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CHAPTER 70: GENERAL PROVISIONS

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§ 70.01 STATE REGULATIONS ADOPTED.

The city does hereby adopt in their entirety, the following:

- (A) M.S. Chapter 170, Safety Responsibility Act, as it may be amended from time to time;
- (B) M.S. Chapter 171, Drivers License Law, as it may be amended from time to time;
- (C) M.S. Chapter 168, Vehicle Registration, as it may be amended from time to time;
- (D) M.S. §§ 221.011 through 221.296 and §§ 221.60 through 221.68, as they may be amended from time to time; and
- (E) M.S. §§ 84.86, 609.21, 609.55 and 609.68, as they may be amended from time to time. (Ord. 357, passed 9-18-1972)

§ 70.02 DUTIES OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

(A) The Police Department shall enforce the provisions of this code and the state traffic laws.

(B) (1) Police officers are authorized to direct all traffic within the city, either in person or by means of visible or audible signal, in conformity with this chapter and the state traffic laws.

(2) During a fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers of the Police Department may direct traffic as conditions require notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter and the state traffic laws.

(3) Officers of the Fire Department may direct or assist the police in directing traffic at the scene of a fire or in the immediate vicinity. (Ord. 509, passed 12-7-1987)

§ 70.99 PENALTY.

Any person violating any provision of this code for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to the penalty of § 10.99.

CHAPTER 71: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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(2) The Chief of Police shall mark by appropriate signs any intersection so designated. No intersection on a trunk highway shall be so designated until the consent of the Commissioner of Transportation to the designation is first obtained.

(B) No person shall turn a vehicle at any intersection contrary to the directions on the signs. (Ord. 509, passed 12-7-1987) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.01 UNREASONABLE ACCELERATION.

(A) No person shall start or accelerate any motor vehicle with unnecessary acceleration of speed on any public or private way within the city.

(B) Prima facie evidence of unnecessary exhibition of speed shall be squealing or screeching sounds emitted by the tires or the throwing of sand or gravel by tires of the vehicle. (Ord. 389, passed 9-2-1975) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.02 TURNING RESTRICTIONS.

(A) (1) The City Council, by resolution, may, whenever necessary to preserve a free flow of traffic, or to avoid accidents, designate any intersection as one where the turning of vehicles to the left or to the right, or both, or any U-turns, is to be restricted at all times or during specified hours.

§ 71.03 THROUGH AND ONE-WAY STREETS.

(A) The Council, by resolution, may designate any street or portion of street as a through highway or a one-way roadway where necessary to preserve the free flow of traffic or to prevent accidents.

(B) The Public Works Director shall post appropriate signs at the entrance to the street. No trunk highway shall be so designated unless the consent of the Commissioner of Transportation to the designation is first secured. (Ord. 509, passed 12-7-1987)

§ 71.04 TRUCK RESTRICTIONS.

The City Council, by resolution, may designate streets on which travel by commercial vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds gross weight is prohibited.

The Public Works Director shall erect appropriate signs on the streets. No person shall operate a commercial vehicle on the posted streets in violation of these restrictions.

(Ord. 509, passed 12-7-1987) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.05 SEASONAL WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS.

(A) The Public Works Director may prohibit the operation of vehicles upon any street under his or her jurisdiction or impose weight restrictions on vehicles to be operated on the street whenever the street, by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions, will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles on the street is prohibited or the permissible weights thereof reduced. He or she shall erect and maintain signs plainly indicating the prohibition or restriction at each end of that portion of the street affected.

(B) No person shall operate a vehicle on a posted street in violation of the prohibition or restriction.

(Ord. 509, passed 12-7-1987) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.06 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES.

(A) No Class 1 all-terrain vehicle, as defined by M.S. § 84.92, shall be permitted to be operated on the public streets or public rights-of-way within the city.

(B) Class 2 all-terrain vehicles, as defined by M.S. § 84.92, may be operated on the public streets or public rights-of-way within the city provided the owner and the person operating the Class 2 all-terrain vehicle is in full compliance with M.S. §§ 84.92 to 84.929 and the rules adopted pursuant to M.S. § 84.924.

(C) No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle on any publicly owned land, including, but not limited

to, school grounds, park property, playgrounds, golf courses and recreation areas, except as may be authorized by resolution of the City Council.

(D) No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle on the privately owned property of another unless prior authorization or permission is obtained from the owner or lessee, if there be one.

(E) Minnesota Statutes §§ 84.92 to 84.929, and all of the provisions thereof, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part hereof as fully and completely as though set forth herein in full.

