

## Chapter 10.10

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- (a) It is unlawful to operate a motorized vehicle between buildings in the residential, industrial and commercial areas off established roadways and driveways. All motorized vehicles shall remain on established roads and driveways.
- (b) Off-road operation of motor vehicles is prohibited except as authorized by regulations promulgated by the City Council and kept on record at the City office.
- (c) It is unlawful for any person under the age of 10 to operate a motorized vehicle. Persons age 10 through 15 must take both a written examination and a proficiency road test in order to be licensed to operate a three-wheeler or recreation vehicle, and show proof of parental permission.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an automobile (car, truck, pick-up, etc.) without a valid driver's license or instruction permit in compliance with Alaska motor vehicle laws.
- (e) Operators of motorized vehicles shall abide by curfew laws of the City of Saint Paul, as outlined in CCO [9.05.110](#).
- (f) Hazardous operation of motorized vehicles is prohibited. "Hazardous operation" includes, but is not limited to: failure to yield at a crossroads, passing another vehicle on the wrong side, excessive speed, excessive passengers, driving without safety equipment, driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, entering a roadway without due caution, failure to control the vehicle, "cutting donuts," "popping wheelies," or "doing brodies."
- (g) All recreational vehicle operators and passengers under the age of 18 shall wear helmets when operating or riding a recreational vehicle.
- (h) Persons under the age of 18 operating a three-wheeled vehicle shall not carry passengers.
- (i) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized persons to follow an emergency vehicle, when an emergency vehicle is responding to an emergency call. Nothing in this section prohibits authorized members of fire, police or rescue squads from responding to an emergency call in a responsible manner.
- (j) All motorized vehicles shall conform to minimum safety standards as determined by the State of Alaska Department of Public Safety, pursuant to AS [28.05.011](#). Safety equipment shall include head light, tail light, brake light and turn signals (if factory equipped), functional brakes, functional muffler or sound suppresser.

- (k) A parent of a child or the guardian of a ward may not authorize or knowingly permit his child or ward to violate a provision of this chapter. A parent or guardian whose child or ward violates a provision of this section shall be liable for the violation of the child or ward.
- (l) All motorized vehicles must display a valid City permit. A permit shall be issued upon payment of a \$5.00 fee, provided the motorized vehicle meets the safety standards required in subsection [\(j\)](#) of this section.
- (m) Penalties for violation of any subsection of this section shall be a fine of up to \$300.00.
- (n) Upon issuance of a citation for violation of any subsection of this section, any motorized vehicle involved in the violation may be impounded. Any impoundment of a motorized vehicle will result in an impoundment hearing in the State courts of the State of Alaska, to be held within two business days of impoundment. If necessary for evidentiary purposes, the vehicle may be impounded until the termination of judicial proceedings on the matter. If said judicial proceedings do not terminate within 30 days, the vehicle shall be returned to the rightful owner, provided impoundment fees are paid.
- (o) As used in this section, “motorized vehicle” means any motorcycle, three-wheeler, snowmobile or similar motorized vehicles, including trucks and automobiles and other motorized vehicles having two or more wheels.
- (p) “Recreational vehicle” shall be defined as any motorcycle, motorbike, three-wheeler, four-wheeler (ATV), dune buggy, odyssey, snowmobile, or any motorized vehicle not classified as a car or truck, etc. [Code 1979 § 8.10.]

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