

ORDINANCE 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING REGULATIONS IN CITY CODE CHAPTER 90, IN RELATION TO RECREATIONAL AND SPECIALTY MOTOR VEHICLES

§ 90.14 RECREATIONAL AND SPECIALTY MOTOR VEHICLES

(A) *Purpose.* The purpose of this ordinance is to provide reasonable regulations for the use and storage of recreational and specialty motor vehicles on public and private property in the City. This ordinance is not intended to allow what the Minnesota Statutes prohibit or to prohibit what the Minnesota Statutes expressly allow. It is intended to ensure the public safety and prevent a public nuisance.

(B) *Nuisance.* A violation of the standards set forth in this section related to the parking or storage of recreational or specialty vehicles on City streets or in the public right-of-way, is found to create a Public Nuisance subject to Section 72.22 of the City of Zumbrota's Fine Schedule (See Section 10.99 of City Code).

(C) *Definitions.*

(1) Recreational Vehicles: Any self-propelled vehicle and any vehicle propelled or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle used for recreational purposes including, but not limited to trail bike, off-highway motorcycle, as defined by Minn. Stat. § 84.787, subd. 7, or other all-terrain vehicle as defined by Minn. Stat. 84.90 and Minn. Stat. § 84.92, subd. 8-10, including campers and motorhomes.

(2) Specialty Vehicles: include motorized golf carts, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility task vehicles (UTVs), trailers, cargo trailers, snowmobiles, boats, mini-trucks, and other watercrafts.

(3) Public Right-of-Way: "Public right-of-way" means the area on, below, or above a public roadway, highway, street, cartway, bicycle lane, and public sidewalk in which the local government unit has an interest, including other dedicated rights-of-way for travel purposes and utility easements of local government units.

A public right-of-way does not include the airwaves above a public right-of-way with regard to cellular or other nonwire telecommunications or broadcast service. Minn. Stat. § 237.162, subd. 3.

(D) *Permitted Storage Locations.* Recreational or specialty motor vehicles shall not be used for living or housing purposes, whether on public or private property.

Recreational and specialty motor vehicles must be parked on an improved surface (concrete, asphalt, gravel, paving stones, or other hard material) at all times and may only be parked on a City Street for up to seventy-two (72) hours at a time, for purposes of loading, unloading, or routine maintenance (See Section 72.03, 10.99 & 70.99) unless expressly authorized, in writing, by the City.

(1) In front or side yards abutting streets, the recreational or specialty vehicle must not extend closer than (5) feet to the curb edge. Under no condition may vehicles or equipment encroach on a sidewalk or public right-of-way.

(2) In rear yards, recreational or specialty vehicles must be set back at least five (5) feet from any rear lot line not abutting a street and at least fifteen (15) feet from any rear lot line abutting a street.

(E) *Prohibited Acts*. It is unlawful for any person to operate a recreational or specialty motor vehicle in the following ways:

(1) In a manner so as to create a loud, unnecessary, or encroaching manner which disturbs, annoys, or interferes with the peace and quiet of the public.

(2) On a public sidewalk, walkway, or right-of-way provided or used for pedestrian travel.

(3) On publicly owned land including park property or playgrounds, except where permitted in designated areas (Covered Bridge Campground).

(4) At any time while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or controlled substances as defined by State law.

(5) On any public street, highway, or other right-of-way, unless currently registered or as approved by the City.

(6) To operate or halt any recreational or specialty vehicle carelessly or with disregard for the rights and safety of others.

(F) *Minimum Equipment Requirements*

(1) Mufflers. Standard mufflers must be properly attached and in constant operation to reduce the noise of the gasoline motor of any recreational or specialty vehicle to the minimum necessary for operation. No person may use a muffler cutout, by-pass, straight pipe, or similar device on a recreational or specialty vehicle.

(2) Brakes. Brakes must be adequate to control the movement of the vehicle and to stop and hold the vehicle under any conditions of operation.

(3) Lamps. At least one (1) clear lamp must be attached to the front of the vehicle with sufficient intensity to see at least 100 feet ahead during the hours of darkness under normal conditions. It must also be equipped with at least one (1) red tail lamp having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to exhibit light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet after dark under normal conditions. This equipment is required and must be in operating condition when the vehicle is operated.

This ordinance becomes effective on the date of its publication, or upon the publication of a summary of the ordinance as provided by Minn. Stat. §412.191, subd. 4, as it may be amended from time to time, which meets the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 331A.01, subd. 10, as it may be amended from time to time.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Zumbrota, Minnesota,
this 20th day of November, 2025.

Mayor Todd Hammel

ATTEST:

City Administrator Brian Grudem