(Ord. 509, passed 12-7-1987; Am. Ord. 2007-001, passed 7-2-2007) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 71.07 STATE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

(A) The Highway Traffic Regulations Act is hereby adopted by reference. The regulatory provisions of M.S. Chapter 169, as it may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted as a traffic ordinance regulating the use of highways, streets and alleys within the city and are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this section as completely as if set out in full herein.

(B) The penalty for violation of the provisions of state statutes adopted by reference in this section shall be identical with the penalty provided for in the statutes for the same offense.

CHAPTER 72: PARKING RULES

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temporarily for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, receiving or discharging passengers or loading or unloading merchandise, or in obedience to traffic regulations, signs or signals or an involuntary stopping of the vehicle by reason of causes beyond the control of the operator of the vehicle.

STREET. Any street, avenue, alleyway or other public way in the city.

§ 72.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

IMPOUNDMENT. Removal of a vehicle to a storage facility or impound lot by a contractor for towing in response to an authorization from a Police Officer or agent authorized by the city.

OPERATOR. Every individual who shall operate a vehicle as the owner thereof, or as the agent, employee or permittee of the owner or any individual who is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

OWNER. Any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation owning or renting a motor vehicle.

PARK or PARKING. The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not upon a street, otherwise than

VEHICLE. Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

(Ord. 94-584, passed 10-17-1994)

§ 72.02 METHOD OF PARKING DESIGNATED.

(A) The City Council may, by resolution, designate certain streets for angle parking. On any designated street, every vehicle shall be parked with the front of the vehicle facing the curb or the edge of the traveled portion of the street at an angle of approximately 45 degrees and facing between the painted or other marking on the curb of the street indicating the parking space.

(B) On all other streets, cars shall be parked parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway in accordance with law.

(Ord. 509, passed 12-7-1987) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 72.03 NO-PARKING ZONES.

(A) (1) The City Council, by resolution, may designate certain streets or portions of streets as no parking or no stopping or standing zones, and may limit the hours in which the restrictions apply.

(2) The Public Works Director shall mark by appropriate signs each zone so designated.

(3) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a Police Officer or a traffic control device, no person shall stop or park a vehicle in an established no-stopping or standing zone when stopping or standing is prohibited.

(B) No vehicle shall be parked in a no-parking zone during hours when parking is prohibited, except that a vehicle may be parked temporarily in a zone for the purpose of forming a funeral procession and a truck may be parked temporarily during the business day for the purpose of loading or unloading where access to the premises is not otherwise available.

(Ord. 509, passed 12-7-1987) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 72.04 TIME LIMITS.

(A) The City Council may, by resolution, designate certain areas where the right to park is limited during hours specified. The Public Works Director shall mark by appropriate signs each zone so

designated. During the hours specified on the sign, no person shall park a vehicle in any limited parking zone for a longer period than is so specified.

(B) No vehicle shall be parked upon a public street in any one place for a longer continuous period than 24 hours.

(Ord. 509, passed 12-7-1987) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 72.05 VEHICLE REMOVAL; IMPOUNDING.

(A) (1) Any Police Officer may have a vehicle removed from a street to a garage or other place of safety when the vehicle is left unattended and constitutes an obstruction to traffic or hinders snow removal or street improvement or maintenance operations.

(2) Any vehicle, trailer or object remaining on a public street for a longer period of time as set forth by the City Council by resolution and/or remaining on a public street for a longer continuous period of time than 24 hours, shall be subject to the power of the police to remove the vehicle and impound same until the charge for towing or moving and any other costs incidental thereto are paid by the owner.

(B) The City Council shall have a right to enter into agreements with commercial towing concerns for the towing of illegally parked vehicles, trailer or removable objects on the city streets in violation of this code. Any company with which the city contracts must submit at the time of execution of the contract liability and property insurance coverage and an adequate storage facility for the impounding of the property. The vehicle, trailer or movable property so impounded may be retained for a period of not to

exceed 60 days, after which time the city shall have the right to sell by following the provisions of the law relating to abandoned vehicles, M.S. Chapter 168B and Minn. Rules Chapter 7035, as they may be amended from time to time, at public auction the property and deduct therefrom the expenses of towing and impounding and any balance remaining paid into the treasury of the city.

