

**CIVIL TRAFFIC ORDINANCE
VEHICLE LICENSES**

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8.16.010 Licenses and Plates Required - Penalties - Exceptions

(a) It is unlawful for a person to operate any vehicle on a public road on the Skokomish Reservation without first obtaining and displaying vehicle license number plates properly registered to the vehicle and the current registered owner.

(a) Exceptions.

(1) These provisions do not apply to farm vehicle[s] if operated within a radius of fifteen miles of the farm where principally used or garaged and trailers used exclusively to transport farm implements from one farm to another during the daylight hours or at night when the equipment has lights that comply with the law.

(2) These provisions do not apply to equipment defined as follows:

"Special road construction equipment" which is designed and used primarily for grading of roads, paving of roads, earth moving, and other construction work on roads and which is only incidentally operated or moved over the road.

Exclusions. "Special road construction equipment" does not include:

(A) Dump trucks originally designed to comply with legal size and weight provisions, operated on a public road;

(B) Trailers, truck-mounted transit mixers, cranes and shovels, or other vehicles designed for the transportation of persons or property to which machinery has been attached.

Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

8.16.011 Allowing Unauthorized Person to Drive - Penalty

It is unlawful for the registered owner of a vehicle to knowingly permit another person to drive the vehicle when the other person is not legally authorized to do so.

Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

8.16.240 Attachment of Plates to Vehicles - Violations Enumerated

Vehicle license number plates shall be attached conspicuously at the front and rear of the vehicle for which they are issued in a way so they can be plainly seen and read at all times. If only one license number plate is legally issued for any vehicle the plate shall be conspicuously attached to the rear of the vehicle. Each vehicle license number plate shall be mounted horizontally not less than one foot nor more than four feet from the ground and shall be kept clean so as to be plainly seen and read at all times. If the body construction of the vehicle is such that compliance with this section is impossible, permission to deviate therefrom may be granted by the Chief of Police.

It is unlawful to display upon the front or rear of any vehicle, vehicle license number plate(s) not legally issued to the vehicle or plate(s) which have been in any manner changed, altered, disfigured or have become illegible.

License plate frames may not obscure identifying letters or numbers on the plates and the plates must be plainly seen and read at all times. It is unlawful to use any holders, frames, or any materials that in any manner change, alter, or make the vehicle license number plates illegible.

Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

8.16.260 License Registration Certificate - Signature Required - Carried in Vehicle - Penalty - Inspection - Exception

A certificate of license registration must be signed and carried in the vehicle for which it is issued at all times. Any person in charge of a vehicle must, upon demand of any police officer, present the registration for inspection.

Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

8.16.381 Special Parking Privileges for Disabled Persons - Penalties for Unauthorized Use or Parking

- (a) Special parking privileges shall be granted to any person who has a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk.
- (b) Qualified people may have a removable windshield placard bearing the international symbol of access displayed when the vehicle is parked by hanging it on the rear view mirror, or on the dashboard of any vehicle used to transport the disabled person. Disabled persons may have special license plates bearing the international symbol of access instead of regular license plates. Authorized persons in a vehicle displaying the special license plates or placard may park in places reserved for mobility disabled persons.

- (c) Any unauthorized use of the special placard or the special license plate is a violation.
- (d) It is a violation to park a vehicle in a parking place provided on private property without charge or on public property reserved for physically disabled persons without a special license plate or placard. If a person is charged with a violation, the person shall not be determined to have committed an infraction if the person produces in court or before the court appearance the special license plate or placard required under this section. The court may also impose an additional penalty sufficient to reimburse the Department of Public Safety for any costs it may have incurred in removal and storage of the improperly parked vehicle.

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