

**AMENDMENT TO MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE,
ORDINANCE NO. 327, AS AMENDED,
OF THE CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES
CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN
Ord. No. 593 Eff. 9.14.2021**

An ordinance to amend the City of Mackinac Island Motor Vehicles Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 327, Chapter 66, Article II of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mackinac Island.

THE CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. Code Section 66-64 is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

Sec. 66-64. - Exemptions.

The following motor vehicles are exempted from the required motor vehicle permits and shall be allowable only in accordance with enumerated uses:

(1) Public safety vehicles shall have no restrictions in usage so long as such vehicle is being used in the normal course of public safety service.

(2) Public service and utility vehicles when used to provide, maintain and repair basic public utilities such as electrical, water, sewer and telephone, as well as roadway maintenance and repair.

(3) Utility carts/vehicles when operated as a means of conveyance of goods and property and only on that property owned by the utility cart/vehicle owner. In those instances that such vehicle must cross a public roadway to access one parcel of land to another of same ownership, such crossing shall be at that point of minimal distance between the parcels and at a speed only enough to maintain a forward motion. There shall be no crossing of parcels of land having different ownership than that of which is owned by the cart owner. Transit from one parcel to another not contiguous to one another shall not involve the use of a public roadway to bypass another parcel owned by another.

(4) Golf carts, when used for the game of golf. Approved usage of a golf cart shall be only that which is owned, operated and maintained by the owner of a public or private golf course and provided only for guests, customers or others engaged in the actual playing of golf.

(5) Push lawn mowers, push snowblowers, and riding snow removal vehicles and riding lawn tractors/mowers with a gross weight of less than 1,000 pounds, when used in the care and maintenance of driveways, sidewalks, yards and lots.

(6) Electric assist bicycles, which meet the definition of an electric bicycle under Section 66-167, for the purpose of possessing/storing in order to transfer ownership to an individual for a profit.

Section 2. Code Section 66-92 Subsection (1) is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

Sec. 66-92. - Application.

A person shall submit an application for a motor vehicle permit, prior to the actual use of a motor vehicle, on a form approved by the city and made available to persons by the city. The application

form shall include information detailed in a manner so as to allow the city to make a knowledgeable and proper decision. The application shall contain, at a minimum, the following requested and provided information:

(1) The type of permit requested, being an annual, short term or seasonal, defined as follows:

- a. Annual permit: permits that are in effect for a period of one year.
 - i. Issuance and renewal of an annual permit granted under this article is required on the third Monday in March of a given year.
 - ii. All annual permits granted under this article shall expire on March 31 of the next calendar year following the date of its issuance.
 - iii. An annual permit may be issued after the third Monday of March in a given year, but the date of expiration shall remain March 31, despite the permit being in effect for a period of less than one year.
- b. Short term permit: permits not exceeding 30 days.

Section 3. Code Section 66-95 is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

Sec. 66-95. – Application review standards.

Approval standards applicable to all motor vehicle permit applications.

(1) Applications for motor vehicle permits shall consider the following criteria relating to the proposed use of a motor vehicle:

- a. There is no other reasonable way to perform a specific task for which the motor vehicle is proposed to be used.
- b. The location of the property where the vehicle will be used or stored as it relates to public view, noise and other impact on the neighboring properties and the general public.
- c. Whether the owner/applicant is a public or private entity.
- d. Factors involving the health, safety and welfare of the community at large.
- e. The use/storage of the permitted motor vehicle is not in violation of any zoning or other city ordinance.

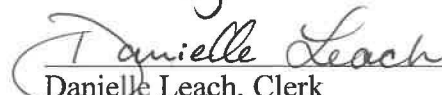
(2) Additional approval standards for annual permits. All motor vehicles with an annual permit shall be stored and used on a regular or continuous basis by a business or institution within the confines of the permittee's property for the specific task(s) identified in the application. The permitted motor vehicle will not be allowed off the permittee's parcel of property identified in the application, and when not in use, must be stored in a structure that will not allow the vehicle to be viewed by the public.

(3) Additional approval standards for short term permits. Larger motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, those carrying housing modules shall not exceed any of the following dimensional limits, measuring the entire vehicle, trailer and load as a single unit. Vehicles exceeding such limits may be permitted only by the city council upon the city council determining that the vehicle will not endanger the health, safety and welfare of the community because of the time, route and other circumstances surrounding the proposed use. Dimensional limits shall not exceed 14 feet wide by 44 feet long. Dimensions must include the overhangs and eaves.

Section 4. This amendment shall take effect 20 days from its passage, being 9.14.2021.

Date: 8.25.21


Margaret Doud, Mayor


Danielle Leach, Clerk

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0