(C) A vehicle may be impounded with or without citation and without giving notice to its owner only under the following circumstances:

(1) When a vehicle is impeding or is likely to impede the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic;

(2) When the vehicle is illegally parked in any zone where the vehicle is interfering with the proper and intended use of the zones, or is parked where prohibited by law or by temporary or permanent signs during certain hours, on designated days, or at all times;

(3) When the vehicle poses an immediate danger to the public safety;

(4) When the vehicle is parked in violation of snow regulations;

(5) When a Police Officer or other agent authorized by the city has probable cause to believe that the vehicle is stolen or lacks proper registration;

(6) When a Police Officer or other authorized agent has probable cause to believe that the vehicle constitutes evidence of a crime or contains evidence of a crime, if impoundment is reasonably necessary in the instance to obtain or preserve the evidence;

(7) When the person driving, operating or in physical control of the vehicle is taken into custody and the vehicle is impounded for safekeeping;

(8) When a Police Officer or other agent authorized by the city has probable cause to believe that the owner, driver, operator or person in physical control of the vehicle has failed to respond to five or more citations for parking or traffic offenses; or

(9) When the vehicle is parked in a handicap zone when the vehicle does not properly display a handicapped parking permit.

(D) A vehicle not impounded under division (C) above may be impounded after notice of the proposed impoundment has been securely attached to and conspicuously displayed on the vehicle for a period of 72 hours prior to the impoundment, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and city holidays, for the following reasons:

(1) When the vehicle is parked and/or used in violation of any law, ordinance or regulation;

(2) When the vehicle is abandoned or lacking vital component parts essential to the mechanical functioning of the vehicle, including but not limited to the motor, drive train and wheels; or

(3) When the vehicle is so mechanically defective as to be unsafe for operation; provided, however, that this section shall not be construed to prevent the removal of any defective vehicle to a place for correction of equipment defects in the manner directed by any Police Officer.

(E) (1) Not more than 72 hours after impoundment of any vehicle, the designee of the city shall mail a notice to the registered owner of the

vehicle, as may be disclosed by the vehicle license number, if obtainable, and to any other person, including lienholders, who claims the right to possession of the vehicle, if a claim is known. The notice shall be mailed to the registered owner at the address provided by the motor vehicle division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety or the corresponding agency of any other state or province. If the person mailing the notice has reason to believe that an owner, or one who claims to be an owner, is residing or in custody at some different address, a copy of the notice shall also be mailed or personally delivered to the owner or claimant in a manner designed, as nearly as may be practicable, to give actual notice to him or her. The notice shall contain the full particulars of the impoundment, redemption and opportunity for a hearing to test the propriety of the impoundment as hereinafter provided. If a vehicle is redeemed prior to the mailing of notice, then notice need not be mailed. Saturdays, Sundays and city holidays are to be excluded from the calculation of the 72-hour period.

(2) Similar notice shall be given to each person who seeks to redeem an impounded vehicle by posting in a conspicuous place at the impound lot a sign describing redemption procedures and the right to a hearing to test the propriety of the impoundment.

(F) (1) Only the registered owner, a person authorized by the registered owner, a lienholder of record, or one who has purchased a vehicle from the registered owner, who produces proof of ownership or authorization, may redeem an impounded vehicle. Impounded vehicles may be redeemed under the following circumstances:

(a) Upon payment at the impound lot of the towing and storage costs prior to redeeming the

vehicle. The impound lot shall accept cash, major bank credit cards, certified bank drafts, money orders and personal checks in payment for the costs. If a personal check is offered for the costs, the person so offering the same may be required to show evidence of identity by two pieces of identification which may include a driver's license, state identification card, other credit cards or similar forms of identification. If there is a reasonable cause to believe the tendered check is uncollectible, acceptance of the check may be refused; and

(b) Upon the order of any court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) Towing and storage charges shall be assessed against vehicles impounded as stolen vehicles and vehicles impounded for law enforcement investigatory purposes.

(3) Vehicles which are not redeemed are subject to sale.

(G) Each towing and storage service business that enters into a contract with the city under this code shall carry liability, property damage and fire insurance, which shall contain coverage in the amount of not less than \$300,000 to any one person and not less than \$1,000,000 total in any one accident, and not less than \$50,000 fire and property damage coverage, and which shall contain a clause providing for a ten-day notice to the city before cancellation; and to file evidence of the cancellation of coverage with the provisions hereof shall automatically cancel the contract as of the date of cessation of the liability, property damage and fire insurance. In any event the city shall be held harmless and shall not be liable for any damage to a vehicle towed and/or stored under the provisions herein contained. It shall also be a

condition of the contract, that the contractor agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the city and all city employees from any liability in connection with the services provided under the contract.

(Ord. 509, passed 12-7-1987; Am. Ord. 94-584, passed 10-17-1994)

§ 72.06 TRUCK ZONES; LOADING ZONES.

