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JANUARY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

This community report provides an overview of parking enforcement activity in North Fair Oaks during the first nine months of 2026. It highlights overall citation activity, common parking issues, and where enforcement was most frequently recorded.

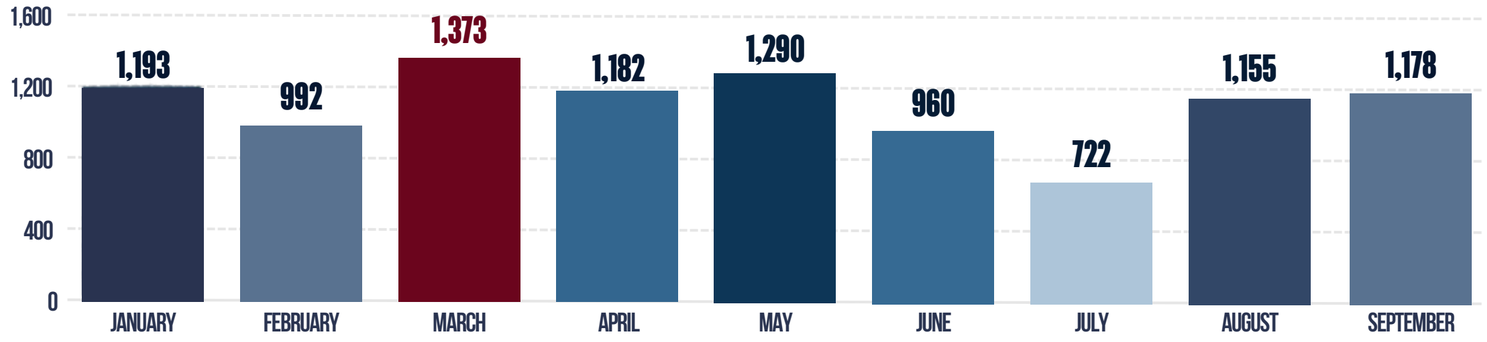
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PARKING CITATIONS ISSUED

1,116
AVERAGE PER MONTH

239
RECORDED LOCATIONS

1,373
MARCH PEAK

CITATIONS BY MONTH





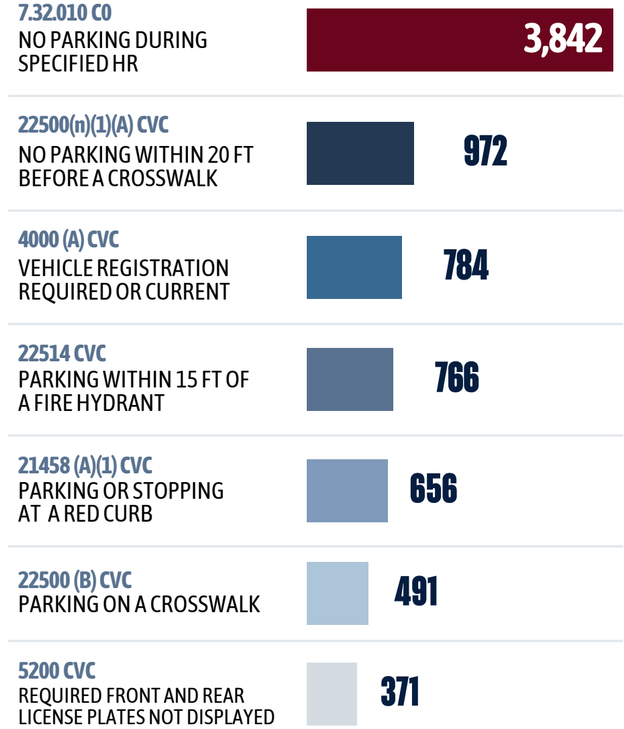
CITATION ACTIVITY

From January through September 2026, the Sheriff's Office found that most parking citations in North Fair Oaks came from a few recurring issues.

Nearly all of these citations can be prevented by taking a moment to check the signs, the curb and your registration before leaving the vehicle.

Citations concentrated in specific areas. Knowing where and why these issues happen most helps us all work together toward safer, more accessible streets for everyone in North Fair Oaks.

