



### WHAT IS A "LOADING" ZONE?

Green curbs within the city limits show those portions of on-street parking that are restricted for use of loading activities only. The city establishes primarily two types of zones: Passenger Load Zones, limited to three (3) minute stops, and Loading Zones which cannot be used for longer than 30 minutes total.

### WHAT HOURS ARE LOADING ZONE RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT?

Within Bellingham city limits loading zones are restricted 24 hours per day, 7 days per week unless otherwise posted.

### WHAT IS THE PROPER WAY TO USE A LOADING ZONE?

**Passenger Loading Zones** may be used to "expeditiously" drop off or pick up passengers but only for up to three minutes. You may also use a regular Loading Zone to drop or pick up passengers as long as you do not interfere with a vehicle that is waiting to enter the zone to load or unload. **Loading Zones** allow a vehicle to remain only to "expeditiously" load or unload property for up to 30 minutes only.



### WHAT IS MEANT BY "EXPEDITIOUS" LOADING OR UNLOADING?

Enforcement officers should see activity in and around your vehicle at all times while it occupies the loading zone, either passengers entering or exiting the vehicle or signs of active loading or unloading of property. If it appears your vehicle is otherwise standing, stopped or parked in a loading zone you risk a \$20 citation.

### THE SIGN SAYS "30 MINUTES" SO CAN'T I LEAVE MY VEHICLE FOR THAT TIME WHILE I COLLECT MY MATERIALS?

No, 30 minutes is the maximum time the zone may be used, *even if* you are actively loading or unloading materials. If you need to load or unload for an extended period, contact us to obtain a meter hood to park in metered parking.

### HOW CAN I KEEP OTHERS FROM USING OR BLOCKING THE LOADING ZONE IN FRONT OF MY BUSINESS?

Loading zones are in the public right-of-way and, as such, cannot be reserved for the exclusive use of a private entity. You can help keep traffic moving by reporting Loading Zone violations to the Bellingham Police Department, 778-8800.

### I BELIEVE I WAS MISTAKENLY CITED IN A LOADING ZONE. WHAT CAN I DO?

You may request a hearing to contest your citation by following the instructions provided on the envelope.

More information concerning loading zones can be found in the Bellingham Municipal Code, Sections 11.39.010 and 11.39.020.



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