

- **How can I obtain an order of protection?**
  - Your attorney can file in civil court;
  - There can be an order through a divorce case;
  - Go to the Will County Circuit Clerk's office at the Will County Court House, 14 W. Jefferson Street Joliet, to meet with a victim's advocate who will assist you.

For more information go on-line at [www.willcountysao.com](http://www.willcountysao.com) and click on "Domestic Violence Information" .

- **How do I start a neighborhood watch group?**  
Contact the Crest Hill Police Department Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm at 815-741-5115.

- **What are the burning ordinances?**

**§ 7.24.010 BURNING GARBAGE.**

No person, persons or corporation shall burn or cause to be burned within those areas zoned for residential, business or light industrial use in the city any garbage, leaves, or other material.

('78 Code, § 7.24.010) (Ord. 27, passed - -61; Am. Ord. 930, passed 9-6-94)

**§ 7.24.020 RESIDENTIAL USE OF FIRE PITS/BARBEQUES.**

The provisions of § 7.24.010 are not intended to and shall not be interpreted to be a prohibition upon the use of charcoal barbeque grills, charcoal smokers, chimenea and outdoor metal (Weber and Coleman type) fire pits; the burning of natural charcoal, charcoal briquettes, and wood smoking chips in barbeques grills and charcoal smokers; and the burning of seasoned firewood and commercially prepared "firelogs" in chimenea and outdoor mobile metal fire pits.

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, if in the opinion of any local building, police or fire official that the prevailing atmospheric conditions are such that the use of any of the aforesaid items is inappropriate, upon the direction of said official, said use shall be immediately extinguished.

(Ord. 1288, passed 5-19-03)

**§ 7.24.030 BONFIRES PROHIBITED.**

No person, persons, corporation or other entity, at law or otherwise, shall assemble, ignite, burn or sponsor any bonfire in the city, except upon application to the City Council for permission to allow such bonfire at a specified time and location. The City Council shall require the applicant to provide proof of notification to the appropriate Fire Protection District of the applicant's desire to conduct such bonfire, and the City Council will consider any objection of such Fire Protection District in determining whether such application to conduct a bonfire will be approved.

(Ord. 1288, passed 5-19-03)

### **§ 7.24.040 PENALTIES**

Any person who is guilty of violating any provision of this chapter shall be fined a sum not less than \$100, but not in excess of \$1,000, for each violation.

(Ord. 1288, passed 5-19-03)

- **How do I obtain a copy of a report or a copy of a crash report?**

You will need to visit the Crest Hill Police Department Located at 1610 Plainfield Rd. between 8 am and 5 pm. There is an associated cost for reports. Some reports require a Freedom of Information form filled out in order to receive a copy.

- **How do I pay for and parking and administrative tickets?**

You may place cash into the envelope provided, seal the envelope and place it into the white mail box type box right outside of the door to the City Hall, or you may come into the Police Department Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm and pay at the window.

- **What are Crest Hill's hours of curfew?**

When a person is more than 15 years of age, but less than 18 years of age, their curfew is; 11:00 pm on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday until 6:00 am the following day; and 11:59 pm on any Friday or Saturday until 6:00 am of the following day.

When a person is less than 16 years of age, their curfew is: 9:30 pm to 6:00 am on the following day, seven days a week.

- **What constitutes an abandon and or inoperable vehicle?**

**ABANDONED VEHICLE.** Any vehicle located on public or private property that had not been moved or used for at least seven days or more or any vehicle left at any place for such a time and under such circumstances as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to be abandoned.

**INOPERABLE VEHICLE.** Any vehicle in a state of disassembly or disrepair for a period of at least seven days which renders the vehicle of being driven under its own power; for purposes of this division, any vehicle which is unregistered and unlicensed shall be presumed to be inoperable.

- **Parking Issues.**

Parking issues arise from time to time for a Varsity of reasons. The following hopefully will address your concerns.

**Snow parking;**

**10.01.10-602. TOWING OR REMOVING OF VEHICLES DURING SNOWFALLS.**

(A) It is unlawful for any person to park any motor vehicle or if parked, to allow a motor vehicle to remain parked or standing in any public street or alley during or after a snowfall in which there is an accumulation of two inches of snow or more. This prohibition shall remain in effect until such time as the street or alley has been plowed or snow has been removed there from. A city street shall not be deemed to have been plowed or the snow removed until the lane of traffic nearest the curb has been plowed or the snow has been removed there from.

(B) The city shall remove the snow in accordance with the best management practices with priority to the interest of the public safety and on streets with heavier traffic flow.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Police Department to remove or cause to be removed any vehicle which is parked in violation of this section, and to impound such vehicle or vehicles until all charges for such removal shall have been paid.

(D) Any person or persons found guilty of violating any provision of this section may be fined not more than \$500, in addition thereto, shall pay all reasonable charges of removal, towing and storage. (Am. Ord. 1080, passed 1-19-99; Am. Ord. 1438, passed 10-1-07)

**Parking on parkway, grass**

**10.01.10-604. PARKING ON PARKWAYS.**

Where the boundary between the parkway and city street is fully delineated by a curb, no vehicle nor any portion of a vehicle shall be parked on the parkway, but the entire vehicle shall be parked either on the street adjacent to the curb or on a private driveway.

**10.01.10-614. PARKING MOTOR VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY.**

Motor vehicles parked on private property located in the city shall not be parked on an unpaved surface.

(Ord. 1068, passed 10-5-98)

**Parking with “For Sale” sign.**

**10.01.10-605. VEHICLES FOR SALE.**

It is unlawful to park any vehicle upon any street for the purpose of displaying it for sale, or to park any vehicle upon any street from which vehicle merchandise is peddled or sold.

**Curb Parking**

**10.01.10-603. CURB PARKING.**

No vehicle shall be parked with the driver's side of such vehicle next to the curb, except on one-way streets; and it is unlawful to stand or park any vehicle in a street other than parallel with the curb and with the two right wheels of the vehicle within 12 inches of the regularly established curb line, except that upon those streets that have been marked for angle parking, vehicles shall be parked at the angle to the curb indicated by such marks.

**Trailer and Boat parking**

**10.01.10-610.**

(1) Trailers shall not be permanently affixed to the ground as a principal or accessory structure on a lot in any district.

(2) Travel camping trailers and recreational trailers shall not be parked or stored on any lot other than in a lawfully established travel camp or trailer sales or manufacturing establishment, except that in a residential district, one travel or recreational trailer may be stored on a lot containing a dwelling unit provided further that no major repair, disassembly, or rebuilding operations are conducted thereon. No more than one camping or recreational trailer may be parked or stored in the open on a lot in a residential district, provided that it shall not be located within a required front or side yard unless the trailer cannot be located in the rear yard. All trailers parked or stored in the open on a lot in a residential district shall be located upon a properly maintained hard surface capable of supporting the weight of the vehicle, as approved by the Building Inspector.

(3) Boats may be parked or stored in the open when in the operation of a lawfully established principal use. One boat may be parked or stored in the open on a lot in a residential district containing a dwelling unit, provided the boat shall not be located within the required front or side yard unless it cannot be located in the rear yard, and provided further that no major repair, disassembly, or rebuilding operations are conducted thereon. All boats parked or stored on a trailer located on a residential lot shall be located upon a properly maintained hard surface capable of supporting the weight of the trailer and boat, as approved by the Building Inspector.

- **When is the next test for police officer?**

The Department just created a list and will be good until January 2011. At that time we will be looking to create a new list and will be advertizing in local papers and colleges.