



CORPUS CHRISTI
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

PROPOSED

Ordinance 33-17: Prohibits parking on residential yards



**Ordinance adding
Section 33-17 to
Corpus Christi Code
to prohibit parking on
unimproved surface on
residential lots; and
providing for penalty.**

Why?

- May lead to damage of underground and surface infrastructure.
- Safety issue given the proximity of vehicles to pedestrian sidewalks.
- Has a detrimental impact on a neighborhood.





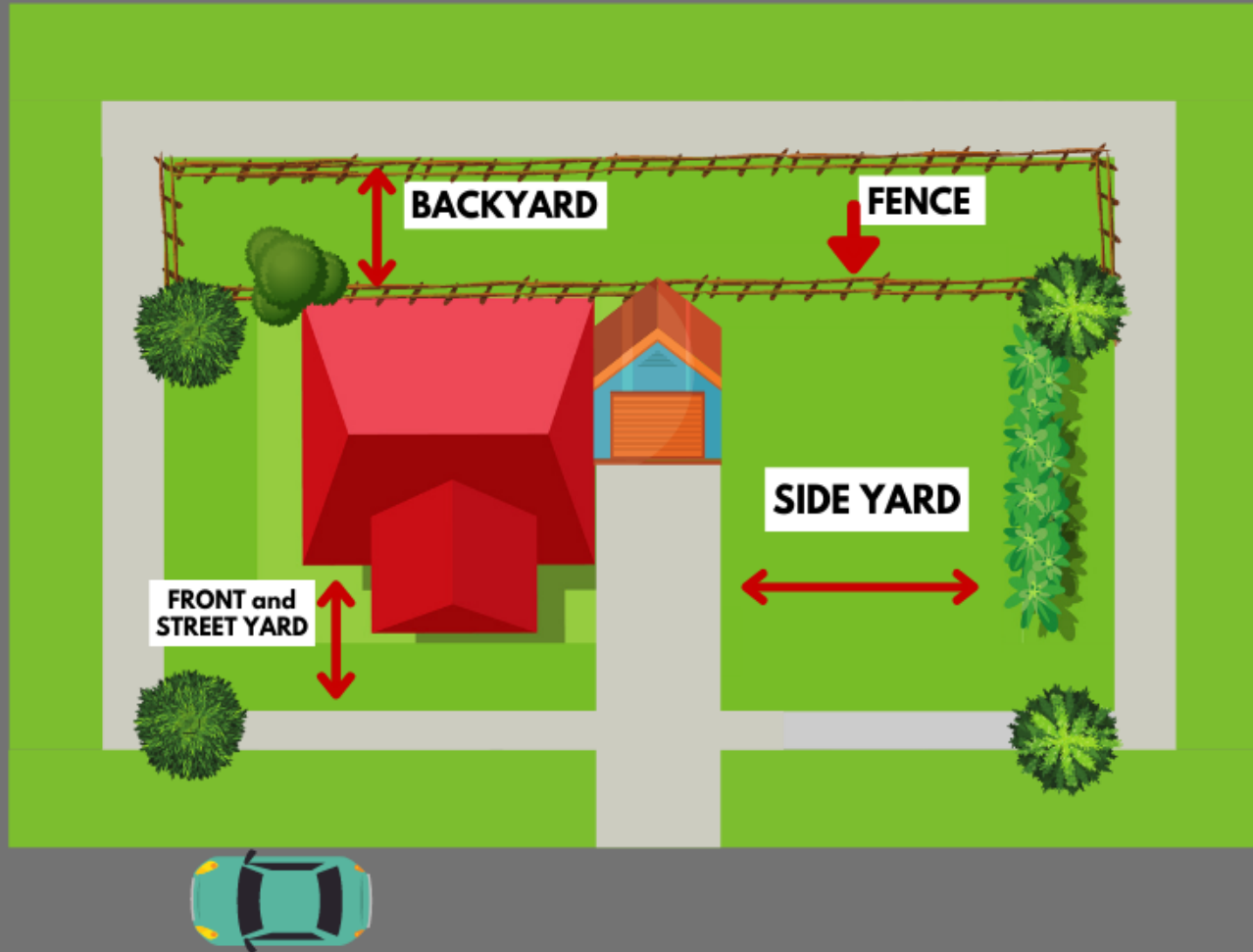
Offense

- It shall be an offense for any person to park or permit the parking of a vehicle or equipment on any unimproved surface within a **street yard**.
 - It is presumed that the registered owner of the vehicle or equipment is the person who parked or permitted the vehicle or equipment to be parked in violation of this section.

