



Public Works Department
Street Maintenance Division

The City of Post Falls is consistently looking to improve safety for the citizens and visitors in our community. We will be conducting a pilot project on the advantages of back-in angled parking on Frederick Street between 4th Ave and Railroad Ave. City staff will be monitoring these changes throughout the summer to identify the best parking solution for this location. We have attached some frequently asked questions that you may find helpful.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we conduct this pilot project.

Your feedback, questions, and concerns are always welcome and can be addressed to the Street Maintenance Division.

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Q: Why use back-in angle parking?

A: Back-in angle parking provides a safer environment for bicyclists using the roadways since drivers are able to see them easier (and much sooner) when backing out of their parking space compared to standard angle parking. In cities where this type of parking is used, there has been a decrease in the number of parking related accidents.

Q: Is backing into spaces difficult?

A: The backing maneuver may be unfamiliar, but is certainly much easier than parallel parking, which is familiar to most drivers.

Q: How do you communicate with the vehicle behind you that you are going to back into a parking space?

A: The law requires you to signal when slowing and backing into a parking spot. You should signal just as you would when parallel parking.

Q: It's so easy just to pull forward into a standard angle stall. Doesn't this convenience make it the best parking method?

A: It is a matter of safety and when you want the convenience. With standard angle parking it's simple to pull in, but difficult to pull out. You have to back your car entirely out into the traffic lane before you can even see the oncoming traffic. With back-in angle parking exiting the space is more convenient because you don't have to pull out very far at all to see the oncoming traffic.

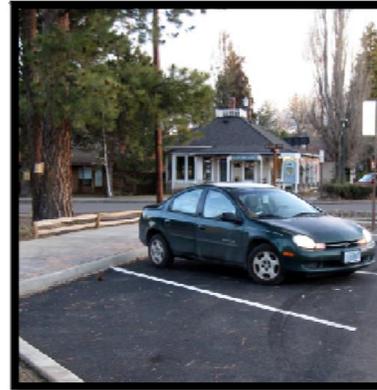
With back-in parking, loading your car trunk is easier and safer because it is done from the sidewalk. In addition, children are safer because the car door blocks them from darting into the travel lane.

Q: Will this type of parking increase the number accidents as cars stop to back into spaces?

A: Actually, one of the most common causes of accidents is people backing out of standard angled parking without being able to see on-coming traffic. Reverse angled parking removes this difficulty. The initial stopping and signaling required for back-in angle parking is similar to parallel parking. Many cities report a decrease in parking-related accidents after back-in angle parking is implemented.

Q: How do I enter a reverse angle parking stall located on the opposite side of the street?

A: You will need to perform a u-turn. If a u-turn cannot be performed safely or legally, go around the block and then back in.





- Process is similar to parallel parking.
- Improved visibility of cars and bikes when exiting.
- Easier and safer loading of vehicles from curb / sidewalk (not in street)
- Open door direct children towards sidewalk, not into roadway

