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§ 70.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this title, the following definitions shall apply, unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

MOTOR VEHICLE. Every vehicle which is self-propelled and not deriving its power from overhead wires.

PERSON. Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association, or corporation.

POLICE OFFICER. Every officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violation of traffic regulations.

ROADWAY. That portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic.

STREET or HIGHWAY. The entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use or the public as a matter of right for the purpose of vehicular traffic.

VEHICLE. Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon any street or highway, except a device moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

(Ord. 95, passed 4-5-38)

§ 70.02 ADOPTION OF MINNESOTA HIGHWAY TRAFFIC REGULATION STATUTES.

(A) The Highway Traffic Regulations Act is hereby adopted by reference. The regulatory provisions of M.S. Chapter 169, as amended, 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 section as completely as if set out in full herein.

(B) Any violation of the statutes adopted by reference in division (A) of this section is a violation of this section, and such violator shall be guilty of such an offense and shall be punished by such penalty as is prescribed by such statutes.

§ 70.03 SPEED LIMITS WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

No person shall drive, propel, or operate any vehicle upon any or the public streets, highways, or alleys within the city at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour, except where a higher or lower speed has been posted, which speed limit shall control.

(Ord. 95, passed 4-5-38; Am. Ord. 150, passed 10-6-70) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.04 ERRATIC DRIVING PROHIBITED.

It is unlawful to drive any motor vehicle in a manner which results in any of the following.

(A) The tires of the vehicle spin or skid resulting in tire squeal or similar noise.

(B) Soil or gravel is thrown by the tires.

(C) The vehicle fishtails or skids.

(D) Any of the wheels of the vehicle lose contact with the ground.

(E) The tires of the vehicle spin or skid, causing them to smoke.

(F) The careless or heedless disregard or the rights of others.

(G) Persons or property are endangered or are likely to be endangered, including the driver or passenger of the vehicle.

(H) Accidents involving property damage or personal injury which were substantially caused by inattentive or merely negligent driving.

(I) Disobedience of a temporary or portable traffic control sign.

(J) The failure to bring a motor vehicle to a complete stop in obedience to a stop sign, a so-called roll stop.

(K) Driving into an intersection after stopping for a stop sign but at a time when cross traffic has entered the intersection, or where another vehicle is approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(L) Excessive acceleration or racing of the vehicle engine or backfiring of the engine.

(M) Driving with any part of the body of the driver or passengers extended outside the window of the vehicle or above the normal roof line of an open convertible. This prohibition does not apply to the extension of the driver's arm for purposes of providing legally recognized traffic control signals.

(N) Driving while any passenger is located on the open tailgate of a station wagon or pickup or while standing or sitting on the edge of the box of a pickup.
(Ord. 222, passed 2-11-92) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.05 VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS.

(A) *Definitions.* Any term used in this section and defined in M.S. § 169.01 as it may be amended from time to time has the meaning given it by that section.

(B) *Weight restrictions.* The City Council, by resolution, may designate streets within the corporate limits of the city on which travel by a vehicle in excess of 16,000 pounds gross weight is prohibited. No person shall operate a vehicle on the designated streets in violation of this weight restriction.

(C) *Posting.* The Street Commissioner shall, at the direction of the City Council, erect appropriate signs on streets affected by the resolution of the City Council establishing this weight restrictions.

(D) *Exceptions.* Weight restrictions imposed pursuant to division (B) do not apply to school buses, vehicles of public utilities used incidental to maintenance and repair of its plant or equipment, refuse collection vehicles licensed to do business within the city, emergency vehicles, including fire fighting vehicles and equipment, and other vehicles, the operators of which shall have secured a permit in advance from the City Administrator.
(Ord. 164, passed 3-10-76) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.06 USE OF ENGINE RETARDING BRAKES.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any truck to intentionally use an engine retarding brake on any public highway, street, parking lot or alley within the corporate city limits, except in an emergency. Appropriate signs prohibiting such brakes use shall be erected at highway entrances to the city accordingly.

(B) **ENGINE RETARDING BRAKES**, for the purpose of this section, shall mean a Dynamic Brake, Jake Brake, Jacobs Brake, C-Brake, Paccar Brake or other similar engine retarding brake system which alters the normal compression of the engine and subsequently releases such compression causing abnormal or excess noise from the engine.

(Ord. 248, passed 10-11-99) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.07 USE OF GOLF CARTS ON DESIGNATED ROADWAYS.

This section shall apply to all persons operating a motorized golf cart on designated roadways within the city. The operation of a motorized golf cart on designated roadways within the city is permitted subject to the following restrictions.

(A) *Designated roadway.* Operators of motorized golf carts under permit should be restricted to those roadways that provide for the most direct route to the golf course in the city.

