

800 Traffic & Motor Vehicles

801. Traffic and Parking

801.01. Definitions. Any term used in this chapter and defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.01 has the meaning given it by that section.

801.015. Definitions. "All Terrain Vehicles" means a motor vehicle other than a snowmobile designed primarily to be used on other than roads, highways, streets, and alleys. (Ord. 85-4, adopted May 28, 1985.)

801.02. Turning, Restriction on Turns. The council, by resolution, may, whenever necessary to preserve a free flow of traffic or to prevent accidents:

- (1) Designate any intersection as one where the turning of vehicles to the left or to the right, or both, is to be restricted at all times or during specified hours. The street superintendent shall mark, by appropriate signs, any intersection so designated. No intersection on a trunk highway shall be so designated until the consent of the Commissioner of Highways to such designation is first obtained.
- (2) Designate any intersection or street as one where U-turns of vehicles is prohibited. The street superintendent shall mark, by appropriate signs, any intersection or street so designated.

No person shall turn a vehicle contrary to the directions on such signs.

801.03. Through Street; One-Way Streets. The council, by resolution, may designate any street or portion of a street as a through highway or a one-way roadway where necessary to preserve the free flow of traffic or to prevent accidents. The street superintendent shall post appropriate signs at the entrance to such streets. No trunk highway shall be so designated unless the consent of the Commissioner of Highways to such designation is first secured.

801.04. Truck Restrictions. The council, by resolution, may designate streets on which travel by commercial vehicles in excess of a specified gross weight is prohibited. The street superintendent shall erect appropriate signs on such streets. No person shall operate a commercial vehicle on such posted streets in violation of the restrictions stated.

801.05. Seasonal Weight Restrictions. The maintenance department may recommend the prohibition of operation of vehicles upon any street within the city or recommend weight restrictions on vehicles to be operated on such street whenever the street by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles on the street is prohibited or the permissible weights thereof reduced. The council shall act on such recommendation and may direct the maintenance department by resolution to erect and maintain appropriate signs plainly indicating the prohibition or restriction at each end of that portion of the street so effected. No person shall operate a vehicle on a posted street in violation of the prohibition or restriction.

801.06. Parking Regulations.

Subd. 1. Parallel Parking. On all city streets, cars shall be parked parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway in accordance with law. (Ord. No. 84-7, adopted September 14, 1984)

Subd. 2. 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 street superintendent shall mark by appropriate signs each zone so designated. 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 7:00 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.

Subd. 3. Time Limit Parking Zones. The council may, by resolution, designate certain areas where the right to park is limited during hours specified. The street superintendent shall mark by appropriate signs each zone so designated. 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.

Subd. 4. Time Restrictions. No vehicle shall be parked on non-residential streets between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.; and no vehicle shall in any case be parked upon any street in any one place for a longer continuous period than twelve (12) hours.

Subd. 5. 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 the parking ordinance or 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 chapter. (Ord. No. 93-10, adopted October 12, 1993)

Subd. 6. Owner Responsibility. The presence of any motor vehicle on any street when standing or parked in violation of this chapter is prima facie evidence that the registered owner of the vehicle committed or authorized the commission of the violation.

Subd. 7. Parking on City Right-of-Way. Except as set forth below, no motor vehicle shall be parked upon the City right-of-way. (Ord. No. 89-11, adopted August 14, 1989)

- (1) Where parallel parking is allowed and where there is an adjacent curb, each motor vehicle stopped or parked shall be stopped or parked with the right hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with, and within twelve inches of, the right hand curb, and, where painted markings appear on such curb or on the street, such vehicle shall be within such markings, front and rear; provided that upon a one-way roadway, all motor vehicles shall be so parked, except that the left hand wheels of the vehicle may be parallel with and within twelve inches from the left hand curb, but the front of the vehicle in any event and with respect to the

remainder of the vehicle, shall be in the direction of the flow of traffic upon such one-way street.

