

## Parked Vehicles

The Village of Paw Paw wants to ensure that residents understand where vehicles should be parked on private, residential property. Vehicles must be registered, operable, and may not be parked on any unimproved surface in the front yard.

### What are the rules?

Parking in the front yard of a residence is prohibited except on an improved driveway. That means a vehicle parked in a front yard must be on either a paved or a gravel surface. Motor vehicles may not be parked on the front lawn (42-401).

Automotive vehicles of any kind without current license plates may only be stored in an enclosed building such as a garage or pole barn (42-404).

Motor vehicles that are not operative for 10 days or more are considered blight unless stored in a completely enclosed building (12-32). This includes vehicles with flat tires.

On street parking is allowed where it is not prohibited. No parking is allowed in the area between the curb and the sidewalk (36-35). Parked vehicles should not block the sidewalk.

### How do I make a report?

If you notice an improperly parked vehicle in the Village, please make a report to the Community Development Coordinator, Leonard Lux, at 269-657-3148. You may also use the ordinance violation complaint form available at Village Hall or on our website [www.pawpaw.net](http://www.pawpaw.net). Inoperative vehicles may also be reported to the Paw Paw Police Department.

### What happens next?

Once a report has been verified, the property owner has a 10-day compliance period to remove the vehicle. If the property is not in compliance after ten days, a ticket may be issued. Property that has additional violations within a twelve-month period may receive a ticket without a warning. If the violation continues, the Village may have the vehicle towed and all costs associated with removing the vehicle and forcing compliance will be paid for by the property owner.

