

From: [Sofia](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerned citizen
Date: Sunday, January 18, 2026 7:53:13 PM



To whom it may concern,

I want to begin by thanking you for all the work you have done and continue to do for the city of Billings. As a mother of two, I am proud to see what the city is becoming and happy to raise my children here.

I write today out of concern for the growing threat that is in the Department of Homeland Security, specifically ICE. The fear and danger that follows them is hard to ignore. I pray for those in other cities who are exposed to their threat. I feel such sadness for those children who attend school in fear of what ICE will do to their families, friends, and neighbors.

I write today to ask that we the city of Billings keep ICE out of our Magic City. We cannot ignore the danger that comes with that organization. We must do what we can to keep our city and our people safe from their chaos. We cannot ignore the drastic actions they take and carelessness they carry with them. And for many poorly trained ICE agents, they seek to harm others. We owe it to our community, to keep people like this away from Billings. Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I appreciate you looking into this matter and keeping ICE out. Thank you.

From: [Karen Klee](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cooperation agreement
Date: Sunday, January 18, 2026 8:39:56 AM



As a resident of Billings for 35 years, I am asking the council to NOT sign a cooperation agreement with ICE. Our law enforcement personnel are already stretched thin. Working with ICE will not only divert them from their normal duties, but will actually increase their workload.

Right now, law enforcement personnel are generally respected in our community. If they partner with an organization whose agents are poorly trained, do not follow protocol and act knowing they have "full immunity", our police will lose respect (and self-respect) and divisions in our community will grow.

Please side with our community.

Sincerely, Karen Klee

From: [anne harris](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ICE
Date: Sunday, January 18, 2026 4:20:58 PM



Please do not allow our police to be deputized to work as federal agents to help ICE. They have more than enough to do to protect our community through police work. And we cannot afford the lawsuits ICE will be getting in the future for things their poorly trained agents are doing . Thank you. Anne Harris 2206 Patricia Lane Billings

From: [Annalise Eiffert](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep ICE out of Billings
Date: Sunday, January 18, 2026 3:23:06 PM

Our community must not allow ICE to take our neighbors. We cannot support ICE coordination. Billings is improved exponentially by the communities that ICE is targeting. Please help us keep them safe, and prevent ICE from having a presence in this city.

From: [Ali Pistora](#)
To: [Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please continue preserving our future by continuing the Energy and Conservation Commission
Date: Sunday, January 18, 2026 6:14:56 PM

Good evening Mayor and Councilmembers,

Thank you for letting the Energy and Conservation Commission save the CITY money. Essentially, you become more efficient THEN you save BIG dollars on mindless utilities and extend the longevity of our infrastructure. Please continue to value and support this commission to do the work for you on improving our city and maintaining that novel status of a LEED Gold certified city.

Thank you,
Ali Pistora, Ward 3

From: [St. John, Rich](#)
To: [Pitman, Denis](#); [Council](#)
Cc: [Kukulski, Chris](#); [Iffland, Kevin](#)
Subject: RE: off roading in city limits
Date: Sunday, January 18, 2026 10:34:36 AM

CM Pitman, et. al:

Thank you for the email and the opportunity to respond. I have asked our traffic unit, patrol, and SROs (School Resource Officers) to increase patrol, contact citizens, and do some education. That being said, there are some enforcement challenges, and I would like to provide this clarification to ensure you and residents have accurate information regarding Montana's driver licensing and vehicle registration requirements, including how these rules apply to both public roadways and private property.

Driver Licensing Requirements

Under Montana law, anyone operating a motor vehicle on public roadways must hold a valid driver's license. This requirement applies to all motor vehicles, including passenger cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Operating a vehicle on public streets without a valid license is unlawful and may result in enforcement action.

Montana law does not require a driver's license when a vehicle is operated exclusively on private property and does not enter or cross a public roadway.

Vehicle Registration Requirements

Montana law also requires that motor vehicles driven or parked on public roadways be properly registered with the State of Montana. Registration and titling occur together under state law, and residents must maintain current registration for any vehicle they operate on public streets.

Similarly, Montana's registration requirements apply to vehicles operated or parked on public roadways. A vehicle used only on private property and never driven on public streets is generally not required to be registered.

The moment a vehicle enters or crosses a public roadway, all licensing and registration requirements apply, regardless of where the vehicle is primarily used. Insurance requirements may apply depending on the type of vehicle and its use. All are citable offenses under the Montana Code Annotated.

Other Violations

Serious moving violations, such as reckless driving and DUI (Driving Under the Influence), e.g., are actionable on private property.

Property Owners

Property owners may impose their own rules, and individuals remain responsible for operating vehicles safely.

The area in question is privately owned and not posted with a "No Trespassing" sign. There is a "Road Closed" sign, but it is designed to stop people from cutting across the field. Posting the property would give us leverage to take additional enforcement action. Over the years, we have dealt with this situation city-wide, and some property owners didn't care that their property was being used, refused to post signs, and were not too concerned about inconveniencing neighbors.

In sum, we can enforce the above-referenced traffic violations occurring on the public right-of-way, ask people to leave, or take more definitive action with the property owner's permission. As indicated, we will increase patrol and enforcement efforts. We will also try to identify the property owner and ask them to post their property.



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From: Pitman, Denis <PitmanD@billingsmt.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 3:04 PM
To: Kukulski, Chris <kukulskic@billingsmt.gov>; St. John, Rich <stjohnr@billingsmt.gov>
Subject: Fw: off roading in city limits

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From: m faucher <mrfaucher@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 3:05:26 PM
To: Council <council@billingsmt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] off roading in city limits



Good Afternoon,

I am curious about a topic. I live in near Skyview High and there is a piece of property about 6 acres that currently is vacant. My understanding is much of it is owned by the school district which makes it public. In the few years I have lived here the volume of ATV, Motorcycle activity and such has increased dramatically. This increases the noise, the dust and dirt in the air and the destruction of the habitat.

I have seen underaged minors driving on city streets to gain access to this spot. One day there will be a fatality.

Should off-roading activity be allowed in city limits? There were no trespassing signs that were promptly removed by the riders. It really is quite destructive to the plant life.

Thank you for your time,

Michele Faucher
Citizen, taxpayer