

## Chapter 70 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES\*

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**\*Cross reference(s)**--Abandoned motor vehicles, § 2-147; alcoholic beverages, ch. 6; fees, ch. 26; fire prevention and protection, ch. 30; manufactured homes and trailers, ch. 42; streets, sidewalks and other public places, ch. 58; snow removal, § 58-61 et seq.; vehicles for hire, ch. 78.

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### **ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

**Sec. 70-1. Penalty.**

Unless otherwise declared in this chapter with respect to particular offenses, it is a petty misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required by this chapter; except that a violation which is committed in a manner or under circumstances so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property; or, exclusive of violations relating to the standing or parking of an unattended vehicle, a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, classified therein as a petty misdemeanor, when preceded by two or more convictions within the immediate preceding 12 months, is a misdemeanor.

(Code 1977, § 16.08; Ord. No. 147, § 2, 9-12-90)

**Sec. 70-2. Exhibition driving.**

No person shall turn, accelerate, decelerate, stop or otherwise operate a motor vehicle within the city in a manner causing or likely to cause unnecessarily loud engine noise, backfiring, tire squealing, skidding, sliding, swaying, tire spinning or racing; or in a manner simulating a race; whenever such operation is not necessary for the protection of persons or property.

(Code 1977, § 16.01(3))

**Secs. 70-3--70-25. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE II. PARKING, STOPPING, AND STANDING**

**Sec. 70-26. Designation of stopping, standing and parking places.**

The chief of police shall locate and designate places upon the streets where vehicles engaged in carrying passengers, property or material for hire may stop, stand or park; and he may change such places in his discretion by

filing written notice thereof with the clerk, to take effect when approved by the council; such places shall be designated with appropriate marking.

(Code 1977, § 16.01(2))

**Sec. 70-27. Parking limits.**

(a) *Generally.* No person shall park any vehicle at any place:

- (1) On Wisconsin Street between Broadway and Third Avenue West;
- (2) On First Avenue West between Minnesota Truck Highway No. 61 and the harbor, and on the west side of the avenue from Highway 61 north to the first alley;
- (3) On Second Avenue West between Highway 61 and Wisconsin Street;
- (4) On First Street between Broadway and Highway 61;
- (5) On Broadway between Highway 61 and Wisconsin Street; or
- (6) On Highway 61 between Broadway and Third Avenue West;

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for more than 90 minutes. The above parking restrictions shall be effective from May 1 each year to the following November 1.

(b) *Post office corner.* Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, no person shall park any vehicle at the post office corner, east and north from the corner, as marked by the chief of police, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. for more than ten minutes at a time.

(c) *Parking with motor running.* Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., no person shall stop, leave

standing or park a motor vehicle with the motor running, within the city limits, whether attended or unattended for more than 20 minutes, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device.

(Code 1977, § 16.02)

**Sec. 70-28. City parking lot.**

(a) *Established.* The vacant lots owned by the city in blocks 31 and 46 of the city plat are hereby designated as the city parking lot, for use by the public to park motor vehicles.

(b) *Twenty-four-hour limit.* No person shall park any vehicle in such lot for over 24 consecutive hours.

(c) *Trucks and trailers.* No person shall park any truck or trailer in the city parking lot on block 46 at any time, unless such vehicle is engaged in city business.

(Code 1977, § 16.03)

**Secs. 70-29--70-50. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE III. TRUCK ROUTE**

**Sec. 70-51. Restricted streets.**

The use of all city streets between Highway 61 and Fifth Street shall be restricted as provided in this article.

(Code 1977, § 16.04)

**Sec. 70-52. Restricted vehicles.**

No truck-tractor pulling any trailer or semitrailer, and no motor vehicle of any description having a gross vehicle weight in excess of 9,000 pounds shall be operated in either direction of the restricted portion of the streets at any

time, nor shall any such vehicle or trailer be parked on such streets at any time for a period longer than two hours.

(Code 1977, § 16.04(2))

**Sec. 70-53. Truck route established.**

A truck route is hereby established. The truck route shall be the part of County State Aid Highway No. 7 (part of which is also known as Fifth Street) between the Gunflint Trail (part of which is also known as Fifth Avenue West) and Highway 61, and lying east of the Gunflint Trail.

(Code 1977, § 16.04(3))

**Sec. 70-54. Exceptions.**

This article shall not apply to road maintenance vehicles owned by the city, the county or the state; nor shall they apply to service and delivery vehicles delivering services or materials within the city. Notwithstanding the provisions of this article, this article will not prohibit school buses from using Broadway Avenue and First Avenue East between Highway 61 and County Road 7.

