

TITLE 6
MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

CHAPTER 601 TRAFFIC RULES

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601.01: ADOPTION OF CODE:

The regulatory provisions and definitions of the Minnesota Traffic Code found in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169, as amended, are hereby adopted as an ordinance regulating the use of highways, streets, alleys and other portions of the City and are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Code as completely as if set out in full. (Ord. 728, 4-19-74)

601.02: OBSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC:

No person shall in any manner or at any time obstruct the traffic on any public street or road except that any railroad company may obstruct or close for traffic any such public street or road by a standing car, train, engine or other railroad equipment for not longer than ten minutes at any one time. (Ord. 264, 1-20-59)

601.03: UNREASONABLE ACCELERATION:

No person shall start or accelerate any motor vehicle with an unnecessary exhibition of speed on any public or private way within the City. Prima facie evidence of such unnecessary exhibition of speed shall be squealing or screeching sounds emitted by the tires or the throwing of sand or gravel by the tires of said vehicle, or both. (Ord. 552, 8-28-67)

601.04: OPEN BOTTLE IN MOTOR VEHICLE:

Whoever violates any of the following provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor:

- A. No person shall drink or consume intoxicating liquor or nonintoxicating malt liquors in any motor vehicle.
- B. No person shall have in their possession while in a motor vehicle any bottle or receptacle containing intoxicating liquors or nonintoxicating malt liquor which has been opened, the seal broken or the contents of which have been partially removed.
- C. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any private motor vehicle or the driver, if the owner be not then present in the motor vehicle, to keep or allow to be kept in a motor vehicle any bottle or receptacle containing intoxicating liquors or nonintoxicating malt liquors which have been opened, the seal broken or the contents of which have been partially removed, except when such bottle or receptacle shall be kept in the trunk of the motor vehicle when such vehicle is equipped with a trunk, or kept in some other area of the vehicle not normally occupied by the driver or passenger if the motor vehicle is not equipped with a trunk. A utility compartment or glove compartment shall be deemed to be within the area occupied by the driver and passengers.
- D. Subsections A, B and C shall not apply to motor vehicles upon public highways. (Ord.

601.05: TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES:

The placement and maintenance of traffic control devices on roads under the jurisdiction of the City is necessary to carry out the provisions in the Minnesota Traffic Code, Minn. Stat. Ch. 169, and in order to regulate, warn and guide traffic utilizing City roads. There is hereby created a Traffic Safety Committee consisting of the City Manager, Director of Public Works, and Chief of Police. The Traffic Safety Committee shall have the following authority:

- A. To investigate and study all matters relating to vehicular traffic conditions including but not limited to parking, speed, traffic control, and traffic safety hazards.
- B. To implement and provide for the installation of whatever traffic control devices are necessary to improve and promote traffic safety and properly manage the use of City roads.
- C. To study and recommend to other road authorities maintaining roadways within the City corrective measures that may be deemed necessary to address traffic issues that may exist as to those authorities' roads within the City. (Ord. 1335, 4-24-2006)

CHAPTER 602

STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

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602.01: LOCKING REQUIRED:

No person shall leave a motor vehicle, except a commercial motor vehicle, unattended on any street, alley, used car lot or unattended parking lot without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition and removing and taking the key. (Ord. 270, 1-27-1958)

602.02: FAILURE TO LOCK IMMATERIAL IN CERTAIN CASES:

Any violation of the provisions of section 602.01 of this chapter shall not mitigate the offense of stealing or tampering with such motor vehicle nor shall violation be used to prevent a recovery in any civil action for theft of such motor vehicle, or the insurance on such vehicle or have any other bearing in any civil action. (Ord. 270, 1-27-1958; amd. 1990 Code)

602.03: REMOVAL OF KEYS BY POLICE OFFICER:

Whenever any police officer of the city shall find a motor vehicle standing in violation of section 602.01 of this chapter, the police officer is authorized and directed to remove the keys left in such vehicle and to deliver such keys to the officer in charge of the police department at the city hall. (Ord. 270, 1-27-1958)

602.04: UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLES:

