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**Request:**

Please disclose if your council has a 'grace period' when it comes to wardens issuing parking tickets I.E. have wardens been told to wait a set period after parking has expired before issuing a ticket.

If so, please disclose that time.

**Response:**

North Tyneside Council Civil Enforcement Officer give motorists a 10-minute grace period after their parking ticket runs out before they issue a penalty charge notice in a charged parking facility.

In conjunction with the above, the Council also applies an Observation Period in relation to certain contraventions before serving a Penalty Charge Notice. An observation period is primarily designed to ensure that the vehicle is not engaged in an exempt activity, such as loading or unloading. The observation period is configured into the Civil Enforcement Officer's handheld computer, which prevents a penalty charge notice being issued during the period that the vehicle is first observed and the observation period expiring.

The observation times applicable to each code within North Tyneside are indicated alongside each contravention.

Codes for parking on the street

01 On street - Parked in a restricted street during prescribed hours. (parked on double yellow lines or single yellow lines during the hours of operation) (Observation period – 5 minutes. No observation period is given if there are existing kerb blips)

02 On street - Parked or loading/unloading in a restricted street where waiting and loading/unloading restrictions are in force. (parked or loading/unloading on double or single yellow lines when a loading ban indicated by kerb markings is also in force.) (Observation period – None)

05 On street - Parked after the expiry of paid for time. (parked after the time shown on the pay and display ticket.) (Observation period – None, although a penalty charge notice will not be issued within 10 minutes of the expiry of the parking ticket).

06 On street - Parked without clearly displaying a valid pay & display ticket. (parked without displaying a pay and display ticket or where the pay and display ticket has been obscured, is the wrong way round or has fallen to the floor.) (Observation period – 5 minutes)

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07 On street - Parked with payment made to extend the stay beyond initial time. (Not used by North Tyneside Council) (Observation period – None)

12 On street - Parked in a residents' or shared use parking place or zone without clearly displaying either a permit or voucher or pay-and-display ticket issued for that place. (In North Tyneside this translates as parked in residents' parking bay without displaying a permit) (Observation period – 5 minutes)

16 On street - Parked in a permit space without displaying a valid permit. (The only on-street permit bays that are currently in North Tyneside are resident's parking bays – as such the CEO can use either code 12 or code 16) (Observation period – 5 minutes)

19 On street - Parked in a residents or shared use parking place or zone displaying an invalid permit, an invalid voucher or an invalid pay-and-display ticket. (In North Tyneside this translates as parked in residents' parking bay while displaying a permit that has expired or is incorrectly completed or is partially obscured) (Observation period – None, although a penalty charge notice will not be issued within 10 minutes of the expiry of the parking ticket).

21 On street - Parked in a suspended bay / space or part of bay/space. (Observation period – None)

22 On street - Re-parked in the same parking place within one hour of leaving. (Observation period – None)

23 On street - Parked in a parking place or area not designated for that class of vehicle (e.g. in coach stands, Loading Bays restricted to Goods Vehicles Only and motorcycle bays) (Observation period – None)

24 On street - Not parked correctly within the markings of the bay or space. (with one or more wheels outside the bay markings) (Observation period – None)

25 On street - Parked in a loading place during restricted hours without loading. (parked in a loading bay without any activity being observed) (Observation period – 5 minutes for a private vehicle or 20 minutes for a commercial vehicle)

26 On street - Parked more than 50cm+ from the edge of the carriageway and not within a designated parking place. (Observation period – None)

27 On street – Parked adjacent to a dropped footway. (Observation period – None)

30 On street - Parked for longer than permitted. (Observation period – None, although a penalty charge notice will not be issued within 10 minutes of the expiry of the period you were permitted to park for)

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40 On street - Parked in a designated disabled person's parking place without clearly displaying a valid disabled person's badge (this also includes where the disabled person's badge is displayed the wrong side up, with the details obscured, the clock not displayed where required and where the badge has expired) (Observation period – None)

42 On street – Parked in a parking place designated for police vehicles. (Observation period – None)

45 On street - Parked on a taxi rank. (Observation period – None)

46 Stopped where prohibited on a clearway. (Observation period – None)

47 On street - Stopped on a restricted bus stop/stand. (Observation period – None)

48 On street - Stopped in a restricted area outside a school when prohibited. (parked on a mandatory School Keep Clear marking during the restriction period) (Observation period – None)

49 On street – Parked wholly or partially on a cycle track or lane. (this only applies if the cycle lane is mandatory i.e. solid white line segregating it from the main carriageway) (Observation period – None)

99 On street - Stopped on a pedestrian crossing and /or crossing area marked by zig-zags. (Observation period – None)

#### Car Park Codes

73 Off street - Parked without payment of the parking charge. (This code is used if the Car Park operates Mobile Phone Payments only) (Observation period – 5 minutes)

74 Off street - Using a vehicle in a parking place in connection with a sale or offering or exposing for sale of goods when prohibited. (Observation period – None)

80 Off street - Parked for longer than the maximum period permitted. (In North Tyneside, this code will only be used in free car parks or sections of the car park that are free, which have a restriction on the length of stay. This will be displayed clearly on signage at the entrance to the car park or adjacent to the bays that are subject to this restriction.) (Observation period – None, although a penalty charge notice will not be issued within 5 minutes of the expiry of the period you were permitted to park for)

81 Off street - Parked in a restricted area in a car park. (any area marked with diagonal yellow lines or hatching. The areas are normally in front of doorways, work areas or areas where the parking of a vehicle may be dangerous or cause an obstruction) (Observation period – None)

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82 Off street - Parked after the expiry of time paid for in a pay & display car park. (Observation period – None, although a penalty charge notice will not be issued within 5 minutes of the expiry of the period you were permitted to park for)

83 Off street - Parked in a car park without clearly displaying a valid pay & display ticket. (Observation period – 5 minutes)

85 Off street - Parked in a permit bay without clearly displaying a valid permit. (Observation period – None)

86 Off street - Parked beyond the bay markings. (Observation period – None)

87 Off street - Parked in a disabled person's parking space without clearly displaying a valid disabled person's badge. (Observation period – None)

89 Off street - Vehicle parked exceeds maximum weight and/or height permitted in the area. (the maximum permitted weight is indicated on the tariff board signage at the entrance to the car park and/or adjacent to the Pay and Display machines) (Observation period – None)

90 Off street - Re-parked within one hour of leaving a bay or space in a car park. (this contravention only applies if the rules and regulations indicated on the tariff board signage at the entrance to the car park and/or adjacent to the Pay and Display machines indicate that there is a restriction on purchasing a further ticket once your current parking ticket expires.) (Observation period – None)

91 Off street - Parked in an area not designated for that class of vehicle. (dedicated bays marked for motorcycles or cycles) (Observation period – None)

92 Off street - Parked causing an obstruction. (parked in such a position so as to cause an obstruction to other vehicles, or to pedestrians where it may cause danger. An example would be where a car is parked next to or on a ramp or on the approach road into a car park) (Observation period – None)

93 Off street - Parked in car park when closed. (Not used by North Tyneside Council) (Observation period – None)

95 Off street - Parked in a parking place for a purpose other than the designated purpose for the parking place. (Observation period – None)