

Aurora Police Department
“Vehicular Nuisance Ordinance”



Issue:

Since 2020, we have seen an increase with the following issues across the City:

- Vehicle meet-ups, vehicle caravans, street takeovers, side-shows

Those have resulted in increasing complaints of the following:

- Reckless driving (2020-1,701, 2021-1,963, 2022-1,821, 2023-1,986, 2024-2,477)
- Loud Vehicles (Tires squealing, engines roaring, loud mufflers)
- Drag Racing (2020-170, 2021-95, 2022-133, 2023-208, 2024-335 CFS)



Why is happening?

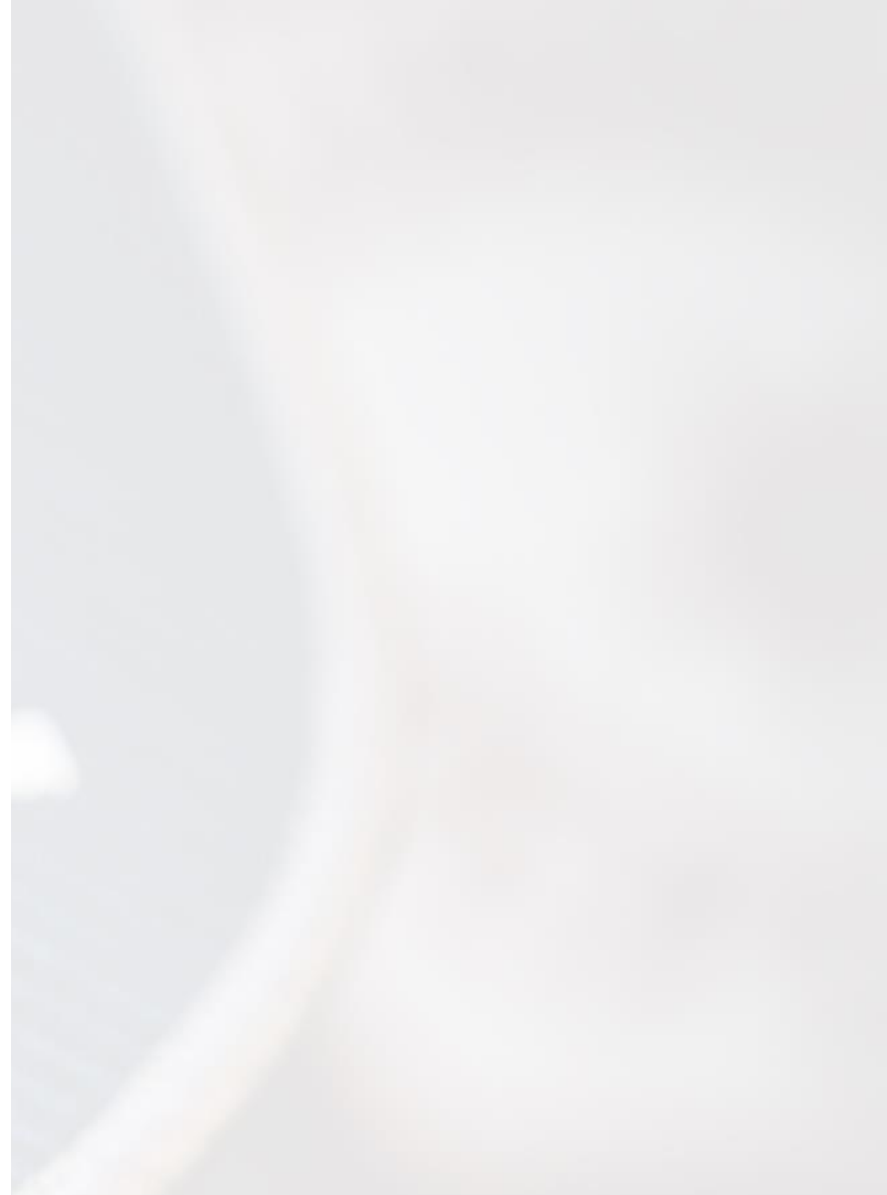
- Covid introduced and accelerated vehicle meet-ups and caravans
- Organizers and Participants earn money from Social Media postings
- Show off skills and vehicles to friends, observers and social media followers
- National Trend – Occurring all over the country, a simple google search of “street takeover” will highlight the problems across the country



What we are seeing?

- Vehicle meet-ups of large numbers of vehicles up in public and private parking lots
- Vehicle caravans- When vehicles go from place to place and to celebrate events
- Street Takeovers / Stunt Shows
- Fireworks/Gasoline poured in circles and burned
- Persons injured (Teen fell off a car in 2023, spectator's car vehicle struck during drag racing incident in 2024, subject struck and severely injured during stunt show in a hit-and run in 2025)
- Damage to property (Streets/Rt. 59 train station, squad window broken in 2023)
- Stolen vehicles
- Guns
- Large followings on social media enhances the number of people involved and leads to more risky behavior in order to increase social media views, likes and shares





Limitations with existing enforcement methods

- Officers arrive and before you can get any reason to stop them the whole group will flee. Heading to another jurisdiction, such as North Aurora and then to Naperville and then back to Aurora and then to another city.
- Officer safety issue (Officers have been surrounded)
- Too many vehicles to stop (Can stop 5 and 150 other get away)
- Offenders armed, flee over curbs, etc to get away
- Wear masks frequently so difficult to identify driver



Nationwide Epidemic

Dozens of municipalities across the nation have passed this type of ordinance in the last few years, here are a few:

- *Chicago passed ordinance allowing impounds and fines in October of 2024*
- *Indianapolis passed a very similar ordinance in October of 2024*
- *The State of Connecticut passed legislation tightening laws and allowing municipalities to levee fines*
- *Compton, California passed ordinance in February of 2024*
- *Long Beach, California passed ordinance in March of 2022*



Recommended Solution

Vehicular Nuisance Ordinance

“It is unlawful for any person to permit a vehicle to be used to perform motor vehicle stunts, or participate in street racing, a streetside show, an unlawful vehicle rally, or an unlawful vehicle caravan”

The ordinance defines each of the above and would allow us to Cite the registered owner of vehicles involved in these activities



Method of Compliance and Enforcement

- Education! We plan on educating the public on the ordinance and trying to gain compliance by spreading the word about the ordinance and our enforcement through social media. This tactic alone has been successful in other jurisdictions.
- Officers responding to these calls would use their squad car video, body camera video, license plate readers, traffic cameras and parking lot cameras to assist them in identifying vehicles and confirming vehicles involved
- Citations could be issued on scene or mailed to the registered owner
- Vehicles could be impounded

