

Tow penalties

Bloomington City Code establishes penalties of \$250 or \$500, in addition to the standard \$10 fee, in order to secure release of some vehicles towed by Bloomington police. The owner of record is liable to the city for a \$250 penalty for the following offenses:

- Driving with no valid license
- Driving with a suspended license
- Driving with suspended registration plates

The owner of record is liable to the city for \$500 for the following offenses:

- Fleeing or eluding a police officer
- Aggravated fleeing or eluding a police officer
- Failure to give information or leaving the scene or failure to report a vehicle damage or death or injury traffic crash
- Failure to give information after striking an unattended vehicle or other property
- Failure to report a traffic crash to police authority
- Driving under the influence (DUI)
- Driving with a revoked license
- Driving with revoked registration plates
- Reckless driving
- Unlawful use of weapons
- Any violation of the Illinois Cannabis Control Act
- Any felony for which seizure is authorized under the Illinois Criminal Code 1961
- Any violation of Article IV of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act.

**For more information,
contact us:**

**Bloomington Police Department
305 S. East Street
Bloomington, Illinois 61701**

**Public Affairs Unit
(309) 434-2355
(309) 434-2534**

police@cityblm.org



For a free copy of the City of Bloomington directory (*Your Guide to City Services*), contact the Administration office at City Hall at (309) 434-2210.

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www.cityblm.org**

***MOVING
TO
TOWN?***



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We'll Make Room!



Welcome Neighbor !

If you're new in town, we want any surprises to be good ones. You should know about certain laws and procedures that may differ from other cities and states.

In Illinois:

- A driver's licenses must be obtained within 30 days of moving here.
- Vehicle registration must be obtained within 90 days of moving here.
- A graduated driver's license system exists for people under 18.
- Front **and** rear license plates are required.
- Right turn on red allowed after a complete stop, unless posted otherwise.
- If you use your windshield wipers, your headlights must be on.
- Windshield and front windows may **not** be tinted.
- Passing a school bus with its stop-arm extended is a \$150 fine and 3-month driver's license suspension.
- Operation of a vehicle with a sound amplification system that can be heard from 75 feet or more is subject to a fine of not more than \$50.
- There is also a law against excessively noisy exhaust systems.
- The breath alcohol content (BAC) limit is .08% (.00% for drivers under 21).
- Traffic stop data is collected to combat racial profiling and bias-based policing.
- Speed limit in cities is 30 MPH unless posted otherwise (15 MPH in alleys).
- Curfew: Those under 17 must be in by 11:00 PM Sunday through Thursday and by midnight on Friday and Saturday.

In Bloomington:

Police reporting

- Emergency **911** (Police, Fire, Rescue)
- Non emergency calls for service **820-8888**
- Front desk 434-2700
- Records 434-2354
- BPD Headquarters is located at 305 South East street in downtown Bloomington.

Parking

- Don't park against the flow of traffic,
- over 12 inches from the curb,
- within 20 feet of a crosswalk,
- within 30 feet of a traffic control device (light or sign),
- on any street for more than 24 hours without moving the vehicle

Ordinance Violation (OV) tickets

Certain city ordinance violations, some of which mirror state law, may be written as OV tickets. Court appearances may be avoided by paying the fine prior to the court date.

Compliance tickets

Certain equipment violations may be written as compliance tickets. Proof of compliance may be presented at the police station within 5 days to avoid prosecution.

Alarm Ordinance

There is a \$50 fine for each false alarm (panic, robbery or burglary) after four within a calendar year.

Code enforcement / Inspections

Complaints of substandard housing may be directed to Building Safety at 434-2226. Weeds, garbage, graffiti and other building code violations may be reported to Community Development at 434-2244.

Traffic Calming

Besides regular enforcement, chronic speeding and other traffic complaints are addressed by the Staff Traffic Advisory Committee (STAC), which authorizes speed and diversion studies. If criteria are met, affected residents may vote on the installation of traffic calming measures. Call BPD Public Affairs at 434-2355.

Police Accountability

Police complaints, concerns or compliments should be directed to the watch commander on duty at the police station (434-2360) or to the Bloomington Police Department's Administration Office (434-2350). Formal complaint forms can be found online at www.cityblm.org.

Bloomington / Normal use tax

Upon purchase, all vehicles titled to a Bloomington or Normal address are subject to a use tax of 1/2% of the pre-tax purchase price, less trade in, of all titled vehicles (except off road). Out of town purchases are billed. Call 454-9516.