

Basketball Hoop Guidelines

By following these common-sense guidelines, you can maintain the safety, integrity and peacefulness of your neighborhood.

- After the game, remove the hoop from the sidewalk or street.
- Stop playing at sunset or by 9:00 p.m. in the summer.
- Move out of the street when cars approach.
- Ensure parked cars are far enough away to avoid damage.
- Do not play between parked cars.

If you are considering purchasing a Portable Basketball Hoop and you do not have room to set it up and play on your property, keep in mind that many of the Sherwood parks and schools have basketball courts open to the public during daylight hours.



Sherwood Municipal Code SMC 10.12.190 - Obstructing Streets

Except as provided by this chapter or any other ordinance of the City, no person shall place, park, deposit, or leave upon any street or other public way, sidewalk or curb, any article, thing or material which in any way prevents, interrupts or obstructs the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or obstructs a driver's view of traffic control signs and signals.

Additionally, a hoop in the right of way may be in violation of other sections of the code depending on the circumstances.

This pamphlet provides a basic overview for basketball hoops. If you have additional questions, you can contact the Police Department.

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CITY OF SHERWOOD BASKETBALL HOOP POLICY



**Responsibilities and
Guidelines for Basketball
Hoop Owners**

Portable Basketball Hoops offer an excellent means of exercise and entertainment near your home. They are a great way to socialize with friends and neighbors.



Sometimes the location of a Hoop or the time of play may disrupt nearby residents or the flow of foot and vehicular traffic. As a portable basketball hoop owner, you can ensure that your activity is respectful of others by adhering to the guidelines in this brochure.

Why a Basketball Hoop Policy?

City of Sherwood ordinances prohibit obstructing a public street, sidewalk, or planting strip for a few basic reasons.

- **Pedestrian Safety and ADA Compliance:** People using the sidewalk may have difficulty maneuvering around a hoop or may have to go onto a busy street to pass your property.

Never fix a permanent basketball hoop in the right of way or where it will overhang the street or sidewalk.

- **Aesthetics:** Hoops strewn about the neighborhood can be unappealing and can reduce property values.
- **Property Damage:** The location of the hoop can cause the basketball to land in neighbor's yards, breaking shrubbery or damaging personal property.
- **Vehicle Safety:** Hoops in the street can cause a serious vehicular accident and a passing vehicle could strike players.
- **Noise:** A late night game could be disturbing your neighbors.

What happens if owners do not follow the Hoop Policy?

The City receives frequent complaints regarding basketball hoops left on the sidewalk or on the street. Those who fail to follow the policy can end up with frustrated neighbors.

- If your neighbors ask for your compliance with these guidelines, please cooperate.
- Our goal is to work with citizens to first inform you of code violations, and second to work with you to achieve compliance.
- If someone does not comply with the code, they could be issued a citation.
- You may be liable for any damage or injury that occurs by having your basketball hoop in the sidewalk or street.

The City does not recommend or encourage that anyone use the street for any illegal or unsafe purpose. Keep in mind that our sidewalks and roadways must be kept clear for pedestrian and vehicle traffic. In fact, **Sherwood Municipal Code 10.12.050** prohibits pedestrians from using a roadway for travel when sidewalks are present.