- (2) Where angle parking has been established and is allowed, as shown by curb marking or sign posting, or both, each vehicle stopped or parked shall be at an angle of approximately 45 to 60 degrees with the front wheel touching the curb and within any parking lines painted on the curb or street, provided that the front wheel not touching the curb shall be the portion of the vehicle furthest in the direction of one-way traffic.
- (3) Upon streets not having a curb, each vehicle shall be stopped or parked on the paved portion of the roadway, and within twelve inches of the edge of the paving. (Ord. No. 89-11, adopted August 14, 1989)

Subd. 8. Parking of Certain Vehicles Restricted. No person shall park any of the following described vehicles on any residential street or alley unattended for more than six hours:

- (1) Vehicles that weigh 10,000 pounds or more.
- (2) Vehicles having an over-all length of more than twenty (20) feet, or a width at any point of more than seven and one half (7 1/2) feet.
- (3) Dump trucks, tractors, truck-tractors, trailers, boats, and boat trailers, semi-trailers, or any heavy machinery.
- (4) Any truck, trailer or semi-trailer which is being used for the transportation of livestock or has been used for the transportation of livestock and has not been cleaned. (Ord. 96-09, adopted December 23, 1996)

801.07. Truck Zones, Loading Zones, Etc.

Subd. 1. Establishment and Hours. The council may, by resolution, establish spaces in streets as loading zones or truck zones. The hours of 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. of any day except Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day or such other time as the council may specify in the resolution establishing the zone shall be the loading zone or truck zone hours. The street superintendent shall mark each such zone by appropriate signs.

Subd. 2. Truck Zone Regulations. During truck zone hours, no person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle except a truck in a truck zone. No person shall stop, stand or park a truck in a truck zone during truck zone hours except to receive or discharge passengers or freight and then only for a period no longer than is necessary for the purpose.

Subd. 3. Loading Zone Regulations. During loading zone hours, no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle in a loading zone except to receive or discharge passengers or freight and then only for a period no longer than is necessary for the purpose. No person shall occupy a loading zone with a vehicle other than a truck for more than five minutes during such hours.

Subd. 4. Procedure and Cost. Any person desiring the establishment of a loading zone or truck zone abutting premises occupied by him shall make written application therefore to the council. If the council grants the request, the proper city officer shall bill the applicant for the estimated cost of placing signs and of painting the curb. When the amount is paid to the clerk-treasurer, the designated law enforcement agency shall install the necessary signs and paint the curb.

Subd. 5. Semi-Trailers. No person shall allow a semi-trailer to stand or be parked unattached from a tractor unit for any length of time on any street in the city except in an emergency in order to change tractors.

801.08. Snow Season Parking. During the period from November 1st to April 1st no person shall park a vehicle on or within six feet of the roadway between the hours of 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

Subd. 1. Ice/Snow Accumulation. It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on any street after ice accumulation, continuous or intermittent snow fall during which there has been an accumulation of two inches or more of snow on any street until the same has been plowed or removed from the full width of the roadway.

Subd. 2. Vehicles parked in violation of this chapter will be towed and stored at the owner's expense. (Ordinance 10-08, adopted December 14, 2010)

801.09. Establishment of Safety Zones, Lanes of Traffic, Etc. To assist in the direction and control of traffic, to improve safe driving conditions at any intersection or dangerous location, and to warn pedestrians or drivers of motor vehicles of dangerous conditions or hazards, the council may establish safety zones, lanes of traffic, and stop intersections, and may order installation by the street superintendent of stop signs, yield signs, warning signs, signals, pavement markings or other devices. No regulation may be established on a trunk highway unless the consent of the Commissioner of Highways is first secured.

801.10. Removing Keys. No person shall leave a motor vehicle, except a truck which is engaged in loading or unloading, unattended on any street, used car lot, or unattended parking lot without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition and removing all ignition keys from the vehicle. Whenever any designated law enforcement agent finds any motor vehicle standing in violation of this provision, he shall remove the keys from the vehicle and deliver them to city hall.

801.11. 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.

801.115. All Terrain Vehicles. Operation of motorized all terrain vehicles is prohibited within the city except upon private property with permission of the owner. (Ord. 85-4, adopted May 28, 1985.)

801.12. Flood Control Dike. No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle or snowmobile upon the flood control dike without the advance permission of the council.

801.13. Resolutions. All traffic control resolutions in force on the effective date of this chapter shall hereby remain in force.

801.14. Penalty. Any person convicted of violating any parking regulation of this chapter is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

802. Snowmobiles

802.01. Definitions.

Subd. 1. Snowmobile. "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle designated for travel primarily on snow or ice steered by wheels, skis, or runners. Snowmobile: shall not include "all terrain vehicles" as defined in section 801.015. (Ord. No. 85-4, adopted May 28, 1985)

Subd. 2. Operate. "Operate" means to ride upon and control the operation of a snowmobile.

Subd. 3. Operator. "Operator" means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile.

