

CHAPTER 8

PARKING REGULATIONS

(SEE CHAPTER 7 FOR DEFINITIONS, SCOPE AND APPLICATION RELATING TO THIS CHAPTER)

SECTION 8.01. PRESUMPTION. As to any vehicle parking in violation of Chapters 7, 8 and 9 when the driver thereof is not present, it shall be presumed that the owner parked the same, or that the driver was acting as the agent of the owner.

SECTION 8.02. GENERAL PARKING PROHIBITIONS. It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the specific directions of a police officer or traffic control device in any of the following places: (1) on a sidewalk (2) in front of a public or private driveway; (3) within an intersection; (4) within ten feet of a fire hydrant; (5) on a crosswalk; (6) within twenty feet of a crosswalk at any intersection; (7) in a sign-posted fire lane; (8) within thirty feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway; (9) within fifty feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing; (10) within twenty feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five feet of said entrance when properly sign-posted; (11) alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic; (12) on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street; (13) upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a street, (14) at any place where official signs prohibit or restrict stopping, parking or both; (15) in any alley, except for loading or unloading and then only so long as reasonably necessary for such loading and unloading to or from adjacent premises; or, (16) on any boulevard which has been curbed.

SECTION 8.03. RECREATIONAL CAMPING VEHICLE PARKING.

Subd. 1. Definition. The term “recreational camping vehicle” means any of the following:

A. “Travel Trailer” - A vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, and vacation uses, permanently identified “Travel Trailer” by the manufacturer of the trailer,

B. “Pick-up Coach” - A structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation.

C. “Motor Home” - A portable, temporary building to be used for travel, recreation and vacation, constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle.

D. "Camping Trailer" - A folding structure, mounted on wheels and designed for travel, recreation and vacation uses.

Subd. 2. Unlawful Act. It is unlawful for any person to leave or park a recreational camping vehicle on or within the limits of any street or right-of-way for the purpose of occupying it as living quarters.

SECTION 8.04. UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL.

It is unlawful for any person to move a vehicle not owned by such person into any prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful.

SECTION 8.05. DIRECTION TO PROCEED.

It is unlawful for any person to stop or park a vehicle on a street when directed or ordered to proceed by any police officer invested by law with authority to direct, control or regulate traffic.

SECTION 8.06. PARALLEL PARKING.

Except where angle parking is specifically allowed and indicated by curb marking or sign-posting, or both, each vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way road where there is an adjacent curb 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 the curb or the street, such vehicle shall be within such markings, front and rear; provided that upon a one-way roadway all 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; and it is unlawful to park in violation of this Section.

SECTION 8.07. ANGLE PARKING.

Where angle parking has been established by Council resolution, 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 or bumper touching the plane of 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; and it is unlawful to park in violation of this Section.

SECTION 8.08. STREETS WITHOUT CURB.

Upon streets not having a curb each vehicle shall be stopped or parked parallel and to the right of the paving, improved or main traveled part of the street; and it is unlawful to park in violation of this Section.

SECTION 8.09. PARKING HOURS.

Parking on streets shall be limited as follows:

Subd. 1. It is unlawful for any person to stop, park or leave any vehicle upon any street for a continuous period in excess of twenty-four (24) hours.

Subd. 2. The Council may designate certain streets, blocks or portions of streets or blocks as prohibited parking zones, or five-minute, ten-minute, fifteen-minute, thirty-minute, one-hour, two-hour, four-hour, six-hour, eight-hour limited parking zones and shall mark by appropriate signs any zones so established. Such zones shall be established whenever necessary for the convenience of the public or to minimize traffic hazards and preserve a free flow of traffic. It is unlawful for any person to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle in a prohibited parking zone, for a period of time in excess of the sign-posted limitation, or during sign-posted hours of prohibited parking.

Subd. 3. It is unlawful for any person to remove, erase or otherwise obliterate any mark or sign placed upon a tire or other part of a vehicle by a police officer for the purpose of measuring the length of time such vehicle has been parked.

Subd. 4. For the purpose of enforcement of this Section, any vehicle moved less than one block in a limited time parking zone shall be deemed to have remained stationary.

SECTION 8.10. EMERGENCY.

Subd. 1. 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 or ice 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 has been duly declared.

Subd. 2. Declaration of Emergency. Whenever an emergency is declared, notice shall be given through local news media, or by any other reasonable means.