(A) The City Council may by resolution establish spaces in streets as loading zones or truck zones. The Public Works Director shall mark each zone by appropriate signs.

(B) During truck zone hours, no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle except a truck in a truck zone. No person shall stop, stand or park a truck in a truck zone during truck zone hours except to receive or discharge passengers or freight and then only for a period no longer than is necessary for the purpose.

(C) During loading zone hours, no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle in a loading zone except to receive or discharge passengers or freight and then only for a period no longer than is necessary for the purpose. No person shall occupy a loading zone with a vehicle other than a truck for more than five minutes during the hours.

(D) Any person desiring the establishment of a loading zone or truck zone abutting premises occupied by him or her shall make written application therefor to the City Council. If the City Council grants the request, the proper city officer shall bill the applicant for the estimated cost of placing signs and of painting the curb. When the amount is paid to the City Treasurer, the Public Works Director shall install the necessary signs and paint the curb.

(E) No person shall allow a semi-trailer to stand or be parked unattached from a tractor unit for any length of time on any street in the city except in an emergency in order to change tractors.

(F) The Council may by resolution establish “No Truck Parking” zones in the business district and the Public Works Director shall mark by appropriate signs any zones so established. The zones shall be established in the business district where heavy traffic by trucks or other traffic congestion makes parking by trucks a hazard to the safety of vehicles or pedestrians.

(Ord. 509, passed 12-7-1987) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 72.07 WINTER RESTRICTIONS.

No person, except physicians on emergency calls or other emergency personnel, shall park any vehicle on any street, alley or avenue in the city between November 1 and April 1 after a snowfall with an accumulation of two inches or more of snow. Parking may be resumed on individual streets and avenues as soon as the snow has been removed from these streets and avenues except as may be otherwise restricted by other ordinances.

(Ord. 509, passed 12-7-1987; Am. Ord. 94-584, passed 10-17-1994) Penalty, see § 70.99

CHAPTER 73: BICYCLES AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 73.01 LICENSE REQUIRED; PROCEDURE.

No person shall ride or propel a bicycle upon any street or other public highway in the city without first having secured and attached to the bicycle a proper license issued by the State of Minnesota.

(Ord. 265, passed 9-17-1962) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 73.02 PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.

It is unlawful for the parent of any minor child and the guardian of any ward to authorize or knowingly permit his or her child or ward to violate any provision of this chapter.

(Ord. 265, passed 9-17-1962) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 73.03 IMPOUNDMENT.

(A) If any bicycle is found in any public street, highway, boulevard, sidewalk or pathway or in any public park or school grounds without a proper license plate, tag or sticker, it shall be prima facie evidence that the bicycle is being operated without having been licensed or registered. The bicycle shall be impounded and shall not be surrendered except upon satisfactory proof of ownership and payment of the license fee herein provided for and an impounding fee of \$1.

(B) At the expiration of 60 days after the impounding, each bicycle which has not been claimed shall be sold at public auction.

(Ord. 265, passed 9-17-1962)

GOLF CARTS

§ 73.10 GOLF CARTS.

(A) The operation of motorized golf carts on designated public roadways within the city by persons having a valid permit issued by the city is hereby authorized. The designated public roadway for any permit shall be the most direct route from the place where the motorized golf cart is garaged to the golf course.

(B) Persons wishing to operate a motorized golf cart on public roadways must first obtain a permit from the City Clerk/Administrator. The City Council

may, by resolution, establish a fee for the issuance of motorized golf cart permits. The maximum duration of any permit hereunder is one year and all permits shall expire on December 31 of the year of issuance. Notwithstanding anything provided in this chapter, a golf cart owned by the city and operated by a city employee on city business may be operated on the city streets if the specific golf cart is approved by the City Administrator.

(C) Application forms for permits shall be obtained from the office of the City Clerk/Administrator. The application shall include at least the following information:

- (1) Date of application;
- (2) Full name and address of applicant and any other persons to be authorized under the permit;
- (3) Full name and address of the owner of the golf cart if different from the applicant;
- (4) Make, model and identification or serial number of the motorized golf cart to operated under the permit;
- (5) A written description of the route which the applicant or other authorized person proposes to take from the place where the motorized golf cart is garaged to the golf course where applicant or other authorized person intends to use the motorized golf cart;
- (6) Sufficient evidence of insurance complying with the provisions of M.S. § 64B.48, subd. 5.
- (7) A photo copy of the driver's license of the applicant and any other persons to be authorized under the permit; and
- (8) If the applicant or other person to be authorized under the permit is a physically disabled

person, a certificate signed by a licensed physician stating that the disabled person is able to operate a motorized golf cart on public roadways. Under this section, the term ***PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSON*** shall mean a person meeting the criteria in M.S. § 169.345, subd. 2, that qualifies for a certificate allowing the person to park in handicapped parking space.