(Code 1977, § 16.04(4))

**Sec. 70-55. Signs.**

The city engineer shall cause appropriate warning and directory signs to be posted at both ends of the restricted portions of the streets and at such other places as he shall determine to be necessary and appropriate to inform motorists of the restriction.

(Code 1977, § 16.04)

**Secs. 70-56--70-75. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE IV. SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER SKATES AND ROLLER BLADES**

**Sec. 70-76. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Operate* means to ride on or upon or control the operation of a skateboard, roller skate or roller blade.

*Operator* means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a skateboard, roller skate or roller blade.

*Roller skate* and *roller blade* mean a form of skate with small wheels or rollers in place of a runner.

*Skateboard* means a device for riding upon, usually while standing, consisting of an oblong piece of wood or other composition mounted on skate wheels.

(Ord. No. 147, § 1(1), 9-12-90)

**Cross reference(s)**--Definitions generally, § 1-2.

**Sec. 70-77. Unlawful use.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a skateboard, roller skate or roller blade under the circumstances set forth below:

- (1) On private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of the property.
- (2) In any careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger, or be likely to endanger, the safety of any person or the property of any person.

- (3) On any public street or upon any public sidewalk, lying south of the southerly right-of-way of State Highway No. 61.
- (4) The operator of a skateboard, roller skate or roller blade emerging from an alley, driveway or building upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching the sidewalk or sidewalk area and upon entering any roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway.
- (5) Every person operating a skateboard, roller skate or roller blade upon a roadway shall ride as close as possible to the righthand curb or edge of the roadway.
- (6) No person operating a skateboard, roller skate or roller blade shall attach the same, or the person of the operator, to any vehicle, other person, or thing in such a manner that the vehicle, other person or thing to which the attachment is made, can control or in any way affect the operation of the skateboard, roller skate or roller blade in any manner whatsoever.
- (7) No person shall operate a skateboard, roller skate or roller blade upon a public street, sidewalk or other roadway after sunset or before sunrise.

(Ord. No. 147, § 1(2), 9-12-90; Ord. No. 156, § 1, 8-26-92)

**Sec. 70-78. Impoundment.**

(a) Any person operating a skateboard, roller skate or roller blade in violation of the provisions of this article does by his or her use of the public streets and sidewalks, consent to the impoundment by a police officer of the skateboard, roller skate or roller blade for a period of three days upon a first offense, seven days upon the second offense, and 30 days upon a third offense. If the article

seized belongs to a minor under the age of 18 years, the article seized shall be returned only to the parent or guardian of such minor offender. The return of any article seized, by virtue of this section, shall be made only to the person from whom seized, except as herein provided, and the signature of the person receiving the seized article shall be obtained upon a receipt identifying the seized article and a reference to the nature of the offense occasioning the seizure. Such receipt shall be prima facie proof of the fact of the violation of this article in any subsequent prosecution for violation of this article.

(b) Any operator aggrieved by the impoundment of his or her skateboard, roller skate, or roller blade may petition the council for hearing hereon at the next regular council meeting following the impoundment. This provision is in addition to the provisions for fines and penalties set forth elsewhere in this article.

(Ord. No. 147, § 1(3), 9-12-90)

**Secs. 70-79--70-100. Reserved.**

#### **ARTICLE V. BICYCLES**

**Sec. 70-101. Obedience to state law.**

Every person riding a bicycle in the city shall comply with all the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 169.221.

(Code 1977, § 16.07(1))

**State law reference(s)**--Operation of bicycles, Minn. Stat. § 169.222.

**Sec. 70-102. Riding on sidewalks.**

No person shall ride a bicycle on any of the city sidewalks.

(Code 1977, § 16.07(2))

**Secs. 70-103--70-125. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE VI. SNOWMOBILES**

**Sec. 70-126. State law adopted.**

Those portions of Minn. Stat. ch. 84 regulating snowmobiles are hereby adopted by reference in their entirety. The definitions in that chapter shall be used unless the context of this Code requires otherwise.

(Code 1977, § 16.06(1))

**Sec. 70-127. Speed limit.**

No person shall operate any snowmobile on any city street or alley at a speed over ten miles per hour.

(Code 1977, § 16.06(2))

**Sec. 70-128. Nighttime noise restrictions.**

No person shall operate a snowmobile in a noisy manner in the city between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. at any place within 300 feet of any occupied dwelling.

(Code 1977, § 16.06(3))

**Sec. 70-129. Sunday operation restrictions.**

No person shall operate a snowmobile at any point within 300 feet of any church or house of worship at any time between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on any Sunday.

(Code 1977, § 16.06(4))