

CHAPTER 6 TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS

SECTION 600 - GENERAL

600.01 STATUTORY REGULATIONS. Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169, Highway Regulation, is hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this Code as if set out in full.

600.02 DEFINITIONS. Any term used in this section and defined in Minnesota Statutes § 169.01 has the meaning given it by that section.

SECTION 610 - PARKING REGULATIONS

610.01 NO PARKING, STOPPING OR STANDING ZONES. The Council may, by resolution, designate certain streets or portions of streets as no parking or no stopping or standing zones and may limit the hours in which the restrictions apply. The zones so designated shall be marked by appropriate signs. Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device; no person shall stop or park a vehicle in an established no stopping or standing zone when stopping or standing is prohibited. No vehicle shall be parked in a no-parking zone during hours when parking is prohibited except that a vehicle

may be parked temporarily in such zone for the purpose of forming a funeral procession and a truck may be parked temporarily between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. of any business day for the purpose of loading or unloading where access to the premises is not otherwise available.

610.02 TIME LIMIT PARKING ZONES. The Council may, by resolution, designate certain areas where the right to park is limited during hours specified. The zones so designated shall be marked by appropriate signs. During the hours specified on the sign, no person shall park a vehicle in any limited parking zone for a longer period than is so specified.

610.03 ANGLE PARKING. All vehicles parked on Front Street along Block Two and Five of the plat of the City shall be parked with the front of such vehicle facing the curb at an angle of approximately 40 degrees and between painted marks, if so marked. Where a street is a State Trunk Highway, every vehicle shall be parked parallel to the curb and with the right hand wheels of such vehicle within 12 inches of the right hand curb. On all other streets vehicles shall be parked to the right of the main traveled portion thereof and as close to the side or curb as conveniently may be. This shall not apply to any vehicle disabled upon any street, but every police officer shall be authorized to require the person in charge of a disabled vehicle to remove

the vehicle to a place of safety, and upon neglect or failure to do so, or in case of any motor vehicle being left along or abandoned in any such position, the officer shall be authorized to provide for the removal of the vehicle to a place of safe keeping.

610.04 PROHIBITED PARKING. No person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, in any of the following places:

- (A) On a sidewalk.
- (B) In front of a public or private driveway,
- (C) Within an intersection of two streets,
- (D) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, nor within 30 feet of fire hall,
- (E) On a crosswalk,
- (F) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at a street intersection,

- (G) Within 30 feet upon the approach of a “stop sign” or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway,
- (H) Within 30 feet of the nearest rail of a railway crossing,
- (I) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic,
- (J) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street known as double parking,
- (K) At any place where official signs prohibit parking. No person shall for camping purposes leave or park a house trailer on any street or the right of way thereof,
- (L) No one shall park a vehicle, which shall extend more than 15 feet into the street from the curb line, nor at right angles to the curb.

610.05 PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE. The presence of any motor vehicle on any street when standing or parked in violation of this section is prima facie evidence that the registered owner of the vehicle committed or authorized the commission of the violation.

610.06 IMPOUNDMENT. Any police officer may remove a vehicle from a street to a garage or other place of safety when the vehicle is left unattended and constitutes a violation of this section or which otherwise creates an obstruction to traffic or hinders snow removal or street improvement or maintenance operations. Such vehicle shall not be released until the fees for towing and storage are paid in addition to any fine imposed for violation of this section.

SECTION 620 - TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

620.01 GENERAL. No person shall operate or halt a vehicle upon a street or highway within the City, carelessly, recklessly or heedlessly in disregard of the rights or safety of others or in a manner so as to endanger any person or property.

620.02 SPEED REGULATIONS.

Subd. 1 General. No person driving a vehicle within the City shall drive at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the traffic, the surface and width of the highway, and of any other conditions then existing. In every event speed shall be so restricted as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

Subd. 2 Maximum Limits. No vehicle shall be driven on any highway within the City at a speed in excess of 30 miles per hour, nor in excess of 15 miles per hour in any school zone, and driving at any greater speed shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful.

Subd. 3 Minimum Speed. No person shall drive a vehicle at such a slow rate of speed or in a manner so as to willfully impede the normal flow of traffic.

620.03 OPERATING AND TURNING VEHICLES.

Subd. 1 Where to Drive. Upon all highways in the City the driver of a vehicle shall drive the same upon the right half of the traveled portion of the highway and shall drive slow moving vehicles as close as possible to the right hand edge or curb of such highway except when it is impracticable to travel on such side of the highway and except when overtaking and passing another vehicle.

Subd. 2 Turns and Lane Changes. No person shall stop or turn a vehicle or change from one traffic lane to another unless the same can be done with safety, and without interfering with the normal flow of pedestrian and vehicle traffic, and such stop, change of position or turn shall always be indicated by the driver by the usual sign to be given for the same.

Subd. 3 U-Turns. No driver of a vehicle shall make a U-Turn at any place on the streets or highways within the City except at a street intersection.

620.04 STOPS. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to fail to bring such vehicle to a full stop before entering any "Through" Street or Highway, properly designated as such by the action of the State Highway Department, or its duly authorized representatives, or by the Council of the City, there being a "Stop Sign" visible and properly in place at such intersection, directing motor vehicles to stop when approaching from another highway.

620.05 EXHIBITION DRIVING PROHIBITED. No person shall turn, accelerate, decelerate or otherwise operate a motor vehicle within the City in a manner which causes unnecessary engine noise or backfire, squealing tires, skidding, sliding, swaying, throwing of sand or gravel, or in a manner simulating a race. Squealing or screeching sounds emitted by tires, or the throwing of sand or gravel by the tires is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

620.06 UNREASONABLE ACCELERATION.

Subd. 1 Nuisance. Unreasonable acceleration of any motor vehicle on any public or private road or way within the City is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and prohibited.

