

CITY OF MINNETRISTA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Subject: ATV Ordinance Discussion

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Meeting Date: July 20, 2026

Overview: At the June 15th City Council meeting, it was requested to review the ordinance related to the operation of recreational vehicles on private property. Below is the language related to this section of city code.

920.19. - Operation of recreational vehicles on private property.

Subd. 1. Operation. It is unlawful for any person to operate a recreational vehicle on private property except in using said vehicle to depart or arrive from his or her residence, except under the following conditions:

(a) Except as otherwise authorized by this section, no person shall operate a recreational vehicle between 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. the following day;

(b) recreational vehicles may only be operated for no more than two continuous hours per day per parcel. Riding time under this section may not be accumulated;

(c) Except as otherwise authorized by this section, recreational vehicles may only be operated on a parcel of three acres or larger;

(d) No more than a total of three recreational vehicles may be operated on any parcel at one time;

(e) Recreational vehicles may not be operated within 300 feet of the property line of any parcel without the permission of the residents of the other parcel unless they are being used in the course of conducting agricultural operations on the property; and

(f) Recreational vehicles must be equipped with a muffling system which reduces the noise of operation of the motor to the minimum necessary for operation which must include a spark arrestor and a properly operating muffler with the following information imprinted by the manufacturer: Meets U.S. EPA noise emission requirements of 80db(a). Approved U.S. Forest Service.

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Violation of this section regarding the use of recreational vehicles shall be a petty misdemeanor. Second and subsequent violations of this section within a 12-month period shall be a misdemeanor.

Next Steps: Staff stand for direction related to any changes to this ordinance.

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