

# XIX. Traffic and Vehicle Operation Rules

The HVL POA Safety and Elections Committee and the HVL POA Board of Directors have approved the following rules for traffic and vehicle operations within Hidden Valley Lake. For the safety and convenience of all, we sincerely request the cooperation of all HVL POA members, their immediate family members and their guests in adhering to these rules. These rules shall remain in force until changed or amended upon recommendation by the HVL POA Safety and Elections Committee and approved by the HVL Board of Directors.

## A. Definitions of Terms

For the following HVL POA Traffic and Vehicle Operation Rules, unless the context otherwise indicates when used in conjunction with the term, the definitions of the following terms apply:

- ◆ **Abandoned vehicle** - Any motorized vehicle located on community property within HVL:
  1. Which does not have lawfully affixed thereto or displayed thereon a valid unexpired license plate permitting its operation upon HVL streets, roadways, and/or parking areas.
  2. Which has been left for a period of three (3) days continuously without being moved.
  3. Which is located illegally or in such a manner as to constitute a hazard or unreasonable obstruction to the movement of pedestrian or other vehicle traffic on HVL streets, roadways, and/or parking areas.
  4. From which the engine, transmission or differential has been removed or which is otherwise partially dismantled or inoperable.The definition of an abandoned vehicle also includes any vehicle that has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or persons in control of such property.
- ◆ **All-terrain vehicle (ATV)/off-road vehicle** - A motorized vehicle capable of cross country travel without the benefit of a road or trail and on, or immediately over, land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain and includes the following:
  1. A multi-wheel vehicle drive or low pressure tire vehicle.
  2. An amphibious machine.
  3. A ground-effect air cushion vehicle.
  4. Other means of transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind.
  5. A snowmobile.An all terrain vehicle (ATV)/off-road vehicle does not include the following:
  1. A farm vehicle being used for farming.
  2. A vehicle being used for military or law enforcement purposes.
  3. A construction, mining, or other industrial-related vehicle used in performance of the vehicle's common function.
  4. A registered aircraft.
  5. Any other vehicle properly registered by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
  6. Any watercraft that is registered under Indiana statutes.
  7. A golf cart vehicle.
- ◆ **Concrete Truck** – Any vehicle used to carry un-poured mixed concrete.
- ◆ **Concrete pumper truck** – Any vehicle used to pump concrete from a concrete truck onto the construction site.
- ◆ **HVL streets, roadways, and/or parking areas** – Right-of-ways on community property within HVL for the use of vehicles and pedestrians.
- ◆ **Motor scooter/motorized skateboard** - A motorized vehicle that has the following:
  1. A floor pad for the driver's feet.
  2. An engine rating not exceeding fifty cubic centimeters (50cc).
- ◆ **Motorcycle** - A motorized vehicle, including, but not limited to a motor scooter, except a farm tractor or motorized bicycle that has the following:
  1. A seat or saddle for the use of the rider
  2. Designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground.
  3. An engine rating exceeding fifty cubic centimeters (50cc).
- ◆ **Motorized bicycle (MOPED)** - A two- (2) or three- (3) wheeled vehicle that is propelled by an internal combustion engine or battery-powered motor and if powered by an internal combustion engine, has the following:
  1. An engine rating of not more than two (2) horsepower and a cylinder capacity not exceeding fifty cubic centimeters (50cc).
  2. An automatic transmission.
  3. A maximum design speed of not more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour on a flat surface.
- ◆ **Motorized vehicle** - Any car, truck, semi-trailer or motor bus, including any other motor-driven vehicle, which vehicle is operated upon HVL streets, roadways, and/or parking areas.
- ◆ **Vehicle** – Any powered or non-powered mode of transporting people upon HVL streets, roadways, and/or parking areas.
- ◆ **Vehicle under restoration** – A motorized vehicle that is currently being restored, from which the engine, transmission or differential has been removed or which is otherwise partially dismantled or inoperable.

