

## A Reminder to Park Our Cars Correctly

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Parking is one of the constant problems that we find in the Masaajid, especially during the Friday prayers, Eid prayers, Taraweeh, and other major gatherings. Some Muslims in our communities choose to either park incorrectly in the designated areas or worse, park in places which are prohibited to park in by law. This negligence harms fellow Muslims and the community at large. This article is a short reminder that as Muslims we should park our cars correctly for the benefit of everyone.



Shaikh Muhammad Ibn Saalih al-'Uthaymeen (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: **"You find some people nowadays parking their car in any place, whether lengthwise or widthwise. They do not care if the place is tight or spacious. This is not from the characteristics of a believer. The believer is the one whose heart is aware of the feelings of the people. He loves for the people what he loves for himself.**

**How can you, for example, park your car in the middle of the street, not caring about making the street narrow for the people? Sometimes the car blocks the street. They park in front of the door of the Jami' Masjid and the path becomes narrow. So when the people come out after Jumu'ah, they make [the street] narrow for them. This is wrong..."** [Sharh Riyadh us-Saliheen (4/31)]

The Permanent Committee was asked:

**Question:** Is running traffic lights and similar traffic offenses such as exceeding the speed-limit inside or outside towns, haphazard parking, especially at times of Salah (Prayer), and annoying others without reason considered Haram (prohibited) or just Makruh (reprehensible)? Kindly, give us the Fatwa in this regard, may Allah reward you!

**Answer:** “Traffic systems are designed and implemented for the common benefit of Muslims. It is thus incumbent upon all drivers to act in accordance with them, as violating them lead to many accidents where people are exposed to injuries and dangers. As for parking nearby Masjids (mosques) for a short period of time, whether to perform Salah or other reasons without causing annoyance to anyone, it is not a problem, In sha’a-Allah (if Allah wills).

**May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!”** [Fatwa no. 15752]



**Side-Note:**

It is permissible to use paid parking lots. In the case when there are no parking spaces available at the masjid and/or in the nearby neighborhood, then this is something a person can use in order to avoid harming others by parking incorrectly.

Shaikh Ibn ul-'Uthaymeen (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: "**...Like that is what the people do nowadays of putting [their] car in parking lots. You find him entering [the lot] and taking a card to specify the time he entered [the lot]. Then when he leaves, he is billed without there being any speech [i.e. from him or from a parking attendant]. We say: there is no harm in this also...**" [Sharh Zaad al-Mustaqni' tape no. 41 Side B]

And Allah Knows Best

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