Street Yard

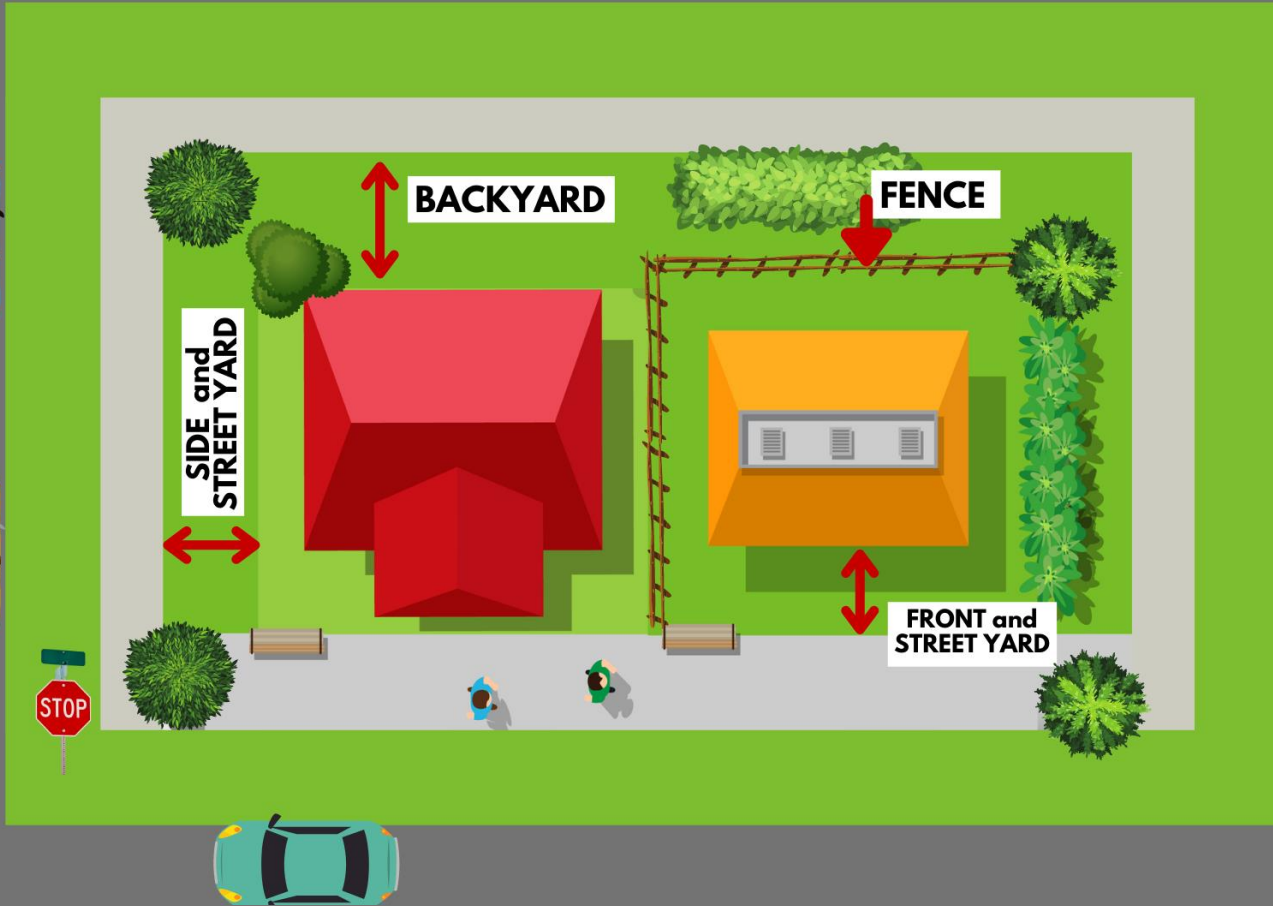
The area of a lot or parcel which lies between the property line abutting a street and the wall of a dwelling.

- Improved surface means an area, the surface of which is comprised of materials constructed to a depth sufficient to distribute the weight of a vehicle or equipment over such area to preclude deterioration and deflection of the area due to vehicle or equipment load, adverse weather, or other conditions.
- Examples of materials with which an improved surface might be constructed include asphalt, concrete, brick, or another hard surface dustless material.



Exceptions to Policy

- The lot does not have an improved driveway.
- The street yard abuts a street with a width of less than 28 feet.
- Exceptions to the policy and administrative discretion can be applied.





Criminal Penalty

- The maximum fine for a violation of this section is \$500.
- The culpable mental state required by Texas Penal Code § 6.02 is specifically negated and dispensed with and a violation of this article is a strict liability offense.



