

*Q: Zach of The Falls writes: Chief, I disagree with your assessment of the parking issues in last week's paper. I do not have enough space in my garage to park inside and use my driveway to park my 1 ton pickup. It does stick out over the sidewalk some, but it is safer than parking it in the street.*

Zach,

Don't make me come over there! Seriously, I appreciate your opinion. The problem is the law trumps our opinions. And I will say again, "People should not park on or over the sidewalk; it's just not something an adult should have to be told not to do." Sidewalks are for the safety of pedestrians of all ages; they are not to be blocked.

Let me reiterate, the Police Officers are not generally driving around looking for cars parked on the sidewalk and issuing tickets. But, a Police Officer engaged in Community Policing might get some complaints from residents about parking over the sidewalk by persons in their neighborhoods. That Officer will respond to those complaints and take an enforcement action at his discretion. Please comply with the law voluntarily. You will have a hard time convincing your neighbors or the judge that your parking is more important than our pedestrians' safe access to the sidewalk.

**\*Phone numbers: Emergency???? Dial 911.** To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

\*For Crime Prevention information visit [www.annacrimewatch.org](http://www.annacrimewatch.org) or [www.annatexas.gov](http://www.annatexas.gov) and go to the police pages.

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