(D) The city shall grant a permit to applicants satisfactorily providing all of the information required by this subchapter. The permit shall identify the persons who are authorized to operate the motorized golf cart under the permit and the approved route from the place where the motorized golf cart is garaged to the golf course.

(E) Persons operating motorized golf carts on public roadways must comply with the following regulations:

- (1) The operator must possess a valid driver's license issued by the State of Minnesota or some other state or foreign country;
- (2) A person operating a motorized golf cart by permit must be named in the permit and have the permit in his or her possession when operating the motorized golf cart on public roadways and shall produce it upon request of a peace officer;
- (3) The motorized golf cart may be operated only between sunrise and sunset;
- (4) The motorized golf cart shall not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog, or other conditions, or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet;
- (5) Motorized golf carts shall display the slow moving vehicle emblem provided for in M.S. § 169.522;

(6) The operator, under permit, of a motorized golf cart may cross any street or highway intersecting the designated roadway;

(7) Every person operating a motorized golf cart on a designated roadway under permit has all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of M.S. Chapter 169, except when those provisions cannot be reasonably applied to motorized golf carts;

(8) The provisions of M.S. Chapter 171 are not applicable to persons operating motorized golf carts under permit on designated roadways. Except for requirements of M.S. § 169.70, relating to rearview mirrors, the provisions of M.S. Chapter 169 relating to equipment on vehicles is not applicable to motorized golf carts operating under permit on designated roadways; and

(9) No person shall operate a motorized golf cart on public sidewalks.

(F) A violation of the requirement of this subchapter is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail, a fine up to \$1,000, or both.

(G) In addition to any criminal sanctions, the permit may be revoked if any of the following conditions occur:

(1) The city is notified by any court that a permit holder was convicted of violating a state or federal traffic law other than a parking ticket while operating the motorized golf cart;

(2) The City Council determines that a permit holder has violated any requirements or conditions contained in this subchapter.

(3) An applicant is found to have made a fraudulent representation in a permit application; and/or

(4) The city is notified by a physician that the permit holder can no longer operate the motorized golf cart safely.

(Ord. 2007-002, passed 7-2-2007; Am. Ord. 10-02, passed 6-21-2010)

OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES

§ 73.20 OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES.

(A) No person shall operate an off-highway motorcycle, as defined by M.S. § 84.787, unless such vehicle is equipped with a muffler, silencer or other device that limits sound emissions to the minimum noise necessary for operating the vehicle, and no person shall use a muffler cut-out, by-pass, or similar device on said vehicles. In all cases, sound emissions from off-highway motorcycles shall be limited to a maximum of 96 dbA if manufactured on or after January 1, 1998, and not more than 99 dbA if manufactured prior to January 1, 1998, when measured from a distance of 20 inches using test procedures established by the Society of Automotive Engineers under standard J-1287, as applicable.

(B) No person shall operate an off-highway motorcycle on any publicly owned land, including, but not limited to, school grounds, park property, playgrounds, golf courses and recreation areas, except as may be authorized by resolution of the City Council.

(C) No person shall operate an off-highway motorcycle on the privately owned property of another unless prior authorization or permission is obtained from the owner or lessee, if there be one.
(Ord. 2007-04, passed 7-16-2007) Penalty, see § 70.99

CHAPTER 74: SNOWMOBILES

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PRINCIPAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. The area lying between First Street and Third Street, Washington Avenue and Jackson Avenue.

SNOWMOBILE. A self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice or a natural terrain steered by sheers, skis or runners.

STREET. Any public roadway including streets, highways and alleys.
(Ord. 565, passed 12-6-1993)

§ 74.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

COMMISSIONER. The Commissioner of Natural Resources acting directly or through his authorized agent.

OPERATE. To ride in or on and control the operation of a snowmobile.

OPERATOR. Every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile.

OWNER. A person, other than a lien holder, having the property in or title to a snowmobile entitled to the use or possession thereof.

PERSON. An individual, partnership, corporation, the state and its agencies and subdivisions, and any body of persons, whether incorporated or not.

