NO TRESPASSING SIGNS

A building owner (or their representative) can authorize the Minneapolis Police Department to enforce the trespassing ordinance (see ordinance below) on their property. To have the ordinance enforced, the owner/representative must:

- · Sign an affidavit
- Post the official "No Trespassing" signs

To receive an affidavit and the official "No Trespassing" sign, contact the crime prevention specialist at the precinct in which the property is located. Those phone numbers and precinct addresses are:

If an owner/representative has more than one building, a separate affidavit for each building must be completed. The property owner/representative completes the affidavit and sends or delivers it to their crime prevention specialist at the appropriate precinct. After receiving the affidavit from the owner/representative, the crime prevention specialist will send or give no more than two "No Trespassing" signs per affidavit.

The owner/representative needs to fasten each sign securely at least seven feet off the ground or on the interior of a window. One should be posted on the street side and the other on the alley side of the building. They must be easily visible to both trespassers and police. If the sign is not easily visible, police cannot enforce the ordinance. The Minneapolis Police will enforce no trespassing only on properties that are posted with the MPD- authorized "No Trespassing" sign.

Officers who enforce the trespassing ordinance will:

- Ask suspects what they are doing there
- Point out the no trespassing sign to the individual
- Determine if suspect has reason to be on the property
- Tell suspect to leave, if suspect has no reason to be on property
- Arrest suspect, if suspect refuses to leave or returns during the officer's shift

Trespass signs must be conspicuous. People cannot be arrested if they have just reason to be on the property. Renters and their guests cannot be arrested for trespassing. Advise your tenants and guests of your purpose for authorizing trespass signs and ask them to fully cooperate with police.

Legally obtained trespass signs properly mounted allow officers to question suspicious individuals, which may produce a criminal violation and discourage future illegal activity.

Contact your crime prevention specialist to obtain an affidavit or for further information.

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS TRESPASSING ORDINANCE

385.380 Trespassing upon the land of another.

- a. No person shall intentionally trespass on the land of another and, without claim of right, refuse to depart therefrom on demand of the lawful possessor thereof or his agent. A demand to depart may be made as follows:
 - (1) Orally, or in writing, by the lawful possessor or the possessor's agent; or,
 - (2) By conspicuously posting at reasonable intervals signs which prohibit trespass on the affected land; or,
 - (3) By conspicuously posting at reasonable intervals signs which prohibit trespass on the affected land during certain hours.
- b. No person who has received a written demand to depart pursuant to clause (1) of paragraph (a) of this section shall reenter the lawful possessor's land without the written permission of the lawful possessor or the agent providing said demand for a period of up to one (1) year from the date of the written demand, as provided therein.

English: Attention. If you want help translating this information, call 612-673-3737

Spanish: Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para traducir esta información, llame 612-673-2700

Somali: Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la' aan wac 612-673-3500

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Sign Language: TTY 612-673-2626

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