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# **MONTHLY LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT TO THE ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION**

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Happy Fourth of July!

Parking has apparently become a hot topic in Town lets address a few things:

Ennis Town Code Title 7 Chapter 7 covers parking within the Ennis Town Limits and Montana Code Annotated 61-8-353 to 61-8-357 covers parking within the state.

One specific question I have been receiving with the Fourth approaching is the legal parking (within a parking spot) on East Main Street and the time it is allowed. Ennis Town Code: 7-7-6: RESTRICTIONS: G. Time Limitation: Motor vehicles, farm equipment, or any other type of vehicle or equipment shall not be parked on the streets for a period of time longer than five (5) days.

East Main Street is also a state highway within the Town, just like everywhere in Town state laws also apply. Montana Code Annotated says: 61-8-356. Prohibition against parking or leaving vehicles on public property -- presumption of ownership. (1) A vehicle may not be parked or left standing upon the right-of-way of a public highway for a period longer than 48 hours or upon a city street or state, county, or city property for a period longer than 5 days.

East Main Street (US287) is both a state highway and within the incorporated limits of the Town of Ennis which makes it both a state highway and town roadway, hence the name East Main Street not US287 within Town. This means the 5-day parking applies (if the vehicle is legally parked) since law enforcement is required to use the least restrictive law if two laws are in conflict. I hope this clears up some of the questions.

Speed Signs are still working but the data remains elusive due to the Windows, speed sign program, and Bluetooth issue.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please ask, my door is always open, email is available, and my phone is on.

“Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed – else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die.” ~Dwight D. Eisenhower

**SYNOPSIS:**

During the month of June 2023, law enforcement responded to 82 incidents and/or calls for service. The Ennis Police Department issued 61 citations, issued 42 warnings, and fingerprinted 4 people for various non-criminal background checks. This month's speeding citations averaged 19 MPH over the posted speed limit.

**INCIDENTS AND CALLS FOR SERVICE:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Nature of Call</b>	<b>Disposition</b>	<b>TIME</b>
6/1	W Armitage	MCSO	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
6/1	"Y" Intersection	EPD/MCSO	Complaints about Panhandling	Closed	D
6/1	W Main St	MCSO	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	N
6/2	W Armitage	EPD	Divorce Disagreement	Civil	D
6/2	Chowning	EPD	Complaint about Begging/Panhandling	Closed	D
6/2	Charles	EPD/MCSO	Trespassing/False Alarms	Closed	D
6/2	E Main St	MCSO	Suspicious Person	Closed	N
6/3	N Main St	EPD	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
6/4	Rachel Ave	MCSO	Disturbance	Closed	N
6/5	W Main St	EPD	Trespassing - Landlord / Tennant Dispute	Civil	D
6/5	Undisclosed	EPD	Abuse / Neglect	Closed	D
6/6	Rachel Ave	MCSO	Suicidal Threats	Closed	N
6/6	Bauer Ln	EPD	Suicidal Threats	Closed	D
6/6	Otis Ave	EPD	RV as Residence	Closed for Now	D
6/6	Rachel Ave	EPD	Standby to Assure Peace	Closed	D
6/6	Madison	EPD	Wildlife Complaint Deer w/Broken Leg	Closed	D
6/6	US287	EPD	Traffic Complaint	Closed	D
6/6	E Main St	MCSO	Burglar Alarm	Closed	N
6/7	E Main St	EPD	Burglar Alarm	Closed	D
6/7	Mirza Way	EPD	Agency Assist - Ambulance	Closed	D
6/7	US287/Pearl St	EPD	Noise Complaint	Closed	D
6/7	W Main St	EPD/MCSO	Trespassing Complaint	Closed	N
6/7	E Main St	MCSO	Agency Assist - Fire	Closed	N
6/8	Charles	EPD	Found Lost Dog	Reunited	D
6/9	Fagin	EPD	Dog Complaint	UTL	D
6/9	N Main St	EPD	Motorist Assist	Closed	D
6/11	W Main St	EPD/MCSO	Crash - Car Vs Pedestrian	Closed	D
6/11	US287	EPD	Agency Assist - MCSO	Closed	D
6/12	N Main St	EPD	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
6/12	E Main St	EPD	Alcohol Compliance Concerns	Closed	D
6/12	US287	EPD	Lost Dog	Closed	D
6/13	Vujo	EPD	Theft - Stop Sign	Open	D
6/13	Jefferson	EPD	Welfare Check	Closed	D

