



Whether you are a long-time resident of the City of Belmont, or a newcomer, there are a few city ordinances that you may not be aware of. Following is a list of the most common ordinances that will help keep your city, your community and your home beautiful!

B.M.C. – Belmont Municipal Code
B.Z.O. – Belmont Zoning Ordinance

MOTOR VEHICLES

B.M.C. Section 14-10 (a)

Street parking - Vehicles can be parked on the street, but they must be in running condition. If the vehicle is inoperable (e.g. no wheels, no engine, etc.) it can be towed by the City. Even operable vehicles may not be stored on the street for more than 72-hours. They must also have current license and registration.

B.M.C. Section 7-401 (1) (e) (1)

Parking on your property - Inoperable, wrecked, dismantled vehicles without current registration may not be parked on private property unless inside an enclosed garage or other area which is not visible from the public street.

B.M.C. Section 7-401 (1) (h)

No vehicles, including campers, RV's, boats and trailers may be parked on unpaved or unapproved surface. To pave a surface other than your driveway, contact the Community Development Department, Planning Division at 595-7417.



B.M.C. Section 15-95

Car repair – Minor repairs may be made in your driveway as long as the vehicle is registered to the address where the work is taking place or registered to the person who is doing the work. Work hours are limited outside of garage areas between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Such work shall not be done in the public right of way (e.g. driveways, carports, etc.) and is limited to only one car at a time. Storage of vehicle parts within public view is prohibited.

B.M.C. Section 22-1 (4)

Blocking the sidewalk – A vehicle cannot block a sidewalk or any other public right-of-way.

B.M.C. Section 15-82

Recreational vehicles – No person shall use or occupy or permit the use or occupancy of any house car, camper, or trailer coach, recreational vehicle or any other motor vehicle, car, truck, or bus, etc., for human habitation, including but not limited to sleeping, eating or resting, either singly or in groups, on any street, park, beach, square, avenue, alley or public way within the city, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. These vehicles can be parked on paved driveways but not on the lawn or dirt surfaces. They must also be in operable condition and cannot be parked on the street for more than 72-hours.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

B.M.C. Section 7-401

The following items are prohibited:

- A. Overgrown grass, weeds, and vegetation;
- B. Debris, rubbish and trash visible from public right-of-way;
- C. Broken or discarded household furnishings, appliances, boxes and cartons, lawn maintenance equipment, play equipment, toys and similar materials;
- D. Any nuisances that are fire hazards;



- E. Discarded building materials or storage of building materials for more than sixty (60) days;
- F. Discarded, wrecked, or inoperable household appliances, machines, and tools;
- G. Garbage, trash cans, or containers stored in front or side yards that are visible from public streets, or garbage, trash cans, or containers which cause offensive odors to neighbors;
- H. Clothes lines in front yard areas;
- I. Materials or items of any nature stored on roof tops; and,
- J. Attractive nuisances (those objects which by their nature may attract children or other curious individuals) including but not limited to unprotected and/or hazardous pools, ponds, ice boxes, refrigerators, excavations or personal property not expressly incorporated into the landscaping or which is likely to cause injury to children or other curious individuals.

ANIMALS AND FOWLS

B.M.C. Section 5-40 (b)

Barking dogs – Excessive, continuous or untimely barking is a public nuisance.

B.M.C. Section 5-23.1

It is unlawful to keep more than four dogs or four cats or any combination thereof totaling more than four animals at any one premise.



B.M.C. Section 5-6 (1)

All dogs must be on a leash not more than six feet long if

they are in a park.

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OTHER USEFUL ORDINANCES

B.Z.O. Section 23.09.06

Garage Sale Signs –Cannot be attached to trees, or other living vegetation, lamp posts, public or utility poles, or any structure in or upon any public street, alley, public right-of-way or any other public property.

B.M.C. Section 7-603

Graffiti – No person owning or in control of any building or structure or vehicle within the city shall permit or allow any graffiti to be placed upon or remain on such property when the graffiti is visible from the street or other public or private property.

B.M.C. Section 15-102

Construction activity – Construction which requires a building permit is only permitted from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturdays. No construction activity or related activities shall be allowed outside of these hours or on Sunday and all major holidays. Check with the Belmont Permit Center for a list of major holidays.

B.M.C. Section 15-102.2

All gasoline-powered maintenance equipment utilized for maintenance activities shall be allowed only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays and between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. No gasoline-powered equipment activities are allowed outside of these hours.

B.M.C. Section 15-90

Social gatherings – No one shall host a social gathering at his or her place of residence where ten or more persons under the age of twenty-one years are present and alcoholic beverages are being consumed or in the presence of a person under the age of twenty-one years.

B.M.C. Section 18-56

Alarm permit – It is a misdemeanor for any alarm system to be installed, possessed, operated, used, serviced or maintained without a valid, unrevoked, and unexpired permit.

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