LEADING VIOLATION CODES



TOP RECORDED LOCATIONS

	LOCATION	CITATIONS
1	Middlefield Rd	986
2	Second Ave	394
3	Hurlingame Ave	376
4	Macarthur Ave	372
5	Oakside Ave	359
6	Dumbarton Ave	290
7	Third Ave	268
8	Fourth Ave	260
9	Spring St	252
10	Hampshire Ave	238

Top 7 violations account for **78.5%**

Top 10 locations account for **3,795** citations **(37.8%)**

SAFE ACCESS & VISIBILITY

Parking issues that most affect pedestrian safety and street access

Many citations in North Fair Oaks relate to visibility, access, and keeping key areas clear for pedestrians, firefighters, riders, and residents. These rules help keep crosswalks, hydrants, bus stops, driveways and sidewalks accessible and our neighborhoods safer for everyone.

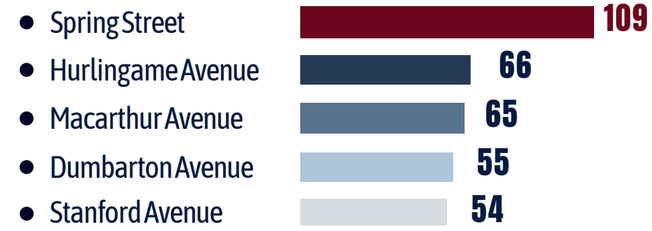
CROSSWALK DAYLIGHTING

22500(N)(1)(A) CVC

972 CITATIONS | **9.7%** OF ALL CITATIONS

California's daylighting rule prohibits parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk, even when the curb is not painted; 15 feet applies where a curb extension is present.

TOP STREETS FOR DAYLIGHTING CITATIONS



VEHICLES WITHIN 15 FEET OF A FIRE HYDRANT

22514 CVC

766 CITATIONS | **7.6%** OF ALL CITATIONS

TOP STREETS FOR HYDRANT CITATIONS



VEHICLES PARKED ON OR OBSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS

22500(i)

151 CITATIONS | **1.5%** OF ALL CITATIONS

TOP STREETS FOR HYDRANT CITATIONS



OTHER ACCESS-RELATED ISSUES

151 BUS LOADING ZONE

107 ABANDONED VEHICLES

99 BLOCKING A DRIVEWAY

23 PAKED IN INTERSECTIONS

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Citations were relatively steady for most of the year, with a dip in June and July, followed by a return to normal levels in August and September.

The goal of the Sheriff's Office is not to issue citations, but to keep North Fair Oaks' streets safer, more accessible, and more welcoming for everyone.

Most citations are easy to avoid. These simple habits keep crosswalks visible, hydrants reachable in an emergency, and parking fair for residents and businesses alike.

Read posted signs and curb rules.



Leave 20 feet before a crosswalk.



Leave 15 feet from each side of a fire hydrant.



Keep your registration current and both license plates displayed.



Keep sidewalks, driveways, and bus stops clear.

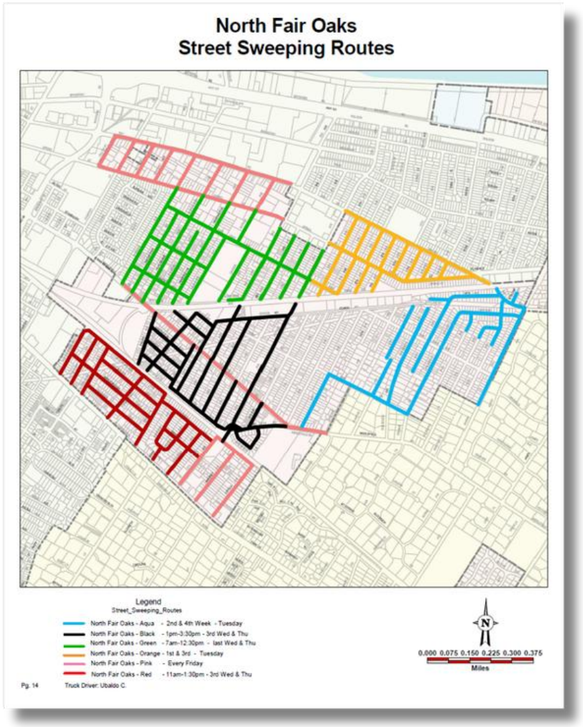


Report vehicles that appear abandoned.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION
BEFORE ENFORCEMENT

For many years, the Sheriff's Office has worked with North Fair Oaks residents and businesses to share street sweeping routes and schedules, so neighbors know which days to move their cars and our streets stay clean. When California's Daylighting Law (AB 413) took effect on January 1, 2024, we added it to that outreach. The law keeps the 20 feet next to every crosswalk clear, so drivers can see people waiting to cross. All of 2024 was a warning-only year, and deputies spent that time talking with neighbors and sharing flyers in English and Spanish. Citations started only after everyone had a full year to learn the new law.







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