Parking within the Front and Side Yard, What’s Allowed

Why is the City adopting an Ordinance to prohibit parking on landscaping?
The City frequently receives complaints from residents about vehicles being parked on residential landscapes. In addition, the Roseville Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (RCONA) has identified this issue as an important problem that needs to be addressed. In response to these concerns, the City Council adopted an amendment to the Municipal Code (Title 11 - Vehicles & Traffic) to prevent the parking of vehicles on unimproved surfaces throughout the City. This provision will make it unlawful to park on unimproved surfaces such as a front lawn or street side lawn area.

How much of my property can I improve for parking?
A maximum of 50% of the required front and street side yard setback area may be improved to allow parking of vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles, campers, and trailers. You may call the City’s Planning Division at (916) 774-5276 to find out what are the dimensions of your front and side setback area and how much of this area may be paved.

When does the Ordinance go into effect?
The Ordinance will go into effect 30 days from the second reading of the Ordinance, which is anticipated to be May 6, 2016.

What if my existing driveway or parking area does not comply with the Ordinance?
Improved parking areas that were installed prior the Ordinance taking effect will not be subject to the new restrictions. If the City is able to verify that your driveway was installed prior the Ordinance taking effect, it will be considered legal non-conforming or “Grandfathered” by our Zoning Code. This includes gravel driveways that were installed prior to the new Ordinance.

What are the other significant revisions?
Large commercial vehicles which have a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 lbs. or more are prohibited from parking on residential property. Currently, these types of vehicles are prohibited from parking on public streets. This provision is in response to resident complaints regarding the loading of equipment into commercial vehicles, the size of these vehicles, safety, and the visual impact on the neighborhood.