

City of Medford - Summary of Ordinances

The City of Medford receives several citizen complaints each year, and those citizen complaints consume a significant amount of City staff time to resolve. In addition, code violations may lead to tension between neighbors. The City wants to promote strong, positive neighbor relations, and the City encourages you, as a first step, to talk to neighbors to try to resolve issues. Please review this sheet of commonly violated ordinances and take the appropriate action to bring your property into compliance with Medford City Code. A copy of the entire City Code may be accessed at our web site, www.medfordminnesota.com or at the Medford City Hall.

ANNUAL WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

The State of Minnesota required Cities to adopt a water conservation policy. Medford requires odd/even sprinkling based on street addresses and is in effect from May 1 to September 30 each year for all non-government facilities. Water cannot be used for the purposes of irrigating or watering lawn, sod or seeded areas between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily. There is an exception for new lawns.

NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS

It is the duty of the owner, agent, lessor or occupant of every house or other building except barns, garages, and other buildings which are part of the same property with a numbered house or building, to place on every such building a property street number.

PARKS

No person shall be present in any City Park between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. without a permit. No fires in a City Park except for in the charcoal grills.

SWIMMING POOLS

Residents must obtain a building permit to construct, excavate or erect a swimming pool within the City.

SIGNS

No sign shall be erected, altered, reconstructed, maintained or moved in the city without first obtaining a permit.

PROHIBITIONS ON STORM WATER DRAINAGE

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any "storm water drainage" into any sanitary sewer system.

PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS

A person engaged in peddling, soliciting or in the business of a transient merchant must obtain a permit from the City.

REGISTRATION OF RENTAL HOUSING UNITS

No owner of a dwelling shall allow another person to occupy any rental dwelling unit without first obtaining a registration certificate from the City. All rental housing units are required to apply for a certificate, pay an inspection fee, and have an inspection prior to renting out the dwelling.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS

Property owners are responsible for clearing snow off sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours of the snow event.

DEPOSITING SNOW ONTO STREETS

It is a misdemeanor for any person, not acting under a specific contract with the City or without special permission from the City, to remove snow or ice from private property and deposit it on any public street.

MAILBOXES

In the event street maintenance or snowplowing causes damage to mail receptacles situated on City property it shall be the responsibility and obligation of the respective property owners to repair the mail receptacles.

WEIGHT LIMITATIONS ON CITY STREETS

No vehicle or combination of vehicles larger than 3 ton gross weight per axle or combination thereof to be operated upon the public streets and roads of the City of Medford except those streets controlled by the County of Steele.

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STANDING VEHICLES

No person shall park, stop or leave a standing vehicle larger than 3 ton gross axle weight whether attended or unattended on any street or highway except by special permit. Any motor vehicle in excess of 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or in excess of 22 feet in length shall not be parked for more than 4 hours on any public property within any residential district of the City.

PARKING ON CITY STREETS

No vehicles, including trailers, campers, boats, etc. shall be parked or left unattended on any street, public parking lot or alley for 48 hours or more unless otherwise posted.

SNOWMOBILES

Snowmobiles can only be ridden on the most right-hand lane of any street which is used for vehicle traffic in the same direction. Snowmobiles are not allowed on public sidewalks, boulevards, or private property without permission.

REGULATION OF SPECIAL VEHICLES

Permits are required for all special vehicles operated on public streets. Special vehicles include 4-wheelers, golf carts, or other ATVs.

DISCHARGE OF FIRE ARMS

No person shall discharge any gun, revolver, pistol, or fire arm of any kind that utilizes an explosive powder to expel anything. Exceptions would be law enforcement officers, military and acting in self defense.

CURFEW

Curfew for minor children under the age of 18 is from 12:00 AM-5:00 AM on Friday and Saturday and 11:00 PM-5:00 AM on every other night.

MEDFORD CITY HALL

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DOGS

All dogs need to be licensed with the City. Proof of rabies vaccination is required to register a dog. All dogs must be kept from running at large. Impound fees apply for all dogs captured and held in the City pound.

CATS

No person shall own or possess any cat which destroys, damages, or defiles property or which creates an offense by way of noise, odor, or is in heat and unconfined.

BURNING

Recreational fires are allowed in the City as long as the diameter of the fire is no more than 3 feet. The height must not exceed 3 feet from base to tip. Burning of refuse or trash is prohibited.

NUISANCES

- Accumulations of disused machinery, household appliances, lumber or building materials.
- Depositing grass clippings or leaves in City streets.
- Accumulations of manure, trash, unsightly litter or other debris.
- All weeds and grasses over 6 inches tall, or which have gone to seed.
- Obstructions which prevent people from having a clear view of all traffic approaching an intersection
- Operating a motor vehicle in violation of motor vehicle noise rules adopted by the PCA. No Jake Braking. No unnecessarily loud or noisy vehicle operation.
- Automobile bodies and parts or any incapacitated vehicle which is incapable of movement under its own power and is parked or stored outside for more than 10 days.
- Any unlicensed vehicle which does not have a valid and current license plate.

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on the city website:

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