Subd. 2 Definition. Unreasonable acceleration is hereby defined as acceleration without apparent reason accomplished in such a manner as to cause squealing or screeching sounds by the tires or the throwing of sand or gravel by tires of said vehicle or both.

620.07 DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED. No person shall drive a vehicle upon the streets or highways in the City without having in his or her possession as required by the laws of the State of Minnesota, a State automobile driver's license or chauffeur's license.

620.08 OWNER'S CONSENT. No person shall drive a motor vehicle belonging to another on the streets or highway of the City without the owner's consent.

620.09 VEHICLE EQUIPMENT.

Subd. 1 Muffler. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any street or highway within the City, unless such motor vehicle is equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive and unusual noise, and it shall be unlawful to use a "muffler cut-out" on any motor vehicle upon any such street or highway.

Subd. 2 Safety Devices. No motor vehicle shall be used or operated upon any street or highway in the City without lighting equipment as provided by the laws of the State of

Minnesota, a wind shield wiper, a rear vision mirror, a horn or other warning device, and front and rear bumpers as required by the laws of the State. Lamps shall be lighted at all times when any such vehicle is operated upon the streets or highways of the City from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, during precipitation, and at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render persons and vehicles clearly visible 500 feet ahead upon street or highway or when otherwise required by law.

620.10 WRECKED OR DAMAGED VEHICLES. Any wrecked or damaged vehicle on a highway in the City shall be removed therefrom as soon as possible and pending removal shall be guarded with proper lights, equal in intensity to ordinary parking lights or red flares; and when removed no glass or injurious substance shall be left upon the street by the person leaving or removing said vehicle on said street.

620.11 EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

Subd. 1 Exemption. The provisions of this section shall not apply to vehicles operated with due regard for safety under the direction of peace officers in the chase or apprehension of violators of the law or persons charged with or suspected of any such violation, nor to fire departments or fire patrol vehicles when traveling in response to a fire alarm, or to public ambulances in emergency use or service.

Subd. 2 Yield. When a fire alarm shall be sounded or when the warning device of any emergency vehicle shall be sounded, all vehicles upon the streets or highways of the City shall draw to the right side of the street or highway and permit such vehicle to pass. No vehicle of any kind shall precede fire apparatus to a fire within 150 feet of such fire apparatus.

620.12 PEDESTRIANS. Whenever possible pedestrians shall use the right half of cross walks when crossing streets. Pedestrians shall cross streets subject to signals at controlled intersection. When traffic at intersections is not controlled, motor vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians by changing their rate of speed or stopping, if necessary when pedestrians are within the intersection, and no vehicle shall pass another vehicle that has slowed down at a cross walk for a pedestrian to pass. At any other point than a crosswalk, pedestrians shall yield the right-of-way to motor vehicles. This shall not relieve the operator of any motor vehicle of the obligation to use due care. No person shall stand on a street or highway within the City, for the purpose of soliciting rides; pedestrians walking upon a street or highway in the City shall walk near the left hand side of said street or highway, giving way to on-coming traffic.

SECTION 630 - SNOWMOBILES AND OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

630.01 SNOWMOBILES.

Subd. 1 Operation Generally. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile in the following unsafe or harassing ways:

- (1) At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all surrounding circumstances;
- (2) In a careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another, or to cause injury or damage thereto;
- (3) While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit forming drugs;
- (4) Without a lighted head and tail light when required for safety;
- (5) In any tree nursery or planting in a manner which damages or destroys growing stock.

Subd. 2 Speed Restrictions. No person shall operate or permit anyone to operate his or her snowmobile at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour.

Subd. 3 Use Restrictions. No person shall operate or park or permit anyone to operate or park his or her snowmobile on any private property or on any sidewalk or boulevard within the City without express permission of the owner or proper official and at no time within one block of nursing homes, hospitals, or clinics.

Subd. 4 Single File. When two or more snowmobiles are proceeding in the same direction on any street or alley, they shall proceed in single file and not side by side.

Subd. 5 Time Restrictions. No person shall operate a snowmobile within the residential areas of the City before 6:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. except that on Fridays and Saturdays they may be operated until 11:00 p.m.

630.02 OFF-ROAD VEHICLES.

Subd. 1 Definition. “Off-road vehicle” means any motor vehicle, whether registered or not, which is exempt from the Minnesota Motor Vehicle Excise Tax as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 297 B. This includes but is not limited to dirt bikes, three-wheelers, four-wheelers and go carts.

Subd. 2 Use Restrictions. No off-road vehicle shall be operated within the corporate limits of the City at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour. All such vehicles are to be properly equipped with lights and mufflers. No such vehicles may be operated within the City by a person without a valid Minnesota driver's license. No such vehicles shall be allowed to operate after 10:00 p.m. on any date.

630.03 PENALTIES. Violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor and be punishable by the fines and sentences applicable thereto. In the case of a violation committed by a juvenile, the fine may be assessed against the registered owner of the off-road vehicle.

SECTION 640 - ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

640.01 POLICE DUTIES. The police department shall enforce the provisions of this Chapter or other traffic ordinance, and the State traffic laws. Police officers shall be authorized to direct all traffic within the City, either in person or by means of visible or audible signal, in conformity with this Chapter and the State traffic laws. During a fire or other emergency, or to expedite

traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers of the police department may direct traffic as conditions require notwithstanding the provisions of this section and the State traffic laws. Officers of the fire department may direct or assist the police in directing traffic at the scene of a fire or in the immediate vicinity.

640.02 PENALTY. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days, and costs of prosecution to the extent authorized by state law, the Rules of Court, and the Rules of Criminal Procedure.