

CHAPTER 5. VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND STREETS

SECTION 500 VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND PARKING

500.01 Highway Traffic Regulation Act. Chapter 169 of the Minnesota Statutes, as amended, known as the Highway Traffic Regulation Act, is adopted as a traffic ordinance regulating the use of streets and is incorporated and made a part of this Code as completely as if set out in full in this Code.

500.02 Unnecessary Exhibition of Speed. No person may operate a motor vehicle with unnecessary exhibition of speed on any street or other public or private driveway, parking lot or way within the City limits. Prima facie evidence of unnecessary exhibition of speed is any of the following: (a) unreasonable squealing or screeching sounds emitted by tires; (b) the throwing of sand or gravel by tires; (c) unreasonable skid, sway or slide upon acceleration or stopping.

500.03 Load Restrictions. The City Director of Public Works is authorized to designate all or any portions of streets upon which travel by vehicles having a gross weight on any single axle in excess of 8,000 pounds is prohibited. The Director of Public Works will have signs plainly indicating the prohibition or restriction at each end of that portion of the street so designated. No person may operate a vehicle on such posted streets in violation of the restrictions stated.

500.04 Special Permits. The Director of Public Works or the Chief of Police may, in their discretion, issue a written permit authorizing the moving of a vehicle having a gross weight on any single axle exceeding 8,000 pounds on designated streets. The application must be in writing and the applicant must show good cause for the permit. In addition, the application must specifically describe the vehicle or vehicles, loads to be moved, particular streets for which the permit is requested and the period of time for which the permit is requested. If a permit is issued, limitations and conditions of operation of the vehicle or vehicles may be prescribed to prevent undue damage to streets. The permit must be carried in the vehicle to which it refers and the vehicle will be open to inspection by any police officer or authorized agent of the Chief of Police.

500.05 Parking Regulations.

Subd. 1. On-Street Parking. Except as expressly provided in Subd. 4 below, no person may park or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street in the City.

Subd. 2. No U Turns. No person may turn a vehicle so as to reverse its direction on a curve or hill where the vehicle cannot be seen by the driver of

a vehicle within 1,000 feet approaching from either direction, or in any places designated by Council resolution as no U-turn zones.

Subd. 3. Vehicles Prohibited in Parks. No person may stop, park or operate a motorized vehicle, or ride a horse, except in compliance with the directions of a police officer, on park property or other public grounds within the City. Bicycles may be operated on park property or public lands except where signs prohibit their operation.

Subd. 4. Temporary On-Street Parking Permit. Upon request of a resident holding an event for which the resident has insufficient private parking to accommodate the expected number of guests, the Chief of Police may, but is not required to, issue a special parking permit allowing roadside parking, in designated permit parking zones subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The permit will specify the designated permit parking zone and the date and hours parking will be permitted.
- (b) Cars may be parked only in the specific area or areas designated in the permit.
- (c) Cars must at all times be parked sufficiently off the road so as to provide a lane wide enough for the unimpeded passage of emergency vehicles. If heavy snowfall or other conditions prevent off-pavement parking or otherwise make roadside parking unsafe, the Chief of Police will cancel the permit.
- (d) A resident granted a permit will post (and remove upon expiration of the parking permit) temporary signs clearly designating the permitted parking areas or provide an attendant or attendants to show guests where parking is and is not permitted, and will take all other steps required by the Chief of Police as a condition of the parking permit or that are otherwise necessary to insure that guest parking complies with the requirements of this Section 500.05.
- (e) Contractors with major construction or remodeling projects in the City may secure a monthly parking permit for a specified zone, providing that such monthly permit shall not apply to the hours for which any other permit under this subdivision is issued.

Subd. 5. 24-hour Parking. No person may leave any vehicle on any public street for a consecutive period of more than 24 hours.

Subd. 6. Prohibited Parking After Snowfall. No person may park or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, within the designated parking zones, in the City after two inches or more of snow has fallen until the street has been completely plowed. In addition to any other penalties imposed for violation of this Section, the Chief of Police is authorized to cause any vehicle parked or left unattended in violation of this Section to be towed from the street at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.

Subd. 7. Permitted Parking Without Permits. Parking is permitted along the north and south sides of Maple Hill Road without a permit, provided cars are parked sufficiently off the road so as to provide a lane wide enough for the unimpeded passage of emergency vehicles. Snow regulations designated in Subd. 6 will apply to Maple Hill Road.

Subd. 8. Temporary No Parking Areas. The Chief of Police or his designee may designate temporary no parking areas within the City and may provisionally post these areas with a “NO PARKING” sign.

500.06. Penalty. Any violation of a provision of Section 500 or of the statutes adopted by reference in Section 500.01 is a misdemeanor except violations of the parking regulations in Section 500.05, which are a petty misdemeanor, and except as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 169.89 and 169.891 regarding petty misdemeanors.

SECTION 505 SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS

505.01 General. No person may own or operate a snowmobile in the City in violation of, or contrary to, any provision of this Code.

505.02 Adoption by Reference.

Subd.1. Minnesota Statutes Applicable. The application of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 84.81 through 84.89, regarding snowmobile operation is hereby confirmed.

Subd.2. State Department of Natural Resources Rules and Regulations Applicable. The application of the Rules and Regulations of the State Department of Natural Resources relating to snowmobiles, Chapter 5, NR 51 through 59 (1973 Edition), is hereby confirmed.

Subd.3. Lake Minnetonka Conservation District Code of Ordinances Applicable. The application of Lake Minnetonka Conservation District Code of Ordinances relating to motorized vehicles, Ordinance No. 7, Sections 4.34 through 4.40, is hereby confirmed.

505.03 Prohibitions. Except as otherwise specifically permitted and authorized by Section 505.02, it is unlawful to operate a snowmobile:

- (a) On a public sidewalk or walkway.
- (b) On private property of another without the operator of the snowmobile having in possession the written consent of the owner or occupant of the property.
- (c) On any publicly owned lands.
- (d) Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of each day.
- (e) On City streets, except crossing the street by the shortest distance.
- (f) In any manner prohibited under the laws, ordinances and regulations referred to in Section 505.02 as if such prohibitions were assumed to apply to all public and private property in the City.