Recommendation

- Approve Ordinance adding Section 33-17 to Corpus Christi Code to prohibit parking on unimproved surfaces on residential lots; and providing for penalty.





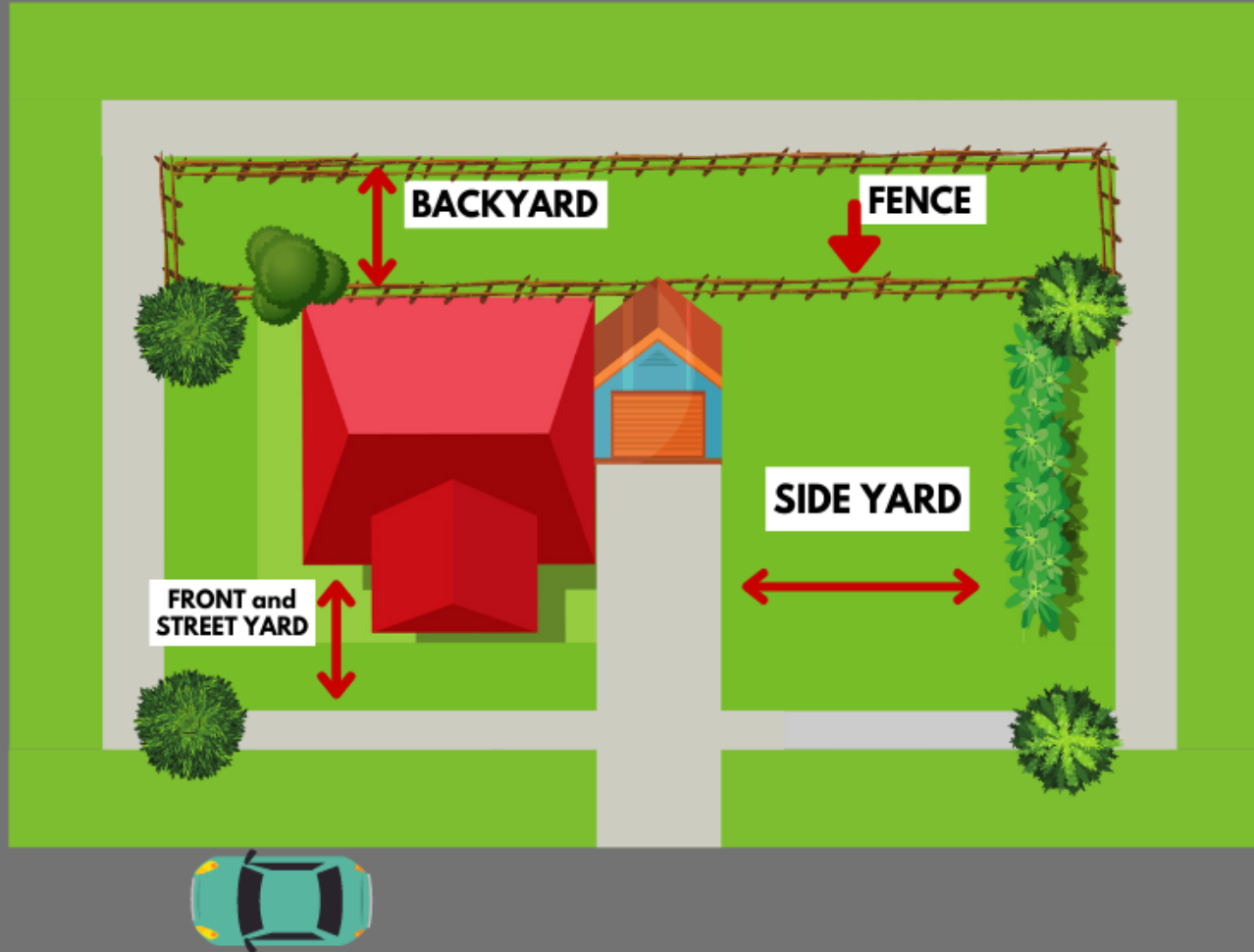
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Design Standard



The Unified Development Code §4.2.5. E. Single and Two-family Residential Parking

1. The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited in any required street yard except on a paved surface.
2. The cumulative area of any impermeable surface area located in the required street yard, shall not exceed 70% of the area of the required street yard.
3. Residential driveways shall be made of an all-weather dust-proof surface, such as asphalt, concrete or brick.
4. Exceptions: Lots of 5 acres or greater with a minimum driveway apron depth of 50 feet from the edge of street made of an all-weather dust-proof surface are exempt from residential driveway requirements.