



Selected City Ordinances on Parking, Parks, Pets & Noise

Thanks for choosing to visit our wonderful city. The summary of ordinances below was assembled to answer commonly asked questions related to vehicle parking, park use, pets and noise.

Vehicle Parking Rules:

Prohibitions generally. (Sec. 33-82)

No person shall, for the purpose of camping, lodging, or residing therein, leave or park a vehicle or motor vehicle on or within the limits of any highway or on any highway right-of-way, except where signs are erected designating the place as a camp site;

Parking more than 24 consecutive hours prohibited. (Sec. 33-85)

No vehicle shall be left standing or parked more than 24 consecutive hours on any street or highway within the city.

Alternate side parking. (Sec. 33-97.8)

Except where signs direct otherwise, all vehicles parked on streets in Duluth must observe the alternate side parking program to enable street cleaning, plowing, and other maintenance. All vehicles must be parked on the side of the street designated for parking for the week with house numbers that are either odd or even, see <http://www.duluthmn.gov/> for the designation of "odd" or "even" side parking for the week. The following week vehicles must be parked on the opposite side of the street. Every Sunday between the hours 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. shall be a changeover period and the provisions of this Section shall not be in force during such time

Park Rules:

Use of parks between certain hours prohibited without prior registration. (Sec. 35-9.3)

Nearly all parks and beaches in Duluth are closed to public use after 10:00 p.m., including the beaches along Park Point.

Vehicles, parking and recreational trails and paths. (Sec. 35-6)

No person shall operate any motor vehicle or bicycle or ride a horse in any area of any park except on the roadway portion of streets, or highways, or parking areas in such park. Many of the trails in Duluth are reserved for specific users year round or only during certain times of the year. This information is posted near trailheads to designate where bicycles, skis, and hikers are allowed. Direction of travel for trails may also be designated. Please observe these rules. Additionally, winter use of ski trails within the City of Duluth requires that users have a DNR Ski Pass.

Setting fires, prohibited. (Sec. 35-7)

- a) Except as provided in this Section, no person shall start or maintain any fire or hot coals in any park other than in designated park grills or privately owned grills suitable for the purpose for which they are used;
- c) The director of parks and recreation or the fire chief may ban all burning, including burning in grills, in parks at times of high fire danger

Prohibited activities. (Sec 35-8)

Within any public park, so person shall:

- a) Discharge any firearm, air gun, crossbow, bow and arrow, slingshot or other missile firing device, provided that the director of parks may, by written permit, authorize archery exhibitions and contests;
- b) Do any hunting or trapping or in any other manner disturb or injure or attempt to disturb or injure any animal, including birds;
- c) Urinate or defecate anywhere but in a proper toilet facility;
- d) Throw, deposit or place or cause to be thrown, deposited or placed any papers, bottles, cans or any other garbage or waste at any place except into a trash container;
- e) Tip over any trash container or otherwise cause the contents of a trash container to be deposited on the ground;
- i) Possess any glass beverage container while outside of a motor vehicle;
- j) Consume alcoholic beverages or possess opened or unopened alcoholic beverages.

Animals running at large, animal control. (Sec. 35-2)

- a) No dogs, cats or other domestic pets shall be allowed to run at large upon any park. Dogs, cats and other domestic pets shall be considered to be at large if they are not under control of the owner or other responsible person by means of a leash of suitable strength not exceeding six feet in length;
- b) The director of parks and recreation may designate any park or area in a park as prohibited to pets or other animals. Any area so designated shall be clearly marked by signs indicating such prohibition. No person owning, controlling or caring for any animal shall allow such animal to enter any park area where such animal is prohibited.

Fastening animals to fences, trees, etc., prohibited. (Sec.35-3)

No person shall tie or fasten any animal to any fence, building, railing, tree, shrub or plant in or upon any park in the city.

Pet Rules:

Animal noise. (Sec. 6-33)

- a) No person shall harbor or keep any dog which, by loud and frequent or habitual barking, yelping or howling shall cause reasonable annoyance of another person or persons;

Running at large, prohibited. (Sec. 6-36)

No person shall suffer or permit any animal owned or controlled by that person to run at large within the city.

Animal litter. (Sec. 6-38)

- a) The owner of any animal or any person having the custody or control of any animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of such feces in a sanitary manner;
- b) It is unlawful for any person owning, keeping or harboring an animal to cause said animal to be on property, public or private, not owned or possessed by such person without having in his/her immediate possession a device for the removal of feces and depository for the transfer of animal feces to a receptacle located on property owned or possessed by such person. A device may include a plastic or paper bag which is used to recover animal feces;
- c) It is unlawful for any person in control of, causing or permitting any animal to be on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by such person to fail to remove feces left by such animal to a proper receptacle located on the property owned or possessed by such person;
- d) For the purposes of this Section, the term public property includes, without limitation, streets, sidewalks, boardwalks, trails, boulevards, playgrounds and parks;

Noise Rules:

Disturbing the neighborhood. (Sec. 34-5)

No person, within the city, shall keep a dwelling, gaming area, party room, or meeting area which attracts people to the neighborhood at times or in such a manner that their arrival or leaving or activities while in the neighborhood result in an unreasonable disturbance of the usual peace, quiet, comfort, or decency of the neighborhood.

Disorderly conduct. (Sec. 34-6)

- a) No person shall commit or suffer to be committed in any apartment or other dwelling owned, occupied or controlled by him, any rioting, quarreling, fighting, reveling, shouting, loud music or electronically amplified noise, or disorderly conduct which disturbs or annoys another person in a neighboring apartment or other dwelling, or in a neighboring building, or lawfully in the vicinity of said neighboring dwelling or building;
- b) No person within any public or private place shall take part in or incite or encourage any brawling, shouting, dancing, or noise production, which unreasonably disturbs others lawfully in the vicinity.

Definitions, user charge for excessive consumption of police services. (Sec. 40-10)

Nuisance event. An event requiring special security assignment in order to protect the public peace, health, safety and welfare. A nuisance event includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- e) Loud and boisterous conduct, noises and activities that disturb the peace;
- f) Events between 11:00 p.m. and sunrise which disturb the peace and tranquility of the neighborhood;
- g) Congregating in a tumultuous, noisy or rowdy crowd;
- h) Fighting or use of obscene or inflammatory language;
- i) Loud music constituting a nuisance or disturbing the peace;
- j) Activities causing excessive pedestrian or vehicular traffic and parking problems and congestion.