

BIKES, SKATEBOARDS, BOATS AND TRAILERS ON MY!

As residents, we all need to share the streets and sidewalks with vehicles. When you stop to think about it, it's really amazing all the different types of vehicles, both small and large. Whether we're walking, driving or using these different items, we all need to follow some rules. This month's Get To Know Your City publication highlights some of the City's ordinances that regulate all the different toys that we all enjoy!

“GLOBAL ELECTRIC MOTORCAR” CARS

GEM cars follow the same regulations as a regular car in town and must be licensed with the State of Minnesota and be operated by a licensed driver.

ATV's (3 and 4-wheelers)

ATV's are generally allowed if they are properly registered in the State of Minnesota. ATV's must be operated by a person over the age of 16 years old. ATV's can only be used in town for limited transportation needs - such as the closest route in and out of town - and if operated in compliance with State Law.



ATV operation is prohibited on County and State roads. This includes those portions of their roadways within the city limits.

GOLF CARTS

Golf cart use requires a special permit from the Police Department. Golf cart use must follow the same general driving regulations as ATV's.

MOTORCYCLES & DIRT BIKES

If motorcycles and dirt-bikes will be operated on City streets and alleys, they need to be licensed. They can be operated on private property as long as someone doesn't complain about the noise they generate. Most dirt bikes cannot legally be licensed because they lack the required warning equipment like headlight, tail-light, blinkers, mirrors, etc. There are however, street legal dirt-bikes that can be licensed because they have the required equipment.

Unlicensed motorcycles and dirt-bikes on City streets or alleys constitutes a traffic offense and a traffic ticket can be issued to the violator.

GO-CARTS

Go-carts are only allowed on private property. They cannot legally be operated on City streets or alleys. If the police department observes go-carts on streets and/or alleys the activity will be addressed.

THE KIDS HAVE RULES TOO!



BICYCLISTS.....

- May ride on all roads and sidewalks in town
- When riding on the road, bicyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic. It's illegal to ride facing traffic.
- Must obey all traffic control signs and signals, just as other motorists.
- Must signal their turns and should ride in a predictable manner.
- Lights and reflectors are required at night.
- Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians on sidewalks and crosswalks; give audible signal when necessary before overtaking.
- Bicyclists and motorists must yield the right-of-way to each other. Motorists must maintain a three-foot clearance when passing a bicyclist.

SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER BLADES & ROLLER SKATES

The use of skateboards, non-motorized scooters, roller blades or skates is allowed on all sidewalks and streets in town EXCEPT for the sidewalks and streets within the Business District. The Business District is all of Front Street from the Record-Review (5th Avenue South) to the gas stations (7th Avenue North)

Whether on sidewalks or roads within the city, those on skateboards, roller blades and roller skates must always yield to pedestrians and motorists.

PARKING OF BOATS, TRAILERS AND TRUCKS...OH MY!

SEMI-TRUCKS

Semi-trucks are allowed to park on city streets only while loading or unloading.



RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Recreational vehicles and campers are not permitted to park on any city street. Upon request, permission to park on a street for a limited amount of time may be granted by the Police Department.

TRAILERS / BOATS

Trailers and boats are treated the same as other parked vehicles and cannot be parked on any City street for over 24 hours.

STORING OF VEHICLES, RV'S, BOATS, TRAILERS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

There are numerous rules regarding the parking or storing of any vehicles, RV's, boats, trailers, ATV's, pull-behind campers, motorcycles, fish houses on private property, including the number of these types of vehicles that can be stored on one property.

Some of the parking restrictions include:

- Fish houses and utility tractors shall not be parked or stored on residential property for more than 72 hours, unless completely in rear or side yard.
- Licensed recreational vehicles, utility trailers and off-road vehicles located in a front yard or street side yard must be parked on a **paved** surface. If these vehicles are parked in a rear or interior side yard they may be on an unpaved surface. Travel trailers must be parked on either asphalt or concrete surface.
- Regardless of the surface, watercraft shall not be parked in the front yard from Dec. 1 - March 31, and snowmobiles and fish houses shall not be parked in the front yard from May 1 - October 31.

Questions? Please contact the Police Department for further details and information about City restrictions.

GENERAL THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PARKING

24 HOUR PARKING

City Ordinance states that it is unlawful for any person to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle upon any street for a continuous period in excess of 24 hours.

MAILBOX PARKING

It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle within 8 feet of any residential mailbox between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on any day except Sunday.

FIRE HYDRANT PARKING

It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.

PARKING TICKETS, WARNINGS AND NOTICES

Parking tickets, warnings and notices may be given by a police officer if the officer observes a violation or if a complaint is made by a citizen.

