

Monument Manor News: Off-Road Vehicles

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Dear Neighbor,

We've recently had an increase in off-highway vehicle use on neighborhood roads from various sources, including, in some cases, short-term rentals. In one instance, a vehicle (and young rider) left the road driving on several individuals' properties.

In addition to the potential for property and road damage, studies have determined that OHV use on dirt roads is a significant cause of OHV accidents. It is not safe to mix street legal and OHV traffic.

To address off-highway vehicle use on private property, the County of San Bernardino passed an ordinance – see the attached file below. It states that a person operating an OHV on private property must have the written permission of the property owner and have it in their possession. This means that a person wishing to drive an OHV on Monument Manor roads would need to obtain written permission from each underlying property owner, and to have it in their possession when operating the vehicle.

Another provision of the ordinance addresses the operation of OHVs on one's property. It states the following: "It is unlawful to operate an OHV or participate in staging activity in a manner that disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or person by noise, dust, smoke or fumes."

If a person wishes to report a violation of the OHV ordinance, there are two different means:

The sheriff's department can be contacted to respond to an active OHV violation—say OHVs racing up and down the roads causing a safety issue or OHVs leaving the roads. The non-emergency dispatch number is: (760) 956-5001 .

Code Enforcement can also be contacted concerning an ongoing violation:
<https://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/CodeEnforcement/CodeEnforcementHome.aspx>

Generally, we've been fortunate in Monument Manor. We've not had many significant violations of the ordinance requiring the assistance of the Sheriff's Department or Code Enforcement. However, given that there have been recent incidents, we felt it was important that the residents of Monument Manor be aware of the ordinance and how to address violations.

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**COUNTY OF
SAN BERNARDINO
OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE
ORDINANCE**

Effective July 1, 2006



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OHV ENFORCEMENT

(909) 884-4056

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**COUNTY-WIDE
COMPLAINT LINE:**

1-(800) 722-3181

San Bernardino County

**Off Highway Vehicle
Ordinance**

As of July 1, 2006 the County of San Bernardino has new laws which govern the operation of off-highway vehicles.

It is unlawful for any person to organize, conduct or participate in staging for OHV operations involving ten (10) or more persons without first obtaining a Temporary Special Event Permit from the County of San Bernardino.
(28.0404 SBCC)

Staging is defined as a formal or informal assembly or gathering of OHVs, other vehicles and equipment accessory thereto, including any related camping or establishment of temporary accommodations, on private or public property for the purpose of coordinating the use and operation of such OHVs on such property or the surrounding areas. Owner's written permission in hand required or written proof of ownership.
(28.0401 SBCC)

It is unlawful to operate an off-highway motor vehicle on the private property of another or upon public property, except a highway, without maintaining in their possession written permission from the owner of that property.

The same document can grant permission to two (2) or more persons if they are riding within 300 feet of the person in possession of the written permission.
(28.0403 SBCC)

No-off-highway motor vehicle shall exceed the noise standards established by the California Vehicle Code for off-highway motor vehicles.
(28.0405 SBCC)

It is unlawful to operate an OHV or participate in staging activity in a manner that disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or person by noise, dust, smoke or fumes.
(28.0406 SBCC)

Failure to adhere to these codes may result in a criminal citation. The first violation is punishable by a fine of \$200.00. The second violation within 3 years is punishable by a fine of \$400.00. The third violation within 3 years is punishable by a fine of \$500.00. Each subsequent violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$1000.00 and/or 90 days in County jail. (28.0407 SBCC)