



Subject: Initial Research on “Exhibition Driving” in Municipal Code

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Several Minnesota municipalities have adopted ordinances banning “exhibition driving”—including behaviors such as burnouts, squealing tires, and unnecessary engine noise. These local ordinances serve an important role in discouraging dangerous or disruptive driving, particularly since Minnesota state law does not explicitly address this type of conduct.

The table below summarizes preliminary research conducted by Ward 2 on this issue. Please note that the list is not exhaustive; other municipalities may have similar provisions that are not included here.

Initial research also indicates that the City of Saint Paul does not currently include any language related to “exhibition driving” in its municipal code.

CITY	PROHIBITED EXHIBITION BEHAVIOR	FURTHER DETAILS	RESOURCE LINK(S)
Blaine	Street racing <i>and</i> exhibition driving; also bans spectator involvement	Blaine was the first city in Minnesota to explicitly criminalize both street racing <i>and</i> exhibition driving—it took effect on September 19, 2022. The ordinance covers engine noise, tire squealing/ skidding, throwing gravel/dirt, and race-style driving—and also penalizes spectators at these events	Chapter 82 - TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES Code of Ordinances Blaine, MN Municode Library City of Blaine makes street racing, spectating illegal kare11.com Blaine fights back against street racing with new ordinance
Brahm	Prohibits driving maneuvers that cause excessive noise, tire squeal, skidding, or simulate racing	Forbids acceleration/deceleration maneuvers that cause unnecessary engine noise, backfire, tire squeal, skidding, sliding, swaying, or gravel throw, or simulate a race	§ 70.07 EXHIBITION DRIVING.

Coon Rapids	Extended code to include noisy mufflers, burnouts, aiders/abettors punishable	In May 2023, Coon Rapids, expanded its traffic code to cover burnouts, squealing tires, noisy mufflers, with citations allowed for organizers or passengers seen aiding the behavior	TITLE 9 - TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION Code of Ordinances Coon Rapids, MN Municode Library Coon Rapids amends ordinance to crack down on bad driving behaviors
Dundas	Engine noise, squealing, sliding/swerving, gravel	Bans noise, backfire, squealing, skidding, gravel spillage, racing-like behavior	§ 70.08 EXHIBITION DRIVING PROHIBITED.
Good Thunder	Excessive noise and skidding	Prohibits any unnecessary engine noise, tire squeal, skidding, gravel throwing, or race-like operation	§ 70.18 EXHIBITION DRIVING.
Goodview	Screeching tires, throwing dirt/gravel, hanging off vehicle	Defines exhibition driving as tire squealing or dirt/gravel throwing—and bans hanging on moving vehicles too	§ 70.02 EXHIBITION DRIVING; HANGING ON VEHICLES.
Inver Grove Heights	Engine noise/backfire, skidding, gravel, race-like maneuvers	Bans engine noise/backfire, squealing/skidding tires, gravel throw, or driving like a race	6-1-5: EXHIBITION DRIVING PROHIBITED:
Little Falls	Misdemeanor for burnouts, fishtail, tire screaming, pavement damage	Misdemeanor to spin/skid wheels, squeal tires, deface pavement with tire marks, fishtail, rapid accelerator use, or race driving	10.29: EXHIBITION DRIVING:
Mora	Excessive noise, tire screech, skidding, gravel	Forbids accelerating, decelerating, noise, screeching tires, gravel throw, exhaust or engine backfire—such noises/behavior is considered prima facie evidence	§ 70.02 EXHIBITION DRIVING PROHIBITED.
Osseo	Engine noise, squealing, sliding/swerving, gravel	Prohibits turn/accel/decel that causes engine noise, squealing tires, sliding/swerving—that's considered prima facie evidence	§ 70.31 EXHIBITION DRIVING PROHIBITED.

Perham	Prohibits vehicle maneuvers that cause unnecessary noise, tire squealing, skidding, gravel throw, or simulate racing	Prohibits turning, accelerating, decelerating, or otherwise operating a vehicle in a way that causes unnecessary engine noise, backfire, tire squeal, skidding, sliding, throwing sand/gravel, or simulates a race. Tire squealing or gravel throw is sufficient evidence for a violation	<u>§ 71.07</u> <u>EXHIBITION</u> <u>DRIVING</u> <u>PROHIBITED.</u>
Red Lake Falls	Engine noise/backfire, squealing, skidding, gravel	Prohibits any maneuver causing engine noise/backfire, tire squeal, skidding, or gravel throw—prima facie violation	<u>§ 70.10</u> <u>EXHIBITION</u> <u>DRIVING</u> <u>PROHIBITED.</u>