

CHAPTER 5
STREETS AND SIDEWALKS GENERALLY
(THIS CHAPTER CONTAINS PROVISIONS AS TO SCOPE AND
APPLICATION RELATING TO CHAPTERS 6 AND 7
AS WELL AS THIS CHAPTER)

Sec. 5.01 APPLICATION

Subd. 1. The provisions of Chapters 5, 6 and 7 applicable to the drivers of vehicles upon the streets shall apply to the drivers of all vehicles including, but not limited to, those owned or operated by the United States, this State, or any county, city, town, district or any other political subdivision of the State, subject to such specific exemptions as may be set forth in Chapters 5, 6 and 7.

Subd. 2. Every person riding a bicycle or an animal or driving any animal drawing a vehicle upon a roadway shall be subject to the provisions of Chapters 5, 6 and 7 applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Provisions specifically referring to bicycles shall be in addition to other provisions of these Chapters applying to vehicles.

Sec. 5.02 USE OF SIDEWALKS AND STREETS

Subd. 1. Objects on Public Places. No person shall encumber or obstruct any sidewalk, lane, alley, public ground or other public place, by placing thereon, or therein any building material, automobiles, trucks, bicycles, snowmobiles, boxes, lumber, firewood, or any other materials or substance whatsoever.

Subd. 2. Sweepings on Public Places. No person shall throw or deposit, or permit to be thrown or deposited any dirt, paper or filth, sweeping of any house, shop or store, or office, ashes, shavings, filth, water, straw, wood, stone, earth, manure, or rubbish of any kind, on or into any street, sidewalk, lane, alley or public ground of the city.

Subd. 3. Ditches and Drains. No person shall make any drain, ditch, or bridge across any street, lane, alley or public ground in the city, so as to injure the same or obstruct its passage without written consent of the Council of the city.

Subd. 4. Merchandise on Display in Public Places. No person or persons shall place, or suffer to be placed upon any sidewalk in the city, goods, wares, or merchandise for sale or show beyond the first line of the lot.

Subd. 5. Vehicles Crossing Curbs. No person or persons shall push or draw, back or drive, or ride any horse carriage, cart, sleigh, automobile, truck or any mule, horse, cow or other animal over or across any sidewalk, pavement or curb, into any house, building, lot or other enclosure, unless such sidewalk, pavements or curb has a suitable plank, brick or stone crossing or means of access, which crossing or means of access

shall be furnished and kept in repair by the owner or occupant of such house, buildings, lot or enclosure, at all times to the satisfaction of the street superintendent.

Subd. 6. Vehicles on Sidewalks. No person shall ride or cause to be driven or drive any automobile, truck, motorcycle or snowmobile or any other vehicles on sidewalks in the City.

Subd. 7. Vehicles Crossing Sidewalks. No owner or operator of a tractor or caterpillar shall pass over any concrete crossing in the City, without first planking said crossing with 3 inch planks and no such tractor will be allowed to cross a sidewalk without special permission of the street superintendent.

Subd. 8. Tractors with Lugs Prohibited. No person shall cause or permit any tractor, truck, caterpillar, or other vehicle with metal lugs or projections on the outer surface of the wheels or treads thereof to be hauled, driven, or propelled over any street in this municipality the surface of which has been paved with cement or asphalt or treated with tarvia.

Subd. 9. Snow Emergency.

A. Definition. For purposes of this section, the term “emergency” means a condition created on City Streets because of the presence of snow, freezing rain, sleet, ice or snow drifts thereon, or other natural phenomenon which create or are likely to create hazardous road conditions or impede or are likely to impede the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic when the same have been duly declared by the Mayor, or in his absence, his duly distinguished representation.

B. Declaration of Emergency. Whenever in the discretion of the Mayor, or his designated agent, an emergency exists; he may declare the same and the Mayor shall cause an announcement thereof to be made over the local news media.

C. Unlawful Acts.

(1) During an emergency, it is unlawful to park or leave standing any vehicle upon a snow emergency route designated and duly sign—posted as such.

(2) During an emergency, it is unlawful to park or leave standing any vehicle upon a street on which parking has been restricted by the declaration of an emergency.

D. Termination of Emergency. A snow emergency declared under this section shall remain in effect until termination by announcement of the Mayor, or his designated agent, except that any Street area which has been substantially cleared of snow and ice from curb to curb for the length of an entire block shall be automatically excluded there from.

Sec. 5.03 SCOPE AND ORDERS OF POLICE OFFICER

Subd. 1. Scope. The provisions of Chapters 5, 6 and 7 relate exclusively to the streets, alleys and private roads in the City, and the operation and parking of vehicles refer exclusively to the operation and parking of vehicles upon such streets, alleys and private roads.

Subd. 2. Orders of a Police Officer. It is a misdemeanor for any person to willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer invested by law with authority to direct, control or regulate traffic.

Sec. 5.04 TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONTROL

Subd. 1. Council Action. No device, sign or signal shall be erected or maintained for traffic or parking control unless the Council shall have, by a resolution, approved and directed such erection and maintenance, except as otherwise provided in this Section.

Subd. 2. Temporarily Restricting or Directing Traffic and Parking; Curb Painting.

A. When clearly marked, barricaded or sign—posted, traffic and parking may be temporarily restricted for any public or private use. All such restrictions shall be in accordance with the uniform policy promulgated by the City, acting through the Chief of Police, or other duly authorized official who shall be ultimately responsible to the Council for the proper enforcement thereof.

B. Restricted or prohibited use of parking and traffic lanes may be designated by painting the same upon streets and curbs. Such work shall be done under the direction of the City and in compliance with the provisions of Chapters 5, 6 and 7,

C. It is unlawful to use traffic or parking lanes contrary to sign—posting or marking authorized and described in this section.