

Street Racing & Exhibition Driving Overview

Summer 2025

Saint Paul City Council
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Commander Jeremy Ellison
Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Unit

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Current Situation

- Late May 2025
 - Rapid escalation of gatherings
 - Heavy Friday–Sunday activity.
 - Engine revving
 - Burnouts
- Crowding of lots
- Scooters/mini-bikes
- gridlock on exit





Community Impact

- Resident reports
 - > 100 people at peaks
 - Sustained noise & disturbances
 - safety concerns for pedestrians and scooter riders
 - damage to pavement
 - disruption to park users & local residents



Partnerships

- City Enterprise Approach
 - Public Works
 - Traffic control changes
 - Strong partnership
 - Parks & Rec
 - Changed park hours to closer early at 10pm
 - Adjusted scooters operational hours and speed
- Ramsey County Sheriff
- MN State Patrol



Current Laws & Ordinances

MN State Statutes:

- 169.14 Speeding
- 169.13.2 Carless Driving
- 169.13.1 Reckless Driving
- 169.71.4.a Illegal Window Tint
- 169.69 Loud Exhaust
- 609.705 Unlawful assembly

City Ordinances:

- 153.06 Unreasonable Acceleration
- 170.07 Night Parking in Park
- 293.02.e.2 Loud Stereo (50 feet)



Staffing Impacts

- June 2025
 - 4 – 6 Officers (On Duty) every Friday, Saturday & Sunday
 - 2 – 4 Officers (Overtime) throughout the week
- July 2025
 - Same
- August 2025
 - Scaled back to mainly just weekends and pop-up events
- September 2025
 - Only responding to pop-up events

Questions?

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