

CITY OF MINNETRISTA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Subject: Operation of Recreational Vehicles on Private Property Ordinance

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Meeting Date: September 9, 2026

Overview: Through numerous discussions at City Council work sessions, direction was given to update Section 920.19 of the Minnetrista City Code related to the Operation of Recreational Vehicles on Private Property. A summary of those changes is below, along with an ordinance to consider for adoption.

Section (e): Now allows recreational vehicles to be operated no closer than 220 feet from the primary structure of any neighboring parcel.

Section (g): Establishes the ability for a recreational vehicle to operate on private property one acre in size or less for a period less than 15 minutes within any 60-minute period.

Next Steps: City Council should consider the adoption of the ordinance updating Section 920.19 of the Minnetrista City Code related to the Operation of Recreational Vehicle on Private Property.

Mission Statement:

The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character.

ORDINANCE NO. 511

**CITY OF MINNETRISTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 920.19 OF THE MINNETRISTA CITY CODE
REGARDING OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES
ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

THE CITY OF MINNETRISTA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Minnetrista hereby amends Chapter IX, Section 920.19 of the Minnetrista City Code by adding the underlined material and deleting the ~~stricken~~ material as follows:

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 220 feet of the primary structure of any neighboring parcel without the permission of the residents of the other parcel unless they are being used in use 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; and
- (g) Property owners may operate a recreational vehicle on private property one acre in size or less, provided the operation is de minimis in nature, meaning cumulative operation of less than 15 minutes within any 60-minute period.

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.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect following its adoption and publication.

Adoption Date: _____, 2026

Lisa Whalen Mayor

Attest:

Ann Meyerhoff
City Clerk

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