## **B. Stopping, Standing and Parking Rules**

- 1) At any time, it shall be a violation of HVL rules to permit any motor vehicle to be parked or to stand in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with any other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a policeman, HVL Deputy or traffic control devices:
  - a. Within twenty (20) feet of any intersection or crosswalk.
  - b. Other than parallel with the edge of the pavement and in the direction of traffic.
  - c. To reduce the usable width of the street or roadway for moving traffic to less than eighteen (18) feet with the exception of vehicles being loaded or unloaded.
  - d. To cause in any way a hazardous condition for moving traffic or pedestrians.
  - e. Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
  - f. Anyplace where the vehicle would block the use of a driveway or mailbox.
  - g. On any sidewalk.
  - h. At any place where official signs prohibit parking.
  - i. On streets during a snow removal period. Vehicles should be parked in a driveway and not on the street.
- 2) Any motorized vehicle, boat, trailer, camper, or any other type of private recreational or commercial vehicle without proper safety reflectors must be removed from HVL streets, roadways, and/or parking areas by sunset each day. All violators will be subject to towing.
- 3) Any unlicensed motorized vehicle, boat, trailer, camper, or any other type of private recreational or commercial vehicle must be removed from HVL streets, roadways, and/or parking areas by sunset each day. All violators will be subject to towing.
- 4) During any thirty-day period, it shall be a violation of HVL rules to park or store for more than seventy-two (72) hours any boats, trailers, campers, or any other type of private recreational or commercial vehicle within a distance of twenty (20) feet of the paved area of any HVL street, roadway, and/or parking area. All violators will be subject to towing.
- 5) The parking of concrete trucks at or near the construction site shall be limited to two vehicles – one actively unloading and one staged. The concrete truck being staged shall be parked within thirty-five (35) feet of the construction site. If additional concrete trucks for the construction site are on HVL premises, they shall be staged at the main entrance pull-off area, space permitting. Any concrete pumper truck needed for construction shall be positioned completely off the roadway while in use. Requests for exceptions to this rule shall be submitted in writing to the HVL POA Community Manager. If the exceptions are approved, they shall be sent by the HVL POA office in writing to the person requesting them. This policy shall be strictly enforced and violators are subject to fine.

## **C. Abandoned Vehicles Rules**

- 1) It shall be a violation of HVL rules to abandon a vehicle on community property within HVL. Any abandoned vehicle is subject to removal by the HVL POA and shall be impounded. Impound lot fees will be charged to the owner of the vehicle.

## **D. Repair or Restoration of Vehicles Rules**

- 1) It is a violation of HVL rules to grease, drain the crankcase, perform maintenance, or repair any motor vehicle upon any HVL street, roadway, and/or parking area except in case of emergency.
- 2) It is a violation of HVL rules to park any vehicle leaking gas, oil or transmission fluid(s) upon any HVL street, roadway, and/or parking area.
- 3) It is a violation of HVL rules to perform work on any vehicle under restoration on community property within HVL.
- 4) All vehicles under restoration on private property must be fully covered when work is not being performed on them.

## **E. Muffler Equipment for Motorized Vehicles Rules**

- 1) It shall be a violation of HVL rules to operate, cause to be operated or permit the operation of any motorized vehicles on HVL streets, roadways, and/or parking areas with a muffler, or any part thereon, that has been altered in any way from its original design by the manufacturer thereof, and/or with any muffler with any part thereof removed. Any muffler other than the original equipment manufacturer specifies for the vehicle is strictly prohibited.

## **F. Truck Weight Limitations Rules**

- 1) It shall be a violation of HVL rules to drive any truck over seven thousand (7,000) pounds gross vehicle weight on any HVL street, roadway and/or parking area so marked. However, trucks may use such streets, roadways, and/or parking areas for the purpose of making deliveries or picking up materials or merchandise but only by entering such street, roadway, and/or parking area at the intersection nearest the destination of the vehicle and proceeding thereon no farther than the nearest intersection thereafter.

## **G. Signs and Barricades Rules**

- 1) It shall be a violation of HVL rules for anyone not so authorized by the HVL POA office to post any signs or place any barricades which are intended to, or have the effect of, creating the impression that the parking there is limited or prohibited by the HVL POA office.

## **H. Refusal to Remove Parked or Stopped Vehicles Rules**

- 1) It shall be a violation for the owner and/or operator of any vehicle to refuse to move a vehicle otherwise lawfully parked or stopped when so requested by an HVL Deputy or the operator of an emergency vehicle (ambulance, fire-fighting apparatus, utility department truck, snow plow, etc.) while discharging his duties as such operator. Deputies may tow vehicles at owner's expense when it presents a danger to other traffic, obstructs traffic flow or in the event owner cannot be located.

## **I. Unlawful Deposits Rules**

- 1) It shall be a violation of HVL rules to deposit, permit to be deposited or permit to fall from any vehicle any garbage, refuse or natural debris upon any private property or community property within HVL. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit the placing of garbage, refuse and natural debris in a container, or to prohibit the placing of natural debris and refuse too bulky to place in a container, on or immediately adjacent to a street preparatory to having such material collected and disposed of by the authorized company.