(B) *Slow-moving sign.* All motorized golf carts shall display the slow-moving vehicle emblem when operating on designated roadways.

(C) *Insurance.* The owner of the motorized golf cart shall provide evidence of insurance complying with the provisions of M.S. 65B.48 as it may be amended from time to time.

(D) *Traffic laws.* Operators of a motorized golf cart under permit should do so in compliance with state law.

(E) *Hours of operation.* The 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 at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

(F) *Necessary equipment/mirror.* Every operator of a motorized golf cart which is constructed or loaded so as to obstruct the operator's view to the rear thereof from the driver's position, shall be equipped with a mirror so located as to reflect to the driver a view of the roadway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle.

(Ord. 236, passed 6-25-96; Am. Ord. 245, passed 4-5-99) Penalty, see § 10.99

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§ 71.01 DEFINITIONS.

Any term used in this chapter and defined in M.S. § 169.01 as it may be amended from time to time has the meaning given it by that section.

(Ord. 165, passed 4-14-76)

§ 71.02 PASSAGE AND POSTING OF PARKING REGULATIONS.

(A) *Parking regulations.* The City Council may, by resolution, designate certain streets and areas within the city where the right to park is limited during specified hours. No person shall park a vehicle in any limited parking zone for a longer period of time than is so specified.

(B) *Posting.* The Street Commissioner shall, at the direction of the City Council, mark by appropriate signs each parking zone so designated by the resolution of the City Council.

(Ord. 165, passed 4-14-76)

§ 71.03 REMOVAL OF VEHICLE PARKED IN VIOLATION.

Any law enforcement officer may remove or cause to be removed, a vehicle from a street to a garage or other place of safety when the vehicle is left unattended and is in violation of the provisions of this chapter. The 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, or any other existing ordinance of the city

which is not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter and which shall therefore remain in full force and effect.

(Ord. 165, passed 4-14-76)

§ 71.04 PARKING IN WINTER; SNOW EMERGENCY.

(A) No vehicle, motor-driven or otherwise driven, propelled or pulled, shall be parked on any street, highway or alley within the Central Business District between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. between the dates of November 15 and April 15.

(B) It is unlawful to park or leave a vehicle standing on any street or avenue at any time when three or more inches of snow or ice have covered or drifted over the street, until such time as the street has been substantially cleared of snow or ice from curb to curb, or during any snow emergency. A snow emergency may be declared by the Public Works Superintendent for the purpose of snow or ice removal operations as set forth in the city's Snow and Ice Control Policy and Procedures.

(Ord. 137, passed 3-5-63; Am. Ord. 251, passed 2-28-00; Am. Res. 2002-38, passed 10-28-02)
Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.05 ANGLE PARKING.

(A) Except where angle parking is permitted as hereinafter set forth, every vehicle stopped or parked upon any other street, highway, or alley within the corporate limits of the city shall be parked where there is an adjacent curb, with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with and within 12 inches of the right-hand curb, and provided, that where there is no curb, vehicles shall be parked on the right-hand side of the roadway within 12 inches of the prolongation of the natural curb line.

(B) No vehicle shall be parked by any person parallel to the curb on any portion of Main Street between Front Street on the south and Second Street on the north, but shall be parked at an angle designated and marked upon Main Street by suitable painted lines. All vehicles shall be parked within the lines as designated upon Main Street and shall be parked with the front end of the vehicle as nearly adjacent to the curb as possible, and shall not extend over into the next angle parking lane.

(Ord. 95, passed 4-5-38) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.06 DOUBLE PARKING PROHIBITED.

(A) No person shall double park any vehicle upon any of the streets, highways, or alleys within the corporate limits of the city, and this shall apply to all commercial vehicles as well as pleasure vehicles, except when authorized by the Chief of Police.

(B) No commercial vehicles shall double park for the purpose of loading or unloading, but are given the privilege of backing in to the curb for the purpose of loading or unloading, and no commercial vehicle shall be left with the motor running while unattended.

(Ord. 95, passed 4-5-38) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.07 NO-PARKING ZONES.

There are created No Parking Zones to be designated from time to time in the discretion of the City Council. No Parking Zones shall be clearly marked in yellow paint.

(Ord. 95, passed 4-5-38) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.08 LOADING OR UNLOADING ON MAIN STREET.

No vehicle extending more than 21 feet back from the curb when parked shall be allowed to park on Main Street at any time except when the vehicle has been parked for the purpose of loading or unloading.

(Ord. 95, passed 4-5-38) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.09 PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

(A) *Parking Restrictions.* It is unlawful to park any recreational vehicle that exceeds eight (8) feet in width, nine (9) feet in height or sixteen (16) feet in length on any street, alley or parking lot owned by the city. For the purposes of this ordinance a recreational vehicle is defined as follows: travel trailers, including those that telescope or fold down, chassis mounted campers, house cars, motor homes, tent trailers, slip in campers, non-motorized trailers intended and generally used for transporting boats, or utility trailers.

