

# WELCOME TO MADISON

## A Guide For New Residents



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### A MESSAGE FROM THE MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Welcome,

On behalf of the Madison Police Department I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new and returning residents to Madison. We are a community that cares about people and the area where we live. We take pride in the quality of life in Madison and we strive to ensure that along with public safety, the quality of life is at the forefront of our efforts. This guide is a part of the Madison Police Department's continuing effort to educate and facilitate awareness within the community. It is our sincere hope that the information contained in this guide will assist in reducing any difficulties and alleviate confusion during your transition into the community.

Chuck Pulford  
Chief of Police

## **PARKING**

The City of Madison has established parking ordinances to regulate parking within the city. These ordinances are designed to facilitate the safe flow of traffic, and provide access to driveways, fire hydrants, sidewalks, and maintain visibility at intersections. On some occasions there are not enough parking spaces available in a desired area. If you find an empty parking spot look, there may be a reason that the spot is empty.

### **PARKING REGULATIONS**

It is a violation of City parking ordinances to:

- \* Park in front of a public or private driveway
- \* Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant
- \* Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway.
- \* Park facing the oncoming lane of traffic
- \* Remain parked for more than 24 hours on the street
- \* Parked more than twelve (12) inches from the curb
- \* Park where signs or curb markings prohibit parking.

### **PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

The downtown business area and several arterial streets are posted “NO PARKING 1am to 6am.” For information on snow removal and snow emergency routes see the City of Madison snow removal brochure.

## **TRAFFIC**

It is unlawful to cross a lane of traffic to enter or leave a parking space. An example of this would be making a turn into a diagonal parking spot from the opposite side of the street being traveled.

U-Turns are lawful at most residential intersections as long as such move may be made in safety without interfering with other traffic. The exception to this is the downtown business district and where it is posted “NO U-TURN.”

## **SPEED ZONES**

The majority of streets in the City of Madison have 20 MPH speed limits. The exceptions to this include Washington Avenue from NE 2<sup>nd</sup> to SE 10<sup>th</sup> which is posted 30 MPH, Northwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Highland Avenue to Washington Avenue is posted 30 MPH, and Northeast 3<sup>rd</sup> from Garfield Avenue to the Airport Road. Highland Avenue from NW 2<sup>nd</sup> south to SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street is posted 35 MPH and then 45 MPH around By-pass road which is 10<sup>th</sup> Street SW. Northwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Highland Avenue west to Farmers Avenue is posted 35 MPH. In all areas which are not posted the speed limit is 20 MPH. The speed limit in school zones is 15 MPH.

## **NOISE COMPLAINTS**

One of the most frequent complaints received by the Madison Police Department is that of noise. Loud music, televisions, voices, and yelling can be disturbing and distressing to other residents. When the Madison Police Department receives a noise complaint, the complaint is investigated. If it is determined that the complaint is valid, some type of action will be taken. If the problem is not excessive and no previous complaints have been made against the residence, an officer will contact the occupant and make them aware of the problem and request cooperation in alleviating the problem. If the noise is excessive, or if the residence has been previously warned about noise, enforcement action will be taken. The occupant of the residence may be charged with Disorderly Conduct.

## **ALCOHOL**

Alcohol has been found to be a common factor in many of the injuries and crimes that occur throughout the country. To insure the safety and order of the community, the Madison Police Department aggressively enforces alcoholic beverage laws.

In order to consume or possess alcoholic beverages in the State of South Dakota a person must be twenty-one years of age. Any person found to be in possession of alcoholic beverages or having consumed alcoholic beverages who is not twenty-one years of age, will be arrested.

\* It is unlawful to possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle. It is also unlawful to possess an open alcoholic container in any public place within the City of Madison.

\* A person who attempts to purchase alcoholic beverages, and is not at least twenty-one years of age, is subject to arrest. Additional penalties are provided for fake or forged identification for the purpose of obtaining alcoholic beverages.

\* Maintaining a residence where alcoholic beverage laws are violated is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

\* It is unlawful to furnish or provide alcoholic beverages to a person less than twenty-one years of age.

## **ANIMALS**

No owner of any animal shall permit such animal to run at large within the City at any time. The owner of an animal shall not allow the animal to disturb the peace and quiet of the City.

\* The person in control of any dog, cat or horse shall be required to remove and properly dispose of any fecal material deposited by such animal on public property or property other than the property of the dog, cat or horse owner.

\* It is unlawful to walk any animal in a City park without a leash. The leash shall not exceed eight (8) feet in length.