§ 74.02 OPERATION REGULATIONS.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile in the following unsafe or harassing ways:

(1) At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all the surrounding circumstances and, in any event, operated within the city at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour;

(2) In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage thereto;

(3) While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit forming drugs;

(4) Without a lighted head and tail light when required for safety and registration numbers as required by state statute;

(5) In any public park, public and/or school playground;

(6) Within the principal business district of the city except that the operation shall be permitted in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway or other traveled way renders travel by automobile impractical and on the designated snowmobile routes;

(7) No snowmobile shall be operated upon any portion of the Ortonville Municipal Airport premises or golf course;

(8) No snowmobile shall be operated within the city carrying three or more persons, exclusive of passengers seated on a pulled sled, sleigh, trailer or similar type trailing device; and

(9) Any sled, sleigh, trailer or device being towed by a snowmobile must be equipped with reflective materials as required by the Commissioner.

(B) (1) When operating a snowmobile upon a street, all operation shall be at the extreme right of the street as near to the curb or shoulder thereof as practical under the circumstances.

(2) No snowmobile shall pull within the city any type of sled, toboggan, skis or other mechanical attachment, or person, except where same shall be attached to the snowmobile by a solid tongue of similar attachment.

(3) No snowmobile shall be operated within the city unless it is equipped with at least one head lamp and one tail lamp and with brakes that conform to the standards prescribed by rule of the Commissioner.

(4) No person shall operate a snowmobile upon streets between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and sunrise, except that occasional operation upon a public street after the hour shall be permitted when the operator is proceeding directly to his or her home or usual place of storage from without the city.

(5) When two or more snowmobiles shall be operated together or as a group, they shall stay in single file while operating upon any street and not more than three snowmobiles shall proceed in any single group.

(6) No snowmobile shall be operated upon any sidewalk.

(7) The driver of any snowmobile must yield the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic, including pedestrians.

(C) No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any private property without prior permission of the property owner.

(Ord. 565, passed 12-6-1993) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 74.03 DESIGNATED ROUTES.

(A) Snowmobile routes are hereby established and set forth in Chapter 75.

(B) Except as hereinafter provided, snowmobiles may only be operated on the snowmobile routes herein established or as hereafter established by the Council by resolution or ordinance for the sole purpose of leaving the city by the most direct route from the home of the owner, operator or the usual place of storage and for entering the city by the most direct route to gain access to the home of the operator, owner or the usual place of storage.

(C) Snowmobiles shall not be operated on any other streets except for the express purpose of obtaining access to the nearest snowmobile route by the shortest and most direct street or alley from the home of the operator, owner or the usual place of storage for the sole purpose of leaving the city or for the express purpose of exiting a snowmobile route in order to gain access to the home of the operator, owner or the usual place of storage by the shortest and most direct street or alley.

(Ord. 565, passed 12-6-1993)

§ 74.05 ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

M.S. §§ 84.01 to 84.89, as they may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference.

§ 74.04 EVENTS AND SHOPPING.

(A) The lower parking lot between Madison and Monroe Avenue may be used for parking for special snowmobiling events and for parking for access to the city's principal business district.

(B) Non-residents participating in special snowmobile events and non-resident shoppers may use the lower parking lot between Madison and Monroe Avenue and gain access to city business establishments only by way of the shortest and most direct designated snowmobile route.

(Ord. 565, passed 12-6-1993)

CHAPTER 75: TRAFFIC SCHEDULES

Schedule

- I. Snowmobile routes
- II. Speed limits in school zones
- III. Yield intersections
- IV. Stop streets
- V. Bicycles

SCHEDULE I. SNOWMOBILE ROUTES.

The following snowmobile routes are hereby established.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>
	From Highland Highway West on the service road located north of the northern boundary line of the Kaercher property to Minnesota Highway 7 between Highland Avenue and Minnesota Highway 7
	Easterly ten feet of the northerly 150 feet of Outlot 22
	Alley running north and south in Blocks 19, 24, 27 and 32, original plat
	Alley running north and south in Block 3, Scholberg's Addition
	From the southeast corner of Block 4, Scholberg's Addition, southeasterly to U.S. Highway 12 and west along U.S. Highway 12 to the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad right-of-way
Fifth Street	Between Jackson Avenue and Lincoln Avenue
Highland Avenue	Between Osen Avenue and Golf Course Road
Jackson Avenue	Between Minnesota Street and Fifth Street

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<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>
Lincoln Avenue	Between Fifth Street and the southwest corner of Lot 12, Block 25, original plat
Minnesota Street	Between Ortonville Township Road T-4 and Jackson Avenue
Monroe Avenue	Between First Street and the alley in Block 19, original plat
Niagra Avenue	Between the alley in Block 3, Scholberg's Addition to the southeast corner of Block 4, Scholberg's Addition
Osen Avenue	Between Park Avenue and Highland Highway
Park Avenue	Between Stevens Avenue and Osen Avenue
Peninsula Road	Between Minnesota Highway 7 and the public boat landing
Stephens Avenue	Between U.S. Highway 75 and Park Avenue
U.S. Highway 12	Between the southeast corner of the airport to the intersection of U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 7
U.S. Highway 75	Within the city limits

(Ord. 565, passed 12-6-1993) Penalty, see § 70.99

SCHEDULE II. SPEED LIMITS IN SCHOOL ZONES.