(B) *Exceptions.* The following shall be exempt from subsection (A):

(1) A recreational vehicle parked for the purpose of loading or unloading goods, merchandise or passengers while the operator is actively involved in the loading or unloading.

(2) Parking that is necessary in connection with construction, development or repair work for which any required permits have been obtained and they are actively working at that location.

(Ord. 2015-A, passed 4-13-15) Penalty, see § 10.99

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Cross-reference:

Snowmobiles prohibited in Lakeview Park, see § 92.10

§ 72.01 ADOPTION OF MINNESOTA STATUTES.

The city incorporates by reference the provisions of M.S. §§ 84.81 through 84.89, inclusive, into this section with qualifications and additions and set forth in this subchapter. (Ord. 155, passed 12-9-71)

§ 72.02 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply, unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

OPERATE. To ride in or on and control the operation of a snowmobile.

OPERATOR. Every person who operates and is in actual control of the snowmobile.

OWNER. A person, other than a lien holder, having the property in or title to a snowmobile or entitled to the use or possession thereof.

PERSON. An individual, partnership, corporation, the state and its agencies and subdivisions, and any body of persons, whether incorporated or not.

RIGHT-OF-WAY. The entire strip of land traversed by a highway or street in which the public owns the fee or an easement for roadway purposes.

ROADWAY. That portion of a highway, improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic.

SNOWMOBILE. A self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice, steered by skis or runners.

STREET. A public thoroughfare, roadway, alley, or trail used for motor vehicle traffic which is not interstate, trunk, county state aid, or county highway.
(Ord. 155, passed 12-9-71)

§ 72.03 OPERATION WITHIN CORPORATE LIMITS.

Except as herein specifically permitted or authorized, it is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile within the corporate limits of the city as follows.

(A) On the portion of the right of way of any public highway, street, road, trail, or alley used for traffic of motor vehicles, except the most right-hand lane which is then available for traffic in the same direction, other than on freeways, interstate, trunk, county state aid, or county highways, and then only in single file.

(B) On a public sidewalk provided for pedestrian travel.

(C) On boulevards within the public right-of-way.

(D) On private property of another without the specific permission of the owner or persons in control of that property.

(E) On streets as permitted by this subchapter at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour.

(F) During the hours from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., except for going to or coming from one's home, and in that case only on streets permitted herein.

(G) On all parks in the city, including athletic fields, from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., except that it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile within Memorial Park at any time without first having obtained a permit from the City Administrator to operate a snowmobile therein. Memorial Park being that park bounded on the north by First Street, on the east by Mott Street, on the south by Front Street and on the west by Craig Street.

(H) During the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon within 150 feet of any church.

(I) At any time at a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under the conditions and circumstances or at any place or any time in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner or in such a manner as to endanger or to be likely to endanger or cause injury or damage to any other person or to property.

(J) So as to tow any person or thing in a public street or highway except through use of a rigid tow-car attached to the rear of the snowmobile.

(K) Within 100 feet of any skating rink or sliding area where the operation of the snowmobile would conflict with the use of the skating rink or sliding area.

(L) On the municipal golf course of the city, otherwise known as Prairie Ridge Golf Course. (Ord. 155, passed 12-9-71; Am. Ord. 177, passed 12-11-78; Am. Ord. 233, passed 1-10-95) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 72.04 APPLICATION OF TRAFFIC RULES.

City traffic ordinances shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles on streets, except for those relating to required equipment, and those which by their nature have no application. (Ord. 155, passed 12-9-71)

§ 72.05 OPERATORS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

No person under 14 years of age shall operate a snowmobile within the city limits at any time. A person 14 years of age or older, but less than 18 years of age, may operate a snowmobile on the streets and highways of the city as permitted herein only if that person has in his or her immediate possession a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by the Commissioner as provided for by M.S. § 84.872 as it may be amended from time to time. It is unlawful for the owner of a snowmobile to permit the snowmobile to be operated by any person contrary to the provisions of this section. (Ord. 155, passed 12-9-71; Am. Ord. 233, passed 1-10-95) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 72.06 MUFFLER REQUIRED.

It is mandatory that standard mufflers are properly attached and in operating condition on all snowmobiles used within the city. No person shall use a muffler cutoff, by-pass, straight or similar device on a snowmobile motor. (Ord. 155, passed 12-9-71) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 72.07 CHASING ANIMALS PROHIBITED.

It is unlawful to intentionally drive any snowmobile to chase, harass, run over, or kill any animal.

(Ord. 155, passed 12-9-71) Penalty, see § 10.99