Subd. 3. Duration of Emergency. An emergency shall remain in effect on any street until it has been plowed to full width, curb-to-curb, or until notice of termination is given.

Subd. 4. Unlawful Act. It is unlawful to park or leave standing a vehicle on any street during an emergency.

SECTION 8.11. PARKING RULES IN CITY PARKING LOTS.

In City-owned parking lots, the Council may limit the sizes and types of motor vehicles to be parked thereon, hours of parking, and prescribed method of parking, provided that such limitations and restrictions are marked or sign-posted thereon. It is unlawful to park or leave standing any vehicle backed into a parking place, to drive in a direction opposite the flow of traffic marked by “one-way” signs or arrows, or to park any vehicle in any City-owned parking lot contrary to the restrictions or limitations marked or sign-posted therein.

SECTION 8.12. IMPOUNDING AND REMOVING VEHICLES.

When any peace officer finds a vehicle standing upon a street or City-owned parking lot in violation of any parking regulation, such officer is hereby authorized to require the driver or other person in charge of such vehicle to remove the same to a position in compliance with this Chapter. When any police officer finds a vehicle unattended upon any street or City-owned parking lot in violation of any parking regulation, such officer is hereby authorized to impound such unlawfully parked vehicle and to provide for the removal thereof and to remove the same to a convenient garage or other facility or place of safety; provided, that if any charge shall be placed against such vehicle for cost of removal or storage, or both, by anyone called upon to assist therewith the same shall be paid prior to removal from such place of storage or safekeeping.

SECTION 8.13. LOADING ZONES.

The Council may, by resolution, establish loading zones to be used for the specific purpose of loading or unloading merchandise from a commercial vehicle or vehicle temporarily being utilized in the transport of merchandise. Such loading zones shall be installed where, in the judgment of the Council, a commercial loading zone is justified, and duly sign-posted.

SECTION 8.14. UNATTENDED VEHICLE.

Subd. 1. It is unlawful for any person to leave a motor vehicle, occupied by a child or children under the age of fifteen, unattended while the engine is running.

Subd. 2. It is unlawful for any person to leave a motor vehicle unattended with the key in the ignition.

SECTION 8.15. VEHICLE REPAIR ON STREET.

It is unlawful for any person to service, repair, assemble or dismantle any vehicle parked upon a street, or attempt to do so, except to service such vehicle with gasoline or oil or to provide emergency repairs thereon, but in no event for more than three (3) hours.

SECTION 8.16. PARKING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVERTISING OR SELLING MERCHANDISE.

It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on any street for the purpose of advertising for sale or selling merchandise thereon or therein, or advertising any merchandise for sale or a forthcoming event.

SECTION 8.17. TRUCK PARKING.

Subd. 1. It is unlawful to park a detached semi-trailer upon any street, City-owned parking lot, or other public property except streets as specifically designated by the Council by resolution and sign-posted.

Subd. 2. It is unlawful to park a truck or commercial vehicle of more than one ton capacity in a zone sign-posted prohibiting truck parking, but parking of such vehicle for a period of not more than thirty (30) minutes shall be permitted in such area for the purpose of necessary access to abutting property while actively loading or unloading when such

access cannot reasonably be secured from an alley or from an adjacent street where truck parking is not so restricted.

Subd. 3. It is unlawful to park a semi-tractor and/or semi-trailer upon any City street, or within 300 feet of the occupied dwelling of another, with any engine thereon running, for a period of more than one hour.

SECTION 8.99. VIOLATION A MISDEMEANOR OR PETTY MISDEMEANOR

Every person violates a section, subdivision, paragraph or provision of this Chapter when he performs an act thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, or fails to act when such failure is thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:

Subd. 1. Where the specific section, subdivision, paragraph or provision specifically makes violation a misdemeanor, he shall be punished as for a misdemeanor; where a violation is committed in a manner or under circumstances so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property, he shall be punished as for a misdemeanor; where he stands convicted of violation of any provision of this Chapter, exclusive of violations relating to the standing or parking of an unattended vehicle, within the immediate preceding 12-month period for the third or subsequent time, he shall be punished as for a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. As to any violation not constituting a misdemeanor under the provisions of Subdivision 1 hereof, he shall be punished as for a petty misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. Violation of any section, subdivision, paragraph or provision of this Chapter, shall be deemed continuing in nature, and may be treated as a new and separate offense on each day (consisting of a 24 hour period commencing at 12 midnight) during which said violation occurs.