆ Loyalty and dedication to our community, our department and our profession.
- ◆ Constitutional rights and well being of all persons.
- ◆ Uncompromising commitment to our oath of office.
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