



Community Expectations for Those Who Live, Work, or Visit Downtown Minneapolis

Downtown Minneapolis aspires to be a place where people are courteous, respectful and friendly and take pride in the appearance of Downtown's public and private spaces; residents, workers and visitors take an active role in creating and maintaining a neighborhood that is fun, vibrant, positive and healthy and embrace cultural, ethnic and religious diversity.

To foster the kind of place we seek, people who live, work, play and visit Downtown Minneapolis have the responsibility to help create and maintain:

CLEAN - A neighborhood that is clean, attractive and well-maintained. We maintain our neighborhood so that sidewalks and streets are free of litter, graffiti and urine; public walkways and street furniture are kept in good repair and trash receptacles are emptied promptly as necessary. Property owners maintain the streets, sidewalks and areas adjacent to their homes and businesses. Individuals who litter [including tossing cigarette butts onto the sidewalk or street or failing to clean up after their pets] will receive citations from law enforcement officers.

RESPECTFUL - A neighborhood where individuals behave in a manner that respects the rights of others to enjoy our public spaces. We respect the right of others to be free of behaviors that undermine our enjoyment of public space, such as music blaring from boom boxes and cars, car tires squealing, foul language and derogatory comments hurled at passers-by, spitting and public urination and the unauthorized consumption of alcohol in public spaces.

SAFE - A neighborhood that appears safe and is, in fact, safe for everyone.

We work with and support the efforts of the Minneapolis Police Department, the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office and others in the criminal justice system to enforce and prosecute the law and our Community Expectations. We all participate in making Downtown safe by calling 911 to report emergencies and crimes in action and 311 to report non-emergency matters and willingly participate in safety programs in our buildings, on our blocks and throughout Downtown.

PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY - A neighborhood that encourages pedestrian movement throughout its streets and skyways. We aspire to have walkways that are friendly to pedestrians and where individuals move unimpeded. We refuse direct financial support to individuals who panhandle on the streets and sidewalks of Downtown or refuse to tolerate those who intentionally block or otherwise impede the public's free movement. Property owners maintain their sidewalks and curbs so that they are free of debris, ice and snow.