

## TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

### § 70.01 ACT ADOPTED.

The regulatory provisions of M.S. Ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted as a traffic ordinance regulating the use of highways, streets, and alleys within the city and are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this subchapter as complete as if set out here in full.

(Prior Code, § 9-1-1)

### § 70.02 PARKING AND STOPPING.

(A) Except for the city or county on its own rights-of-way, no person shall utilize any portion of any local public right-of-way, including the traveled street, boulevard, or public parking lot for the storage or parking of any object or material which is not a licensed, operable motor vehicle, passenger vehicle, or motorcycle as defined by M.S. § 169.011, subd. 42, 44, and 52, as they may be amended from time to time, except as may be explicitly permitted on a temporary period of time by the City Council or its designated representative.

(B) Properly licensed, operable motor vehicles, passenger vehicles, and motorcycles may be parked in the public street where permitted but not on the boulevard portion of the public right-of-way subject to the further requirements of local parking regulations and applicable state statutes. A trailer of any type, properly licensed or not, is not considered a motor vehicle or part thereof when disconnected from its tow vehicle:

- (1) On a sidewalk or boulevard between sidewalk and roadway;
- (2) On a crosswalk;
- (3) Within an intersection;
- (4) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at any intersection;
- (5) Within ten feet of a fire hydrant;
- (6) Within 30 feet of any arterial stop sign or sign indicating the direction for travel;
- (7) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street or highway;
- (8) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping, standing, or parking;
- (9) In any manner on any street or highway so as to interfere with or interrupt the passage of other vehicles;
- (10) Along the curb adjacent to any school property from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on days when school is in session;
- (11) On any street or roadway between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 15 through April 15, except physicians on emergency calls;
- (12) On any city street for more than 72 consecutive hours; and/or
- (13) On any city street for more than the posted time limit as established by the City Council.

(Prior Code, § 9-1-2) (Ord. 65, passed 3-12-1979; Ord. 193, passed 5-14-1990; Ord. 449, passed 8-28-2006) Penalty, see § 70.99

### § 70.03 REMOVAL OF VEHICLES.

Whenever any police officer finds a motor vehicle has been parked or stopped in violation of any regulation contained herein, the officer is hereby authorized to move the vehicle, provide for the removal of the vehicle and the impounding of the same, or require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move the same. Any removal and/or impounding

of the vehicle shall be at the expense of the owner.

(Prior Code, § 9-1-3)

#### § 70.04 OWNER.

For the purposes of this section, the term **OWNER** shall mean the person, firm, or corporation who holds legal title on the date of any alleged violation as evidenced by the official records of the state's Secretary of State. Copies of any of the files or records of the Secretary of State certified as being true copies shall be received in evidence with the same force and effect as the originals, shall be admissible without further foundation, and shall be prima facie evidence as to the ownership of the vehicle, but nothing herein contained shall exclude or prohibit the introduction of other evidence bearing on the issue of ownership.

(Prior Code, § 9-1-4)

#### § 70.05 PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF CITY STREETS.

(A) *Tractors or other types of vehicles with lugs.* Tractors or other vehicles with lugs thereon or any other type of farm machinery that is not equipped with rubber tires are hereby prohibited from using bituminous treated streets or parking lots in the city; and whoever drives such a vehicle upon the streets whereby the streets or parking lots shall be damaged shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(B) *Load limits on city streets or parking lots.* It shall also be unlawful for any person or persons, firm, or corporation to drive any vehicle over streets or parking lots having an axle weight load in excess of five tons during periods of the year when county road restrictions are not in effect. During periods of county road restriction or on streets designed for more than five tons, the current city street design map adopted by the City Council shall take precedence over the five ton limit and can be more or less restrictive. Any person, firm, or corporation wishing to drive vehicles in excess of above mentioned weight over any of the streets of the city shall first apply to the City Administrator for his or her permission. The Council may designate certain streets to be used regularly by such persons, firm, or corporation in the operation of their business, outlining certain routes that the vehicles are to follow and that no deviation from the routes will be permissible.

(C) *Trucks operating on residential streets.* It will be unlawful for any person or persons, firms, or corporations to operate a truck of over 12,000 pounds gross weight on residential streets except those trucks that are actually engaged in making deliveries or pickups at residential dwellings. Further, they will utilize state highways or designated truck routes wherever possible when making these deliveries or pickups. All other truck traffic not making deliveries or pickups will utilize only state highways or designated truck routes. Trucks making deliveries or pickups on residential streets will adhere to the provisions of division (B) above.

(Prior Code, § 9-1-5) (Ord. 146, passed 4-8-1985; Ord. 358, passed 1-8-2001) Penalty, see § 70.99

#### § 70.06 STREET NAMES.

Street names have been adopted according to the official city map on file at City Hall.

(Prior Code, § 9-1-6) (Ord. 26, passed 12-27-1976)

#### § 70.07 UNREASONABLE ACCELERATION AND ERRATIC DRIVING.

(A) *Unreasonable acceleration.*

(1) Unreasonable acceleration by any motor vehicle upon any public highway, street, parking lot, alley, or other public property within the limits of the city, except when an emergency creates the necessity for such operation, is prohibited.

(2) **UNREASONABLE ACCELERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** is hereby defined as acceleration which unnecessarily breaks traction between a tire or tires and the driving surface, thereby causing a squealing or screeching sound by the tire or tires or the unnecessary throwing of sand or gravel by the tire or tires or both.

(B) *Erratic driving.* No person shall drive a vehicle on a public highway, street, parking lot, alley, or other public property

at erratic or irregular and changing speeds so as to create a hazard to himself or herself or other persons or property or so interfere with other traffic in the area.

(C) *Exhibition driving.*

(1) No person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle upon any public highway, street, parking lot, alley, or other public property within the limits of the city which causes unnecessary engine noise or backfire, nor shall anyone between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. parade a motor vehicle upon any public highway, street, parking lot, alley, or other public property within the limits of the city.

(2) **PARADE A MOTOR VEHICLE** is hereby defined as driving or operating a motor vehicle up, down, or up and down, the same highway, street, parking lot, alley, or other public property more than three times within a 30-minute period.

(Prior Code, § 9-1-7) (Ord. 42, passed 10-10-1977; Ord. 164, passed 10-11-1988; Ord. 358, passed 1-8-2001) Penalty, see § 70.99

## **§ 70.08 PARKING IN REGARD TO SNOW PLOWING AND/OR REMOVAL.**

(A) After a snowfall, all streets in the city shall be cleared of all motor vehicles and parts thereof for the purposes of snow plowing and/or removal until all streets are plowed.

(B) Any motor vehicle or parts thereof left on any street or boulevard in the city in a way as to impede the performance of the city and/or state snowplow shall be dealt with under § 10.99.

(Prior Code, § 9-1-8) (Ord. 155, passed 4-13-1987)

## **§ 70.09 UNLAWFUL PURPOSES FOR PARKING (OVERNIGHT LODGING).**

No person shall park a vehicle upon the park and ride lot for the purpose of camping, sleeping, or inhabiting the lot.

(Prior Code, § 9-1-9) (Ord. 624, passed 9-28-2015) Penalty, see § 70.99