- A. Manner of Parking: Any vehicle parked at any time in any part of the city shall be parked with the right-hand side parallel to the curb or edge of the street and not more than one foot from the curb or edge of the street leaving at least fourfeet) between parked vehicles except where marks or signs on the streets indicate that cars shall be parked at an angle. (Ord. 270, 1-27-1958; amd. 1995 Code)
- B. Double Parking: Vehicles shall not stand two or more abreast in any street except in the case of commercial vehicles when calling for or delivering parcels or merchandise such commercial vehicle may double park for the length of time absolutely and reasonably necessary to load or unload when access to the curb is blocked by other vehicles at the place of delivery. (Ord. 270, 1-27-1958)
- C. Time Limitations: No truck with a capacity of over two tons shall be parked on any

street for more than 90 minutes or for the time necessary to load or unload such truck. (Ord. 270, 1-27-1958; amd. 1995 Code)

- D. Parking On Private Property: No vehicle shall be parked or left standing upon the private property of any person without the consent of the property owner. (Ord. 270, 1-27-1958)

602.05: HANDICAPPED PARKING:

- A. Restriction: No person shall park a motor vehicle in a parking space designated and reserved for the physically handicapped, on either private or public property, unless:
 - 1. That person is physically handicapped in a manner rendering it difficult and burdensome for such person to walk or such person was operating the vehicle under the direction of such a physically handicapped person; and
 - 2. The vehicle visibly bears or contains the certificate or insignia issued to physically handicapped persons by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 169.345, subdivision 2.
- B. Notice of Designation: Notice of such designation of handicapped parking spaces shall be given by the posting of signs designated in accordance with the requirements of the manual of the commissioner of public safety on uniform traffic control devices and the location, number and method of signing of such spaces is first approved by the chief of police. (Ord. 781, 5-10-1976)

602.06: PARKING ON BOULEVARD PROHIBITED:

No vehicle shall be parked on any boulevard adjacent to a public street except for boulevard parking spaces listed on the inventory of boulevard parking spaces regularly in use, dated June 30, 1984, prepared by the code enforcement officer, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference and which is on file in the office of the city manager, may continue to be used until one of the following occurs:

- A. Roadway improvements involving disturbance of or removal of the boulevard parking area is undertaken; or
- B. Substantial improvements to the lot located adjacent to the boulevard parking area is undertaken, such expansion or construction of house, garage or driveway. (Ord. 1223, 6-29-1999)

602.07: FIRE LANES:

- A. Designation of Lanes: When the fire chief determines that it is necessary for fire safety purposes to establish areas of access for firefighting equipment, the fire chief shall designate fire lanes along the curb of public and private roadways adjacent to buildings and within the parking lots of public and private property. Within thirty (30) days of notification of such designation, in writing, by the fire chief, the owner of the property adjacent to such fire lanes shall, at the property owner's expense:
 - 1. Post and maintain signs approved by the fire chief reading, in substance, "*NO PARKING - FIRE LANE*". Such signs shall be posted at each end of the fire lane and at least at every 100 foot interval within the fire lane.
 - 2. Paint and maintain the painting of the curbing along the fire lanes in a yellow color. (Ord. 987, 12-2-1985)
- B. Removal of Unauthorized Vehicle: No vehicle, except an authorized emergency vehicle, may be parked in a fire lane. Vehicles in violation of this section may be removed, impounded and kept in custody under the direction of the chief of police. (Ord. 905, 5-10-1982)

602.08: VEHICULAR PARKING OR TRAFFIC TEMPORARILY PROHIBITED:

- A. Maintenance, Improvements Or Emergency: The Public Works Director or the Chief of Police may temporarily prohibit vehicular parking or traffic upon any public street at such times as the public works department is performing maintenance or making improvements to such streets or at such times that a public safety emergency exists on or near such streets.
- B. Posting: No person shall park or drive a vehicle on a public street after it has been posted with signs by the Public Works Director or the Chief of Police temporarily prohibiting vehicular parking or traffic pursuant to this section. (Ord. 817, 5-8-1978; amd. 1995 Code)

602.09: NO PARKING AFTER SNOWFALL:

- A. Parking Restricted: No person shall park any vehicle, except in compliance with directions of a police officer or in compliance with regulatory parking signs, on any street for a period of 48 hours commencing immediately after any two inches or more continuous snowfall or until snow removal has been completed on any street, whichever occurs first. (Ord. 687, 12-18-1972)
- B. Removal of Illegally Parked Vehicles: Any vehicle parked in violation of this section is declared to be a nuisance which interferes with snow removal from public streets and any police officer may remove or cause to be removed, summarily, any such vehicle by means of towing or otherwise or such police officer may require the driver or owner to remove such vehicle off the paved, improved or traveled portion of such street.
- C. Prosecution For Violation: The removal of a vehicle which is parked in violation of this section, either by a police officer or under the direction of a police officer, shall not preclude a prosecution for violation of any provision of this chapter. (Ord. 361, 2-26-1962)

602.10: RULES ON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PARKING LOTS:

On any private or publicly-owned parking lots within the City, the following rules shall apply:

- A. The police department may post signs at any entrances to a parking lot from a public street which shall designate one-way traffic for entrance or exit. The driver of any vehicle entering or leaving such lot shall comply with any one-way signs so posted.
- B. No person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed greater than is safe and reasonable under the conditions of then existing traffic and in no event exceed a speed of 15 miles per hour.
- C. Parking on lots shall conform to any stalls or positions for parking designated on the surface of the parking area.
- D. The owner of the land on which the parking lot is located may designate certain spaces as for public safety, fire or emergency vehicles only, and no other vehicles may park in said spaces.
- E. No vehicle shall be parked or allowed to stand in any area of such parking lot which has been designated or is used for a lane for moving traffic so as to interfere with the movement of traffic. (Ord. 401, 8-26-1963)
- F. No motor vehicle shall be parked or allowed to stand in such a lot at a curb which is painted yellow.
- G. No motor vehicle shall be parked or allowed to stand in such a lot in front of any entrance to any business or establishment open to public patronage. (1990 Code)

(Ord.1351, 8-27-2007)

CHAPTER 603 BICYCLE ROUTES

SECTION:

- 603.01: Routes Established
- 603.02: Signs Designating Routes
- 603.03: Motorized Vehicles Prohibited

603.01: ROUTES ESTABLISHED:

There are hereby established routes for bicycles. The City Council shall, by resolution, approve said locations. (Ord. 668, 6-12-62)

603.02: SIGNS DESIGNATING ROUTES:

There shall be erected appropriate signs on paths, walks or streets informing the public of said bicycle route and informing them of the prohibitions of motorized vehicles on certain routes. (Ord. 668, 6-12-62)

603.03: MOTORIZED VEHICLES PROHIBITED:

Except for authorized service vehicles, no person shall operate any snowmobile, trail bike, motorcycle, mini bike or any other vehicle which has a source of power other than the physical effort of the users on any route designated as a bicycle route except those on public streets. (Ord. 668, 6-12-62; amd. 1995 Code)

CHAPTER 604 SNOWMOBILES

SECTION:

- 604.01: Adoption of Code and Regulations
- 604.02: Limitation of Operation
- 604.03: Hours of Operation
- 604.04: Speed
- 604.05: Tow Bars
- 604.06: Mandatory Lights
- 604.07: Mandatory Pennant

604.01: ADOPTION OF CODE AND REGULATIONS:

Unless otherwise provided herein, Minnesota Statutes 1974 sections 84.81 to 84.90, inclusive, and the Regulations of the Minnesota Commissioner of Natural Resources, Reg. N.R. 51 to 59, inclusive, official copies of which are on file in the office of the City Manager, are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference for the purpose of prescribing regulations for the operation of snowmobiles within the City. Whenever reference is made in this Chapter to these statutes and regulations, such reference shall include all subsequent amendments. (Ord. 775, 2-9-76)

604.02: LIMITATION OF OPERATION:

Except for loading or unloading, no person shall operate a snowmobile within the City in any of the following places:

- A. Within 150 feet of any residential building.
- B. On private property where lawful permission has not been obtained.
- C. On public streets, boulevards and any other public place except where such snowmobile route has been designated by the City for such use. (Ord. 775, 2-9-76)

604.03: HOURS OF OPERATION:

No person shall operate a snowmobile in the City between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., prevailing time in Ramsey County, Sunday through Thursday, and from 1:00 A.M. to seven o'clock 7:00 A.M. on other days, including the day preceding a national holiday. (Ord. 775, 2-9-76)

604.04: SPEED:

No person shall operate a snowmobile in the City at a speed in excess of limits specifically posted for such use or at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour within 150 feet of any fisherman, fish house, pedestrian, skier, skater, skating rink, sliding area, ski tow area or other area where such operation would conflict with or endanger other persons or property. (Ord. 775, 2-9-76)

604.05: TOW BARS:

No person shall operate a snowmobile so as to tow any person, sled or other conveyance except by the use of a rigid tow bar attached to the rear of such snowmobile. Persons towing

disabled snowmobiles shall be exempt. (Ord. 775, 2-9-76)

604.06: MANDATORY LIGHTS:

No person shall operate a snowmobile unless such vehicle is equipped with a head light and tail light that is illuminated at all times during such operation. Snowmobiles equipped with an engine of five horsepower or less shall be exempt. (Ord. 775, 2-9-76)

604.07: MANDATORY PENNANT:

No person shall operate a snowmobile unless such vehicle is equipped with a red or orange blaze pennant flag of at least 40 square inches in area and displayed at a height of not less than five feet above the treadway. (Ord. 775, 2-9-76)

CHAPTER 605

MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS AND ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

SECTION:

- 605.01: Operation
- 605.02: Permit Required
- 605.03: Application for Permit
- 605.04: Term of Permit
- 605.05: Requirements for Permit
- 605.06: Conditions of Permit
- 605.07: Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem
- 605.08: Application of Traffic Laws
- 605.09: Suspension or Revocation of Permit

605.01: OPERATION:

Persons who are physically handicapped as defined in Minnesota Statute section 169.345, subdivision 2, are authorized to operate motorized golf carts or all terrain vehicles on designated roadways or portions of such roadways within the City. (Ord. 1007, 12-8-86)

605.02: PERMIT REQUIRED:

No person shall operate a motorized golf cart or all terrain vehicle without obtaining a permit as provided herein. (Ord. 1007, 12-8-86; amd. 1995 Code)

605.03: APPLICATION FOR PERMIT:

Every application for a permit shall be made to the Chief of Police and shall contain the following information:

- A. The name, address and age of the applicant.
- B. The nature of the applicant's physical handicap.
- C. The roadways or portions of such roadways on which the motorized golf cart or all terrain vehicle will be operated.
- D. The time of operation of the motorized golf cart or all terrain vehicle.
- E. Such other information as the Chief of Police may require. (Ord. 1007, 12-8-86)

605.04: TERM OF PERMIT:

Permit shall be granted for the period of one year and may be renewed annually. (Ord. 1007, 12-8-86)

605.05: REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMIT:

No permit shall be granted unless the following requirements are met:

- A. The applicant must demonstrate that applicant is a physically handicapped person as defined in Minnesota Statute section 169.345, subdivision 2.
- B. The applicant must submit a certificate signed by a physician that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart or all terrain vehicle on the roadway designated.
- C. The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of

605.06: CONDITIONS OF PERMIT:

The Chief of Police shall designate the following conditions for operation of the motorized golf cart or all terrain vehicle:

- A. The roadways or portions thereof upon which motorized golf carts or all terrain vehicles will be permitted to operate.
- B. The hours of operation on designation roadways. In no event shall motorized golf carts or all terrain vehicles be operated on designated roadways for any hours greater than sunrise to sunset, in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or any other reason.
- C. Any other restrictions imposed in the interests of public safety. (Ord. 1007, 12-8-86)

605.07: SLOW MOVING VEHICLE EMBLEM:

Motorized golf carts or all terrain vehicles shall display the slow moving vehicle emblem provided for in Minnesota Statute section 169.522 when operated on designated roadways. (Ord. 1007, 12-8-86)

605.08: APPLICATION OF TRAFFIC LAWS:

Every person operating a motorized golf cart or all terrain vehicle under permit on designated roadways has all rights and duties applicable to the driver of any vehicle under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes chapter 169 except when those provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts or all terrain vehicles and except as otherwise specially provided in Minnesota Statute section 169.045, subdivision 7. (Ord. 1007, 12-8-86)

605.09: SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT:

The Chief of Police may suspend or revoke a permit granted under this Chapter upon the finding that the holder has violated any of the provisions of this Chapter or Minnesota Statutes chapter 169, or if there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart or all terrain vehicle on the designated roadways. (Ord. 1007, 12-8-86)