



City of Ketchum

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No Cell Phone Use Allowed While Driving in Ketchum

Ketchum's Ordinance Against the Use of Handheld Devices While Driving is in Effect

KETCHUM, Idaho – Signs alerting drivers to Ketchum's ban on using handheld devices while driving have been installed at the entrances to the city and police have begun enforcement. Lighted message boards will also be placed to inform drivers.

For the first year, warnings will be issued to drivers seen violating the law. However, if a handheld device is found to be the cause of an accident, a citation will be issued and the \$100 fine will be imposed.

On April 4, Ketchum City Council approved an ordinance to ban the use of handheld electronic devices while driving. Ketchum joined only one other city in the state of Idaho (Sandpoint) that bans the use of handheld cell phones while driving.

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About the City of Ketchum

The city of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit www.ketchumidaho.org.

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