802.02. Where Prohibited/Authorized. Persons operating snowmobiles within the city limits of the city must travel only on the designated trail which is as follows:

- (1) The trail would follow the south side of Walnut Street from the westerly city limits until it reaches the west edge of the Rockford School property; then across Walnut Street at a 90 degree angle across Rockford School property to the intersection of Ash Street and Cedar Street. The trail would continue across Ash Street and follow along the south side of Cedar Street to the intersection of Cedar Street and Mechanic Street; turn right onto Mechanic Street and follow Mechanic Street to the intersection at Bridge Street; continue across Bridge Street and follow along the south side of Bridge Street to County Road #50; turn right and follow the west side of County Road #50 to Lake Rebecca Park Reserve.
- (2) Snowmobiles may also be operated along the designated trail authorized by the Department of Natural Resources Grant and Aid Trail.
- (3) All designated trails will be marked and include stop signs. Snowmobile operators are expected to adhere to all vehicle operation regulations.
- (4) Snowmobiles are prohibited from any public sidewalk/ trailway provided for pedestrian travel, on private property without the owner's permission, and all other public property unless designated as the snowmobile trail. Street use will be permitted by taking the shortest, most direct route to and from the designated snowmobile trail, following all traffic laws, operating the snowmobile on the right side of the road within the curb in single file, and at a maximum speed of 10 mph. (Ord. No. 00-07, adopted December 12, 2000)

802.03. Street Crossing. A snowmobile may make direct crossing of a street or highway, except an interstate highway or freeway, provided:

- (1) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the street or highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.
- (2) The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop at every intersection.

- (3) The driver yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard.
- (4) In crossing a divided street or highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such street or highway with another public street or highway.
- (5) If the crossing is made between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or in conditions of reduced visibility, only if both front and rear lights are on.

802.04. Laws and Chapters. Chapters 801 and 803 of this code and Minnesota Statutes 84.81 to 84.88 and Minnesota Statutes Ch. 169, shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles upon streets and highways, except those which by their nature have no application.

802.05. Right-Of-Way. No snowmobile shall enter any intersection without yielding the right-of-way to any vehicles or pedestrians at the intersection, or so close to the intersection as to constitute an immediate hazard.

802.06. Minors.

Subd. 1. Operation. No person under 14 years of age shall operate on streets or the roadway surface of highways or make a direct crossing of a trunk, county state-aid, county highway, or city street as the operator of a snowmobile. A person 14 years of age or older, but less than 18 years of age, may operate a snowmobile on streets and highways as permitted under this chapter and make a direct crossing on such streets and highways only if he has in his immediate possession a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by the Commissioner, as provided by M.S. 84.872.

Subd. 2. Owner Responsibility. It is unlawful for the owner of a snowmobile to permit the snowmobile to be operated contrary to the provisions of this section.

802.07. Manner of Operation. No person shall operate a snowmobile:

- (1) At any place while under the influence of alcohol or drugs as defined in M.S. 169.121;
- (2) At a rate of speed greater than 15 miles per hour;
- (3) At any place in a careless, reckless or negligent manner or heedlessly in disregard of the rights or safety of others, or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger or cause injury or damage to any person or property.
- (4) During the hours from 10:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. (Ordinance No. 02-02, adopted January 8, 2002)
- (5) So as to tow any person or thing in a public street or highway except through use of a rigid tow bar attached to the rear of the snowmobile.

- (6) On any streets or roads where travel is prohibited by state law or on any street adjacent to public skating rink grounds, or dike or in any cemetery.

802.08. Equipment. No person shall operate a snowmobile any place within the city unless it is equipped with the following:

- (1) Standard mufflers which are properly attached and which reduce the noise of operation of the motor to the minimum necessary for operation. No person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass, straight pipe or similar device on a snowmobile motor.
- (2) Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the snowmobile under any condition of operation.
- (3) A safety or so-called "deadman" throttle in operating condition. A safety or "deadman" throttle is defined as a device which, when pressure is removed from the engine accelerator or throttle, causes the motor to be disengaged from the driving track.
- (4) When operated between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or at times of reduced visibility at least one clear lamp attached to the front, with sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead during the hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions. Such head lamp shall be so aimed that glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of an oncoming snowmobile operator. It shall also be equipped with at least one red tail lamp having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear during hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions.
- (5) Reflective material at least 16 square inches on each side, forward of the handlebars, so as to reflect light at a ninety degree angle.

802.09. Removal of Keys. Every person leaving a snowmobile in a public place shall lock the ignition, remove the key and take the same with him.