6/14	N Main St	EPD/MCSO	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
6/15	E Steffens St	MCSO	Domestic Violence	Closed	D
6/15	W Williams St	MCSO	911 Hangups	Closed	D
6/15	E Armitage	MCSO	Noise/Traffic Complaint	UTL	N
6/16	N Main St	MCSO	Crash - Car vs Car	Closed	D
6/17	S Third St	EPD	Dog Complaint	Closed	D
6/17	N Main St	MCSO	Suspicious Vehicle	Closed	N
6/17	E Hugel St	EPD/MCSO	Barking Dog Complaint	Closed	N
6/18	W Main St	EPD	Crash - Car vs Fuel Island	Closed	D
6/18	W Main St	EPD	Road Hazard - Diesel Spill	Closed	D
6/19	W Armitage	MCSO	Deer with Broken Leg Complaint	Closed	D
6/21	W Main St	EPD	Suspicious Vehicle	Closed	N
6/21	E Main St	EPD/MCSO	Suspicious Vehicle / DUI	Closed	D
6/21	W Main St	MCSO	Trespass / Suspicious Person	UTL	D
6/22	S Second St	EPD	Suspicious Circumstances - Extra Patrol	Closed	D
6/22	Otis Ave	MCSO	Welfare Check - Homeless Person	Closed	D
6/23	W Main St	EPD	VIN Inspection	Closed	D
6/23	E Main St	EPD	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
6/23	W Main St	EPD	Theft	Closed	D
6/24	W Main St	EPD	Parking Complaint	Unfounded	N
6/24	E Main St	EPD	Found Property	Closed	D
6/24	Town	EPD	Street Storage Enforcement	Closed for Now	D
6/24	Otis Ave	EPD	Suspicious Vehicle/Person	Closed	D
6/25	E Main St	EPD	Agency Assist - MCSO	Closed	D
6/25	US287	EPD/MCSO	Traffic Complaint	UTL	D
6/25	E Ennis St	EPD	Assault - Road Rage Incident	Closed	D
6/25	E Ennis St	MCSO	Report of Gunshots	UTL	N
6/26	US287	EPD	Public Assist	Closed	D
6/26	Fishing Access	EPD	911 Hangups	Closed	D
6/26	E Main St	MCSO	Suicidal Threats	Closed	N
6/27	E Williams St	EPD	911 Hangup	Closed	D
6/27	W Main St	EPD	Theft	Closed	D
6/27	E Main St	EPD	Found Property	Closed	D
6/27	W Main St	MCSO	Warrant Arrest	Closed	N
6/27	E Fagin St	MCSO	Report of Gunshots, found Fireworks	Closed	N
6/28	E Main St	EPD	Burglar Alarm	Closed	D
6/28	W Main St	EPD	Theft	Closed	D
6/28	Madison	EPD	RV as Residence	Closed	D
6/28	E Main St	EPD	Disturbance	Closed	D
6/29	Charles	EPD	Agency Assist - CPS	Closed	D
6/29	E Fagin St	EPD	Fireworks Complaint	Closed	D

6/30	US287	EPD	Traffic Complaint - Illegal Passing	Closed	N
6/30	E Grizzly	EPD	Traffic Complaint - Kids playing in roadway	Closed	D
6/30	US287	EPD	Suspicious Circumstances	Closed	D
6/30	US287	EPD	Traffic Complaint - Illegal Passing	Closed	D
6/30	E Main St	EPD	Arrest on Warrant	Closed	D
6/30	Charles	EPD	Trespassing Complaint	Closed	D
6/30	Y Intersection	EPD	Crash - Car vs Car	Closed	D
6/30	E Armitage	EPD	Fireworks Complaint	UTL	N

**D = Day Call 0600-1800    N = Night Call 1800-0600**  
**64 Day Calls and 18 Night Calls**

**EPD CITATION ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY:**

Traffic Citations-

Speeding	36
Stop Sign Violation	3
Careless Driving	1
DUI	1
Seatbelt Violation	1
Failure to Stop at Crash Resulting in Injury	1

Criminal Citations-

Theft	2
Criminal Trespass	2
Youth in Need of Intervention	2
Endangering the Welfare of Children	1

Ordinance Violations-

Nuisance Dog Barking	1
Failure to Register Dog	1

**EPD PARKING TICKET ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY:**

Parking Across Lines E Main Street	3
Parked on Roadway Obstructing Traffic	2
Blocking Fire Hydrant	1
Double Parked	1
Parked within a Crosswalk	1
Parked within 30' of Traffic Control Device	1