School speed limit zones are established on the following streets. Upon the erection of appropriate signs designating the beginning and ending of the speed limit zones, no person shall drive a vehicle within the zones designated in excess of the listed speed when children are present, going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours or during school recess periods. In addition, the Council may, by resolution, designate any street or portion of street as a speed limit zone where necessary to protect the safety of pedestrians. The Superintendent shall post appropriate signs on the streets. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the street or portion of street in violation of the posted speed limits.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Speed Limit</i>
Jefferson Avenue	Between Fifth Street and Minnesota Street	15 mph
Monroe Avenue	Between South Minnesota Street and Fourth Street	15 mph
North Minnesota Street	Between Jackson Avenue and Jefferson Avenue	15 mph
South Minnesota Street	Between Jackson Avenue and Jefferson Avenue	15 mph

(Ord. 509, passed 12-7-1987) Penalty, see § 70.99

SCHEDULE III. YIELD INTERSECTIONS.

The Ortonville Chief of Police, in order to assist in the direction and control of traffic, to improve safe driving conditions at any intersection or dangerous location and to warn pedestrians or drivers of motor vehicles of dangerous intersections or hazards has ordered the installation of yield signs at the following locations.

<i>Yield Intersection Locations</i>
Intersection of Madison Avenue with Wood Street, with traffic yielding at Madison Avenue

(Ord. 564, passed 11-15-1993)

SCHEDULE IV. STOP STREETS.

The Ortonville Chief of Police, in order to assist in the direction and control of traffic, to improve safe driving conditions at any intersection or dangerous location and to warn pedestrians or drivers of motor vehicles of dangerous intersections or hazards has ordered the installation of yield signs at the following locations.

<i>Stop Street Locations</i>
Fourth Street at the intersection of Fourth Street and Jackson Avenue
Fourth Street at the Atlantic Avenue intersection
North Minnesota Street on the southeast side of the junction of North Minnesota Street and Jefferson Avenue
South Minnesota and Atlantic Avenue—stopping South Minnesota
Summerset Street at the intersection with Lundell Avenue
Summerset Street at the intersection with Mark Drive
Two stop signs on Fourth Street at Lincoln Avenue
Two stop signs on Fifth Street at Jackson Avenue

(Ord. 95-598, passed 7-3-1995; Am. Ord. 02-05, passed 12-2-2002; Am. Ord. 04-04, passed 6-7-2004; Am. Ord. 16-06, passed 8-15-2016; Am. Ord. 18-04, passed 7-16-2018)

SCHEDULE V. BICYCLES.

No person shall ride a bicycle on the sidewalks of the business district of the city. The business district shall be described as follows.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>
First Street	From Pacific Avenue to Lincoln Avenue
Second Street	From Pacific Avenue to the intersection with Highway #12

(Ord. 265, passed 9-17-1962) Penalty, see § 70.99

CHAPTER 76: PARKING SCHEDULES

Schedule

- I. Handicapped parking zones
- II. One-hour limits
- III. Two-hour limits
- IV. Ten-minute limits
- V. Parking during snow removal

SCHEDULE I. HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONES.

The following locations shall be designated for handicapped parking.

<i>Handicapped Parking Locations</i>
The north parking space on the southeast corner on Second Street at the intersection of Second Street and Madison Avenue, in front of Liebe Drug Store
The parking space in the most northwesterly location in the upper parking lot of the municipal golf course/clubhouse
The south parking space on the southwest corner of Second Street at the intersection of Second Street and Niagra Avenue, south of the VFW
The north parking space on the southwest corner on Second Street at the intersection of Second Street and Jefferson Avenue
The north parking space on the southwest corner of Second Street at the intersection of Second Street and Madison Avenue
The south parking area on the northeast corner on Second Street at the intersection of Second Street and Madison Avenue

