

Omaha Police Department

Nuisance Unit

Motor Vehicle Laws 'For Your Information'

The Omaha Police Department created this pamphlet to highlight the guidelines pertaining to vehicles on public and private property. The goal, as a part of "community policing," is for citizens to voluntarily keep their vehicles and property in compliance.

The information set forth herein is only an attempted summary of some of the applicable guidelines; for more specific information and requirements, see the specific laws contained in the Omaha Municipal Code or the Nebraska Revised Statutes. Omaha Municipal Code is available at all Omaha public Libraries.

Title Inspection

Vehicles and vehicle titles which are not originally titled in Nebraska must be brought to the State Title Inspection Office at 8338 Chicago St., between 8AM and 4:30PM, Monday thru Friday for a title inspection. A \$10 fee will be assessed to match the motor vehicle and the original vehicle title VIN. The inspection must be completed within 30 days of becoming a Nebraska resident. The County Treasurer's office cannot register your motor vehicle until the Inspection is completed.

***Exception:** Originally titled non-commercial vehicles from Kansas, North Carolina and Wyoming are exempt from the title inspection, and are not required to be registered in Nebraska until the out-of-state plates expire. Owners must, however, pay the City Wheel Tax via the County treasurer if they are Omaha residents for more than 30 days.*

Registration of Vehicles

- New residents moving into Nebraska must obtain Nebraska license plates within thirty (30) days.
- Nebraska residents moving into Omaha may use their plates until they expire, but are required to pay the City Wheel Tax within 15 days.

Public Property

Public property includes the streets, alleys and right-of-ways.

- Vehicles must be currently licensed.
- Vehicles must be in running condition.
- Vehicles cannot have expired dealer in-transit stickers, expired plates or improperly displayed plates.
- Vehicles with homemade in-transit stickers cannot be parked on public streets.
- Vehicles must be driven at least one mile, and reparked a minimum of three car lengths from its original parking place, every 48 hours.
- Vehicles must be legally parked.
- Vehicles cannot be driven or parked over sidewalks, curbs, or medians.
- Vehicles cannot be left unattended on the interstate for more than 12 hours.
- Non-emergency vehicle repairs cannot be made on the street.
- Vehicles over 4 tons, or any vehicle with or without a trailer, which exceed 21 feet in length or 7 feet in width, cannot be parked on any street or alley for longer than one hour.

Private Property

In a residential district, personal vehicles include passenger cars, vans, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, trailers under twenty (20) feet in length, or boats.

- Vehicles must be currently licensed.
- Vehicles must be in running condition.
- Vehicles must be parked on a paved hard surface driveway or paved pad adjacent to the driveway.
- Recreational vehicles, trailers and boats cannot exceed twenty (20) feet in length, if the vehicle is parked or stored in the required front yard setback.
- Pickup mounted campers and shells must be mounted on a pickup truck.

Authority of City Officials

City officials are authorized to take all measure necessary to abate nuisances of every description on public and private property.

Reporting Violations

To report violations, please contact the Mayor's Hotline office at **444-5555**.

City Wheel Tax

The following are not exempt from Wheel Tax.

- Vehicles owned by Omaha residents, even when maintaining a residence elsewhere.
- Vehicles which are stored, garaged or dispatched from Omaha and/or vehicles owned in connection with a business located within Omaha.
- City employees living outside the city limits.

The following are exempt from Wheel Tax.

- Qualified non-resident full-time students and military personnel living in Omaha are exempt, but must register with the City and display the required Wheel Tax Exemption windshield sticker.

For additional information regarding the City Wheel Tax, contact the Douglas County Treasurer at **444-7103**.

Driver's License

New residents moving into Nebraska must obtain a Nebraska driver's license within thirty (30) days.

Definitions

Vehicles: Shall mean any vehicle or parts thereof including any device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway. This does not include devices moved solely by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

Currently Licensed: Means the vehicle has license plates of the current year attached to it so that it would be legal to operate on the street.

Running Condition: Means the vehicle is operational and able to perform the function that the manufacturer intended it to.

Paved Driveway: Means an asphalt, concrete or brick surface constructed in compliance with current zoning laws which does provide access to the street. A driveway is not a hard surfaced area surrounded by grass or dirt.

Note: The construction of a paved driveway in the City of Omaha requires a building permit when the area to be improved exceeds 200 square feet. For building permits, contact the Planning Department, at **444-5350**.