

Curfew—The City of Worthington prohibits minors (anyone under the age of 18) from being in a public place for the following ages and times:

- A) 16-17 years of age: 11:00 p.m. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday until 6:00 a.m. of the following day;
- B) 16-17 years of age: 12:01 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. on and Saturday or Sunday;
- C) 15 years of age and younger: 10:00 p.m. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday until 6:00 a.m. of the following day; and
- D) 15 years of age and younger: 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday until 6:00 a.m. on the following day.

The only exceptions to the curfew ordinance are that the minor was:

- Accompanied by the minor’s parent or legal guardian;
- On an errand at the direction of the minor’s parent or guardian, without any detour or stop;
- In a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;
- Engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop;
- Involved in an emergency;
- On the sidewalk abutting the minor’s residence or abutting the residence of a next-door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain to the Police Department about the minor’s presence;
- Attending an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the city, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor, or going to or returning home from, without any detour or stop;
- Exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution;
- Married or had been married; or
- Homeless or uses a public or semi-public place as his/her place of abode.

If you have any questions about these or other laws, please call the Law Enforcement Center at 295-5400



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State Laws
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Worthington
Ordinances

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Chief

The Worthington Police Department is providing this short synopsis of State Laws and City Ordinances for your convenience. It is not intended to represent all the Laws and Regulations. If you have any questions in regards to the laws mentioned in this brochure, please call the Law Enforcement Center at 295-5400.

Your cooperation with the local law enforcement is greatly appreciated.

— Worthington Police Chief
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911

911 is the telephone number to summon Police, Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance personnel in Nobles County and the City of Worthington. This number is for emergencies only. The number to call for non-emergency police business is 295-5400

The Following Are Specific State Statutes

Auto Insurance—Minnesota Law requires that all motor vehicles be covered by a minimum liability insurance policy. Proof of the insurance coverage must be carried in the vehicle at all times and be available upon the request of a police officer. Insurance is required for all vehicles; this includes vehicles operated in Minnesota that are registered in another state.

Driver's License—If you are a new resident of Minnesota, a 60-day grace period is granted for you to obtain a Minnesota Driver's License. The same time period is set for registering your motor vehicles in Minnesota.

If you are a resident of Minnesota and you change your address, you have 30 days to change the address on your driver's license.

Seat Belts—The State of Minnesota requires the use of seat belts for all occupants of a motor vehicle. A child who is both under age 8 and shorter than 4 feet 9 inches is required to be fastened in a child safety seat or booster seat. Under this law, a child cannot use a seat belt alone until they are age 8 or 4 feet 9 inches tall — whichever comes first. It is recommended to keep a child in a booster based on their height, rather than their age. It is the driver's responsibility to make sure occupants under the age of 15 years are restrained while in motor vehicle.

Alcohol & Controlled Substance—The State of Minnesota prohibits drivers from operating motor vehicles while intoxicated by alcohol or controlled substances. Minnesota Law also forbids the presence of open containers of alcoholic beverages inside the driver and passenger areas of a motor vehicle. Because alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of injury and death on our highways, the Worthington Police Department strictly enforces impaired driving. **IF YOU DRINK, DON'T DRIVE!**

Equipment—All vehicles on public streets must have all equipment in working order at all times. This includes all lights, mufflers, and all safety equipment.

Window Tinting—Minnesota Law forbids the use of window tinting on the windshield of any vehicle (unless it was part of the manufacturing process). Minnesota Law requires window tinting to allow at least 47% light transmittance on side or rear windows of passenger vehicles. Pick-up trucks and vans can have a higher amount of tinting on the windows to the rear of the driver's seat. Materials used for tinting may not have a reflection rate of more than 23%. Just because a legitimate company installed the tinting material doesn't mean the material complies with the law. Make sure you check the law before making a purchase.

Emergency Vehicles—Minnesota Emergency Vehicles have the right of way when operating red lights and sirens.

This includes all Police, Fire, Rescue, and Ambulances. When you see these vehicles, you must pull to the right side of the road and let them pass. This includes their right of way at intersections.

YOU MAY NOT FOLLOW A FIRE TRUCK OR ENTER THE AREAS WHERE THEY ARE!

The Following are City Ordinances of the City of Worthington

Parking of Vehicles—A vehicle may not be parked in the same place on a public street or in a public parking lot for over a 24-hour period.

Snow removal is assisted by an odd/even parking regulation in the winter. During November 15th to March 31st, the ordinance states that on odd days of the month you park on the side of the street with odd house numbers and on the even days on the side with the even house numbers. Remember at the end of some months and the beginning of some months, there are two odd days in a row. (i.e. December 31 and January 1).

The City does not allow junk cars to be parked in the city, including on private property.

Exhibition Driving—The City of Worthington prohibits any type of Exhibition Driving, such as tire squealing, spinning on sand or gravel, simulating a race or other erratic driving.

Noise—The City of Worthington prohibits the making or production of an unnecessary noise by shouting or by any other means or mechanism, including the blowing of any automobile or other vehicle horn.

You are not allowed to discharge (shoot) any firearm in the city limits. This includes BB and pellet guns. Nor are you allowed to discharge explosives, fireworks or firecrackers. Nor are you allowed to possess fireworks or firecrackers.

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