<i>Handicapped Parking Locations</i>
The north parking space on the southwest corner on Second Street at the intersection of Second Street and Monroe Avenue
The south parking space on the northeast corner on Second Street at the intersection of Second Street and Monroe Avenue
The north parking space on the southwest corner on Second Street at the intersection of Second Street and Jackson Avenue
The south parking space on the northeast corner on Second Street at the intersection of Second Street and Jackson Avenue
The south parking space on the northeast corner on Third Street at the intersection of Third Street and Madison Avenue
The south parking space on the northwest corner on Third Street at the intersection of Third Street and Madison Avenue
The parking space immediately north of the stairway on the west side of the alley between Madison Avenue and Monroe Avenue, between First and Second streets
The parking space immediately south of the stairway on the west side of the alley between Madison Avenue and Monroe Avenue, between First and Second streets
A parking space at the northwest corner of Northside Medical Center on the east side of the parking lot west of Northside Medical Center
A parking space directly west of the main entrance of Northside Medical Center on the west side of the parking lot west of Northside Medical Center and the adjacent parking space north of the above described parking space, directly west of the main entrance of Northside Medical Center
A parking space in the southeast corner of the parking lot west of the Northside Medical Center
A parking space directly south of the main entrance of the Ortonville Hospital on the south side of the parking lot which is south of the Ortonville Hospital
A parking space on the east side of Trojan Drive immediately south of the north crosswalk
A parking space south of the flagpole on the west side of Trojan Drive
A parking space on the east side of Trojan Drive immediately north of the north crosswalk

<i>Handicapped Parking Locations</i>
A parking space immediately west of the municipal swimming pool building on the south side of the parking lot north of the swimming pool
A parking space in the southeast corner of the parking lot north of the softball fields
The first two parking spaces on the north side of the circular drive east of the main entrance of Northridge Residence
Two parking spaces located on the southeast corner of the Ortonville Public Library
The second parking spaces on the southwest corner of Second Street at the intersection of Second Street and Niagra Avenue, south of the VFW

(Ord. 545, passed 12-7-1992; Am. Ord. 554, passed 5-3-1993; Am. Ord. 555, passed 8-2-1993; Am. Ord. 95-591, passed 6-5-1995; Am. Ord. 04-06, passed 6-21-2004; Am. Ord. 11-09, passed 8-1-2011; Am. Ord. 19-07, passed 10-7-2019) Penalty, see § 70.99

SCHEDULE II. ONE-HOUR LIMITS.

No vehicle shall be parked in the following locations for a period of more than one hour.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time Restrictions</i>
Jefferson Avenue	West two parking spaces on the north side, between Second Street and Third Street	
Madison Avenue	Between First Street and Third Street	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monroe Avenue	Between First Street and Third Street	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Second Street	Between Jefferson Avenue and Jackson Avenue	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(Ord. 179, passed 6-3-1947; Am. Ord. 94-575, passed 4-4-1994) Penalty, see § 70.99

SCHEDULE III. TWO-HOUR LIMITS.

No vehicle shall be parked in the following locations for a period of more than two hours.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time Restrictions</i>
Second Street	Between Washington Avenue and Jackson Avenue	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Jefferson Avenue	Southside, between First Street and Second Street	
Madison Avenue	Southside, between First Street and Second Street	
Washington Avenue	Between Second Street and Third Street	

(Ord. 492 (1), passed 8-5-1985; Am. Ord. 544, passed 11-2-1992; Am. Ord. 16-03, passed 5-2-2016) Penalty, see § 70.99

SCHEDULE IV. TEN-MINUTE LIMITS.

No vehicle shall be parked in the following locations for a period of more than ten minutes.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Time Restrictions</i>
Two spaces directly in front (one on each side) of the city offices	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
Sings installed on the south half of the Elementary School side (west) of Minnesota street north	7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

(Res. 93-301, passed 3-1-1993; Am. Ord. 16-12, passed 12-5-2016) Penalty, see § 70.99

SCHEDULE V. PARKING DURING SNOW REMOVAL.

No vehicle shall be parked in the following locations so as to hinder or obstruct the removal of snow.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Location</i>
Atlantic Avenue	Between First Street and Third Street
Jackson Avenue	Between First Street and Third Street
Jefferson Avenue	Between First Street and Third Street
Lincoln Avenue	Between First Street and Third Street
Madison Avenue	Between First Street and Wood Street
Monroe Avenue	Between First Street and Third Street
Pacific Avenue	Between First Street and Cliff Street
Second Street	Between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Avenue
Third Street	Between Jefferson Avenue and Madison Avenue
Washington Avenue	Between First Street and Third Street

(Ord. 283, passed 1-17-1966) Penalty, see § 70.99