802.10. Emergency Use. Notwithstanding any prohibitions in this chapter, a snowmobile may be operated on a public thoroughfare in an emergency during the period of time when, and at locations where, snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.

802.11. Animals. It is unlawful to intentionally drive, chase, run over or kill any animal with a snowmobile.

803 Manufactured Home Park Speed Limit

803.01. Adoption by Reference. Minnesota Statutes 327.27, subd. 2, and 327.14 are adopted by reference.

803.02. Speed Limit. No person shall operate a motor vehicle in excess of ten (10) miles per hour in any manufactured home park.

804 Junk Motor Vehicles

804.01. Regulations of Junk Motor Vehicles. It shall be unlawful to abandon or store a junk motor vehicle within the City on public or private property, unless stored within an enclosed garage. Any junk motor vehicle abandoned or stored in violation of this chapter shall be impounded by the official law enforcement agency of the City. (Ord. No. 92-11, adopted April 28, 1992)

804.02. Junk Motor Vehicle Defined. "Junk Motor Vehicle" means any vehicle which is not in operable condition, or which is wholly or partially dismantled, or which is used for the sale of parts or as a source kept for scrapping, dismantling or salvage of any kind, or which is not properly licensed for operation within the State of Minnesota or by the State of Minnesota. (Ord. No. 92-11, adopted April 28, 1992)

804.03. Exceptions.

Subd. 1. Definition. "Collector's vehicle" means any vehicle for which the State of Minnesota has issued a pioneer license, a classic car license, a collector license, or a street rod license, or which bears original plates in accordance with state law.

Subd. 2. Regulations. A collector's vehicle on its owner's property shall not be considered a junk motor vehicle, regardless of whether it is operable, provided the pioneer, classic car, collector, street rod, or original license plate is affixed to the vehicle and the vehicle is completely covered by a covering designed for the purpose of covering the vehicle.

Subd 3. Conditional Use Permits. A non-residential holder of a conditional use permit is hereby exempt from this Chapter and must comply with the conditions set up in the Conditional Use Permit issued to that business. (Ord. No. 92-11, adopted April 28, 1992)

805 Operation and Regulation of Motorized Golf Carts

805.01. Operation. Persons who are physically handicapped as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.045, subdivision 2, are authorized to operate motorized golf carts on designated roadways or portions of roadways within the city. The operator must observe all traffic laws, except such as cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts. (Ord. No. 07-09, adopted June 12, 2007)

805.02. Permit Required. No person shall operate a motorized golf cart without obtaining a permit as provided herein. Permit fee shall be set forth in section 212.02. Permits shall be granted on a per application basis and determined by length of the disability. (Ord. No. 07-09, adopted June 12, 2007)

805.03. Application. Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the City and shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant.
- (2) The nature of the applicant's physical handicap.
- (3) The roadways or portions thereof on which the motorized golf cart shall be operated on.
- (4) The time of operations of the motorized vehicle.
- (5) Such other information as the City may require. (Ord. No. 92-14, adopted May 26, 1992)

805.04. Conditions of the Permit. No permits shall be granted unless the following conditions are met:

- (1) The applicant must demonstrate that he/she is a handicapped person as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.345, Subd. 2.
- (2) The applicant must submit a certificate signed by a physician that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart on the roadways or that a person with a Minnesota Drivers license shall operate the motorized golf cart.
- (3) The applicant must provide evidence of insurance as provided by Minnesota Statute Section 65B.40, Subd. 5 for motorcycles. (Ord. No. 92-14, adopted May 26, 1992)

805.05. Designation of Roadways. The following highways are prohibited for use, other than crossing, as follows:

- (1) State Trunk Highway 55.
- (2) Wright County CSAH 20. (Ord. No. 07-09, adopted June 12, 2007)

805.06. Times of Operation. Motorized golf carts may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather

or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions, or when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons or vehicles thereon at a distance of 500 feet. (Ord. No. 92-14, adopted May 26, 1992)

805.07. Other Regulations. The motorized golf cart must be equipped with rear view mirrors as required by statute for other vehicles. The motorized golf cart must display a slow moving vehicle emblem, as described by statute, on the rear thereof. (Ord. No. 92-14, adopted May 26, 1992)

805.08. Suspension or Revocation. The City Council may suspend or revoke a permit at any time if there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operate a motorized golf cart on the designated roadways. (Ord. No. 92-14, adopted May 26, 1992)