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"Work is the inevitable condition of human life; the true source of human welfare."

Tolstoy.

Private Property Motorcycle Ordinance Implemented

Complete implementation of the recent city ordinance that prohibits operation of motorcycles on private property without a permit and without written permission from the land owner was completed with the circulation of 16,000 notices sent with the city utility bills over a four-month period. The notices sent to home owners were as follows:

Santa Cruz Municipal Code Section 9.54.020 requires a permit for the operation of a motorcycle, mini-bike, motor scooter, bicycle with motor attached, or trail bike here-inafter collectively referred to as "motorcycle" on any uninproved road, unimproved private property, or public park. Such permits are issued by the Santa Cruz Fire Chief who shall designate specified area(s) of operation by applicant. Should applicant desire to operate a motorcycle on unimproved private property not owned by him, he must submit to the Fire Chief written consent for such activity by the owner(s) of the property in question, along with the property owner's statement that such operation will not create any undue fire hazard.

The permit is not an expression by the City of Santa Cruz that such proposed operation can be done with safety to the operator, persons, or property, all of which risks are assumed by the applicant or other responsible persons.

Permits shall be in the possession of the permittee when operating the motorcycle and shall be presented to any police officer upon request.

Motorcycles may be operated without a permit at the Santa Cruz Motorcycle Park located on property adjacent to the Municipal Dump on Highway #1, five miles north of the city for a fee of 25¢ per motorcycle September through May, Saturday and Sunday, 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. and June through August, Tuesday through Saturday, 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Exhaust systems of motorcycles must meet the requirements of the motor vehicle noise limits and other provisions of the California Vehicle Code regulating exhaust systems.

Violators of this law will be cited into the Municipal Court.