



# PARK LaCrosse



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## 2017-2018 Alternate Side Parking Report

The City of La Crosse alternate side parking ended 15 days earlier in 2018 under the new ordinance adopted by the La Crosse City Council in 2017. Alternate Side parking officially ended at midnight on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Alternate side parking was a total of 31 days shorter than in previous years due to the new start date of November 15<sup>th</sup>. Prior to the ordinance change, alternate side parking started on November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The La Crosse Police Parking Utility issued a total of 14,802 alternate side parking citations for the 2017-18 season compared to 14,719 alternate side parking citations in the 2016-17 season. The new automated parking citation systems in place for parking enforcement allowed staff to be more efficient, which enabled staff to process violations faster and cover more parts of the City to ensure compliance.

As seen below, the City of La Crosse is not an anomaly when it comes to having and enforcing night parking ordinances. When compared to 12 cities closest in size to La Crosse, all but two have night parking ordinances. Eight cities have year round night parking requirements and some cities require paid permits to park on the street at night. Two cities that don't have alternate side parking, Eau Claire and Janesville, have snow emergency ordinances. Eau Claire indicated they issued 1,500 citations during the three declared snow emergencies this season. Janesville does not allow any parking on streets during a snow emergency.

The City of La Crosse fine for alternate side parking is \$10.00, the lowest of the 12 comparable cities.

City (Population)	Dates	Times	Permit Required	Tickets Issued	Fine	Notes/ Agency Comments
Brookfield (37,920)	Year Round	2am - 6am	No	Nominal	\$40.00	No parking on any street - "Few Parking Issues"
Wausau (39,106)	Year Round	230am - 6am	No	2,670 (2017)	\$100.00	Snow emergencies - No parking on any street
New Berlin (39,584)	Year Round	2am - 5am	Yes - \$5/mo.	400/yr average	\$15.00	Snow emergencies - No parking on any street
Fond Du Lac (43,021)	Nov 15 - Mar 15	8pm - 8am	No	3,235 (11/17-3/18)	\$30.00	
Sheboygan (49,288)	Dec 1 - Apr 1	2am - 6am	No	5,817 (2016-17)	\$25.00	Snow emergency Nov 1 to Apr 30 for Specified Routes
Wauwatosa (47,271)	Year Round	3am - 6am	No	7,362 (2017)	\$35.00	No overnight parking on any street
La Crosse (51,320)	Nov 15 - Mar 15	1am-6am	No	14,802 (11/17-3/18)	\$10.00	3rd - 5th Offense \$20; 6th Offense and up \$40
West Allis (60,411)	Year Round	3am - 6am	Yes - \$15/mo.	32,700 (2017)	\$20.00	Night parking permit required, must follow odd/even
Janesville (63,575)	Snow Emergency Only	All day	No	328 (10/17-3/18)	\$50.00	Snow emergencies - No parking on any street/Biz District
Oshkosh (66,083)	Year Round	2am - 5am	Yes	21,269 (2017)	\$15.00	
Eau Claire (68,883)	Snow Emergencies - 72hrs	Mtd - 5am	No	1,500 (3 days)	\$30.00	"Bad compliance, hard to get word out"
Waukesha (70,718)	Year Round	2am - 5am	Yes - \$30/qtr.	7,630 (2015)	\$20.00	Permit required to night park
Appleton (72,623)	Year Round	2am - 5am	No	4,500/yr average	\$25.00	Permission for guests - 7 day max

\* Data obtained from open sources or directly from agency