## **J. Traffic and Vehicle Operations Rules**

- 1) All motor vehicles operating on HVL streets, roadways, and/or parking areas must have a current and valid license plate and registration.
- 2) All motor vehicle operators must have a current and valid driver's license.
- 3) Every vehicle operator shall stop for all posted stop signs and then proceed with due caution into the intersection yielding the right of way where applicable.
- 4) Vehicle operators shall obey all traffic control signs or devices posted on HVL streets, roadways, and/or parking areas.
- 5) Passing of moving vehicles when driving on HVL streets and roadways is prohibited.
- 6) The posted speed limit in HVL is 25 mph. The speed limit at the Sports Complex is 15 mph. The speed limit at the pool from Memorial Day to Labor Day is 15 mph between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and midnight.
- 7) Vehicle operators shall obey all posted signs controlling speed limits within HVL.
- 8) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in such a manner as to cause the following:
  - a. Spinning of tires.
  - b. "Fish tailing".
  - c. Loud noises which would cause annoyance of property owners and/or guests.
- 9) No person shall fail to comply with a lawful order of an HVL Deputy while such Deputy is acting for the benefit and safety of property owners and guests of HVL property owners.
- 10) Any vehicle using an HVL street, roadway, and/or parking area must be in a safe operating condition and completely road worthy.

## **K. Motorized Bicycles (MOPEDS), All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV)/Off-Road Vehicles, Motor Scooters/Motorized Skateboards and Motorcycles Rules**

- 1) To operate a motorcycle on community property within HVL, a person must have a valid driver's license.
- 2) The operation of any all-terrain vehicle (ATV)/off-road vehicle on community property within HVL is prohibited unless approved by the HVL Community Manager or the HVL Board of Directors.
- 3) All operators shall be subject to all local, state, and federal safety regulations governing the operation of motorized bicycles (MOPEDS), motor scooters/motorized skateboards, or motorcycles in Indiana. These should include, but not be limited to the following:
  - a. Equipped with handlebars that are more than fifteen (15) inches above the seat when occupied.
  - b. Equipped with brakes in good working order on both front and rear.
  - c. Equipped with footrests or foot pegs for both operator and passenger.
  - d. Equipped with lamps and reflectors meeting standards of US Department of Transportation.
  - e. Illumination of headlights at all times when a motorcycle or motorized bicycle is in operation.
- 4) In addition to the local, state and federal safety regulations, motorized bicycles (MOPEDS), motor scooters/motorized skateboards, or motorcycles shall be:
  - a. Equipped with a baffled muffler (muffler to eliminate excessive noise),
  - b. Equipped with not more than a two- (2) seat capacity with the passenger seated immediately behind the operator. (The only exception will be a motorcycle equipped with sidecar, with no more than two (2) passengers in a sidecar.)
- 5) No person shall operate a motorized bicycle (MOPEDE) or motor scooter/motorized skateboard within HVL unless:
  - a. They are at least fifteen (15) years of age.
  - b. They have a valid Drivers License or BMV-Issued Identification Card.
  - c. They must pass the HVL POA written Moped test annually.
  - d. They must present their Drivers License or BMV-Issued Identification Card at the POA Office and pass the POA written Moped test to receive a valid HVL Moped sticker which shall be placed on the front fender or windshield of the Moped.
  - e. They must carry their Drivers License or BMV-Issued Identification Card with them while operating the motorized bicycle (MOPEDE) in HVL.
  - e. The property owner and the operator must sign the registration forms for the sticker.
  - f. The property owner is responsible for any damage or liability incurred by the operator.
- 6) A person less than eighteen (18) years of age who operates a motorized bicycle (MOPEDE), motor scooter/motorized skateboard, or motorcycle shall wear protective headgear meeting the minimum standard established by the United States Department of Transportation under 49 CFR 571.218 in effect January 1, 1979.
- 7) Motorized bicycles (MOPEDS), motor scooters/motorized skateboards, and motorcycles with the engine capacity of greater than fifty cubic centimeters (50cc) are required by the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles to be licensed in the state of Indiana.
- 8) Unless operating on the owner's private property, all motorized vehicles are to be operated only on HVL streets, roadways, and/or parking areas. All other community property within HVL or private property is to be considered closed to the use of all motorized vehicles.
- 9) No person shall operate any type of motorized bicycle (MOPEDE), motor scooter/motorized skateboard, or motorcycle on or across the dam, beach, sports complex, or hiking trails. Motorized bicycles (MOPEDS), motor scooters/motorized skateboards, and motorcycles may enter an HVL parking area to park and then exit later.
- 10) No person will operate a motorized bicycle (MOPEDE), motor scooter/motorized skateboard, or motorcycle on community property within HVL unless both front and rear wheels are in contact with the surface at all times.
- 11) No person is to operate a motorized bicycle (MOPEDE), motor scooter/motorized skateboard, or motorcycle on community property within HVL in a manner normally deemed to be "reckless".