

Citizen Courtesy Information For Better & Safer Neighborhoods

The City Ordinances listed are summaries of some of the more common violations the Sterling Police have to deal with. By keeping you, the citizens informed, and working together in partnership with the police, we can improve the quality of life in our neighborhood and make it a better and safer place to live. We hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions pertaining to these ordinances, please feel free to call the Sterling Police Department at 815-632-6640 or 815-632-6600.

Sect. 14-31. Running at Large

No dog or cat shall be permitted to run at large in the city.

Sect. 14-5. Permitting noise by animals

It shall be unlawful to harbor or keep any animals which disturb the peace by loud noises at any time of the day or night.

Sect. 78-220. Odd-Evening Parking (Snow Emergency)

*Definition of snow emergency – When two or more inches of snow have accumulated.

Odd numbered calendar days, vehicles park on odd house numbered side of street, even numbered days the vehicles must park on even side of street. Affected street and avenues are non-designated snow routes. The times are days beginning at 6 a.m. when the ordinance is in effect.

Sect. 90-32. Parallel Parking (Improper Position)

It shall be unlawful to park vehicles on the wrong side of the street (against the flow of traffic) or when vehicles are parked in excess of 12 inches from the curb.

Sect. 90-33. Parking Time Limitations (48 Hour Violation)

It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle on a city street and not move the vehicle for more than 48 hours.

Sect. 90-34. Obstruction of Alley

No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such a condition as to leave available less than ten feet of width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic.

Sect. 90-87. Parking on the street or in public view prohibited

It shall be unlawful to park an abandoned or inoperative vehicle or any part thereof on private or public property, in view of the general public, anywhere in the city.

Sect. 6-12. Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places

It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or possess in any open container any alcoholic liquor in the public parks, streets, municipal buildings, alleys or highways or other places of public assemblage.

Sect. 90-163. Lamps and other Equipment (Bicycles)

Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear which shall be visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lights on a motor vehicle.

Sect. 90-164. Riding on Bicycles

- (a) A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.
- (b) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

Sect. 62-57. Curfew

- (1) It is unlawful for a person more than 14 years of age, but less than 18 years of age to be present at or upon any public assembly, building, place, street or highway at the following times, unless accompanied and supervised by a parent or legal guardian, unless engaged in a business or occupation which the laws of this state authorize a person less than 18 years of age to perform:

Between 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Between 11:01 a.m. on Sunday to Thursday, inclusive and 6:00 a.m. on the following day.

- (2) It is unlawful for a person less than 15 years of age to be present at or upon any public assembly, building, place, street or highway at the following times:

Between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. (on the following day), seven days a week.

- (3) It is unlawful for any parent or legal guardian or other person to knowingly permit a person in his/her custody or control to violate this section.

Sect. 22-81. Possession of Tobacco by Minors

It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to possess any tobacco products; provided that the possession by a person under 18 years of age is under the direct supervision of the parent or guardian of such person in the privacy of the parent's or guardian's home shall not be prohibited.