

CHAPTER 9

PARKING REGULATIONS

SECTION 9.01. 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.

SEC. 9.02. 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 twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at any intersection.; 7) in a sign-posted. fire land; 8) within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway; 9) within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing; 10) within twenty (20) 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 (75) 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 a 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 and unloading and then only so long as reasonably necessary for such loading and unloading to or from adjacent premises; or, 16) on any boulevard within fifteen (15) feet of any intersecting street right-of-way.

SEC. 9.03. 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,

SEC. 9.04. 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.

SEC. 9.05. 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 (2) 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 (12) 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 (1) way roadway all vehicles shall be so parked, except that the left hand wheels of the vehicle may be parallel with and within twelve (12) inches from the left band 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 (1) way street; and it is unlawful to park in violation of this Section.

SEC. 9.06. 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 forty-five (45) to sixty (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 (I) way traffic; and it is unlawful to park in violation of this Section.

SEC. 9.07. 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.

SEC. 9.08. PARKING HOURS. Parking on streets shall be limited as follows:

Subd. 1. Parking is prohibited in the Central Business District, as sign- posted, between the hours of 12:00 o'clock midnight and 6:00 o'clock a.m., November 1 through April 1.

Subd. 2. It is unlawful for any person to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle upon any street for a continuous period in excess of seventy-two (72) hours.

Subd. 3. The Sheriff shall, when authorized by resolution of the Council, designate certain streets, blocks or portions of streets or blocks as five (5) minute, ten (10) minute, fifteen (15) minute, thirty (30) minute, one (1) hour, two (2) hour, four (4) hour, six (6) hour, eight (8) hour limited parking zones and the City Services Director shall make 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 any space in violation of such limits when sign-posted.

SEC. 9.09. RECREATIONAL CAMPING VEHICLE PARKING.

Subd. 1. Definitions. The following "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 a continuous period in excess of 48 hours, except where signs are erected designating the place as a campsite or in a mobile home park. Provided, however, that during such 48-hour period, such vehicle shall not be occupied as living quarters.

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SEC. 9.20. SNOW EMERGENCY. In order to facilitate movement of traffic and promote public convenience in and safety, the Mayor or his/her designated official, may declare a snow emergency.

Subd. 1. “Snow Emergency” Defined. A snow emergency means a condition created on City streets because of the presence of snow, freezing rain, sleet, ice or snow drifts thereon 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 his/her designated official.

Subd. 2. Declaration of a Snow Emergency. Whenever, in the discretion of the Mayor or his/her designated official, a snow emergency exists, the Mayor or his/her designated official may declare the same and shall cause an announcement thereof to be made over the local news media.

Subd. 3. Unlawful Act. During any such snow emergency declared by the Mayor or his/her designated official, no person shall park any motor vehicle or permit any such motor vehicle to remain on any street after a snow emergency has been declared; provided, that parking shall be permitted during a snow emergency on those streets that have been plowed to their full width.

Subd. 4. Penalties. A violation of this ordinance shall constitute a petty misdemeanor.

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SEC. 9.30. TRUCK PARKING.

Subd. 1. It is unlawful to park a semi-trailer, whether or not attached to a truck-tractor, upon any street, City-owned parking lot or other public property except designated parking lots.

Subd. 2. It is unlawful to park a semi-trailer, whether or not attached to a truck-tractor, within an area zoned as a residential district, except for the purpose of loading or unloading the same.

Subd. 3. It is unlawful to park a commercial vehicle of more than three- fourths (3/4) ton capacity upon any street in the business district which has been duly sign-posted prohibiting the same, but parking of such vehicle for a period not more than twenty (20) minutes shall be permitted in such space for the purpose of necessary access to abutting property for 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. 4. It is unlawful to park any vehicle of greater length than twenty (20) feet diagonally along any street except for a time sufficient to load or unload, and in such case, only parallel parking shall be permitted. Provided, however, that a truck may stand backed up to the curb if the weight or bulk of the load makes parallel parking impracticable, but then only for a period of time sufficient to load or unload.

Subd. 5. Parking of commercial vehicles is permitted in duly designated and sign-posted loading zones, and in alleys, for a reasonable and necessary period, provided that such alley parking does not prevent the flow of traffic therein, all of which shall be for the purpose of access to abutting or adjacent property for loading or unloading.

SEC. 9.31. IMPOUNDING AND REMOVING VEHICLES. When any police 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.

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SEC. 9.50. VEHICLE REPAIR ON STREET. It is unlawful for any person to service, repair, assemble or dismantle any vehicle parked upon a street, except to provide emergency service thereon.

SEC. 9.51. PARKING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVERTISING OR SELLING MERCHANDISE. It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on any public right-of-way for the purpose of selling merchandise thereon or therein, or advertising any merchandise for sale for a forthcoming event, for a period longer than fifteen (15) minutes.

SEC. 9.52. PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PARKING.

Subd. 1. Statutory parking privileges for physically handicapped shall be strictly observed and enforced.

Subd. 2. It is unlawful for any person, whether or not physically handicapped, to stop, park, or leave standing, a motor vehicle 1) in a sign-posted fire land at any time, or 2) in lanes where, and during such hours as, parking is prohibited to accommodate heavy traffic during morning and afternoon rush hours.

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SEC. 9.99. VIOLATION A MISDEMEANOR OR PETTY MISDEMEANOR

Subd. 1. Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any provision of this code for which another penalty is not specifically provided, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor. The penalty which may be imposed for any crime which is a misdemeanor under this code, including Minnesota Statutes specifically adopted by reference, shall be a sentence of not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both.

Subd. 2. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of this code, including Minnesota Statutes specifically adopted by reference, which is designated to be a petty misdemeanor shall, upon conviction be guilty of a petty misdemeanor. The penalty which may be imposed for any petty offense which is a petty misdemeanor shall be a sentence of a fine of not more than \$300.

Subd. 3. In either the case of a misdemeanor or a petty misdemeanor, the costs of prosecution maybe added. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during which a violation occurs or continues.

Subd. 4. The failure of any officer or employee of the City to perform any official duty imposed by this code shall not subject the officer or employee to the penalty imposed for violation,

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