

## Themed Vehicle Policy for Neotropolis 2022

### v1.0

Like our other event Wasteland Weekend, Neotropolis features a theme-required zone and a theme-suggested (aka general camping) zone. If you don't have a themed vehicle, that's fine. You can park it in our general parking area or have it at your camp in the general camping area. We ask that you not drive it at night unless going directly to your camp or exiting the event.

In order to have a vehicle (whether parked or driven) inside the THEMED AREA of the event, YOU MUST HAVE A GRID RIDER PERMIT.

Read on to find out how to get this permit and which vehicles will qualify...

Only Grid Riders brave the streets of Neotropolis, especially at night. Crawling through the neon and the dark in their machines, looking for a score, an opportunity, a good time, a profit, perhaps even targets - or just looking to enhance their reputation by being SEEN.

The gravel roads of Wasteland Valley form a grid. This gravel grid is the only area where cars can drive at night in the themed area during Neotropolis and ONLY cars, motorcycles, or trikes etc. with a Grid Rider permit can do so. This permit means you've been approved as in-theme and safe to drive at night.

So in order to have your vehicle in the theme zone at all, it must have a certain look. In order to drive the onsite grid at night, vehicles must have the right look AND be lit up for safety at night.

Permits will be issued on site at the Cyber Garage, just north of the themed zone. Garage inspection hours will be posted on site and may also be announced prior to the event.

The permit will be in the form of a special collectible window cling/sticker that approved vehicles must display on their windshield during the event (or somewhere else prominent if there is no windshield). These permits will change each Neotropolis event, and we hope that car owners will proudly display their growing collection year after year.

Because of the expense of making these special removable stickers in a low numbered run, we will need to charge each applicant a fee of \$5 for their window cling (payable in cash only at the Cyber Garage once you've been approved).

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRID RIDER PERMIT

- Your vehicle must clearly look like something that fits in with our futuristic, cyberpunk, sci-fi universe. That means modifications, style choices, lights- you name it. It's difficult to present a checklist (these are artistic creations after all) since this will be a bit subjective. But in general, a regular off the street car will NOT qualify, even if YOU think it looks cool.
- You MUST be clearly visible to pedestrians for driving at night. This means LIT UP. This also helps with theming. Headlights and taillights are probably not enough.
- You must have enough visibility while driving to see the gravel road you're driving on and be able to avoid pedestrians and obstructions.
- You must drive SLOW. 5mph max. Slower is better. This is about cruising the streets and being seen. Showing off your ride, not joyriding for speed.
- Your engine should not be overly loud, and you should not deliberately rev it to make noise. This isn't Wasteland Weekend. There will be a lot of people in close quarters trying to enjoy atmosphere, soundscapes, and music. Your ride is more about being seen than heard.
- Make sure your headlights aren't too bright. We want you to see the grid (the road), but we don't want you to blind pedestrians or other cars, and we don't want your lights to wash out the atmospheric lighting set up within the city.

- More about lights - Generally the more the better. But, be careful with things like super bright light bars, lasers that could point at peoples' eyes, or flashing red and/or blue lights that could look like a real emergency vehicle. SOME use of red and blue lights is ok, just don't make us think there's an emergency happening or that you are real law enforcement or an ambulance. That shit stresses us out and pisses us off.
- Don't blast your sound system in your car. A VERY low volume of music in your car is PROBABLY ok (as in, you can hear it IN the car, or if you're right next to it, but not more than that). THIS WILL BE ENFORCED.

We will not be issuing permits ahead of the event based on photos you send us or post online, but we CAN offer you some guidance/input prior to the event if you have questions or concerns about whether or not your machine will be in theme enough to enter the zone. (Machines kept outside the theme zone do not need theming or permits).

Feel free to contact us at [neotropolisevent@gmail.com](mailto:neotropolisevent@gmail.com) if you need input on your build.

Admission to the theme zone for vehicles WILL be restrictive. We fully expect that there will be some people that disagree with our decision about their ride (cyber beauty being in the eye of the beholder and all that) but we are doing this to present the best possible immersive atmosphere for our attendees.

The permit stays with the car, not the driver.

All drivers must be sober, of course.

Stay on the grid at night. Do not drive outside of the gravel at night at any time. The only exception is if you have to slowly turn around in a tight area, if you are pulling up to your campsite, or if your vehicle breaks down and you have to push it off to the side of the road so that others can still get by.

Breaking any of the above rules could lead to having your Grid Riding permit revoked (especially if you are a repeat offender or are obnoxious about it).

Now, let's start driving into the future.