

CHAPTER 8

PARKING REGULATIONS

(SEE CHAPTER 6 FOR DEFINITIONS, SCOPE AND APPLICATION RELATING TO THIS CHAPTER)

SECTION 8.01. LIABILITY OF OWNER.

When proof that the particular vehicle described in this Chapter together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint or citation was at the time of such parking the registered owner of such vehicle, such proof shall, in any prosecution charging a violation of this Chapter, constitute prima facie evidence that the registered owner of such vehicle was the person who parked or placed such vehicle at the point where such violation occurred.

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) in a sign-posted fire lane; (2) 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; (3) on any boulevard which has been curbed; or (4) within three feet of the edge of a driveway except on cul-de-sacs where parking to the edge of driveway shall be allowed.

SECTION 8.03. 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.

SECTION 8.04. HOUSE TRAILER, BOAT, MOBILE HOMES, CAMPING TRAILER AND BUS PARKING.

It is unlawful for any person to leave or park recreational equipment as defined in Minnesota Statutes, 1990, Chapter 168, on or within the limits of any street or right-of-way for more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours except where signs are erected designating the place as a campsite.

SECTION 8.05. 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-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 front and rear markings 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 (12) 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. It is unlawful to park in violation of this Section.

SECTION 8.06. ANGLE PARKING.

Where angle parking has been established on a public street or in a public or private parking lot 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-way traffic. It is unlawful to park in violation of this Section.

SECTION 8.07. PARKING HOURS AND SIGNAGE.

Parking on streets shall be limited as follows:

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

Subd. 2. The City Manager 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, morning or afternoon rush 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. The City Manager may post signs which shall designate one-way traffic for entrance or exit at any entrance to a private parking lot from a public street; and the driver of any vehicle entering or leaving any such lot shall comply with any such sign.

Subd. 3. Whenever the owner or person who is in lawful possession of property is required by City Code provisions, by the conditions precedent or applicable to the issuance of a use or occupancy permit, or by order of the Fire Chief, Chief of Police, or the Fire Prevention Bureau to maintain driveways, access lanes, or other areas unobstructed by parked or stopped vehicles for the purpose of insuring ingress or egress for police, fire and emergency vehicles, the owner or person in lawful possession of such property shall place or cause to be placed a sign or signs and yellow paint curbing as follows:

- A. A sign or signs shall be placed at appropriate locations within thirty (30) days after notification under the supervision of the Fire Chief, Chief of Police, or the Fire Prevention Bureau.
- B. Any such sign shall be placed in such a position that it is visible to anyone attempting to use the way, lane or area for parking and shall state: "No Parking Fire Lane – By Order of Fire Chief."
- C. Any such sign shall be permanent and non-portable except when a temporary sign is approved by written order of the Fire Chief, Chief of Police, or the Fire Prevention Bureau. Such sign shall not be smaller than twelve (12) inches high and shall be white with red lettering that is at least two (2) inches high or as approved by the Fire Marshal.
- D. At the entrance to a business or an establishment where any such sign has been placed as set forth in this Section, exception may be made for persons who discharge passengers from their vehicles at such an entrance.
- E. All curbing which borders on or is adjacent to any such way, lane or area shall be painted yellow and maintained as directed by the Fire Chief, Chief of Police, or the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Source: Ordinance No.42-99
Effective Date: 12-16-99

Subd. 4. 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. 5. For the purpose of enforcement of this Section, any vehicle moved less than one (1) block in a limited parking zone shall be deemed to have remained stationary.

SECTION 8.08. TRUCK PARKING.

Subd. 1. It is unlawful to park a detached semi-trailer upon any street, City-owned parking lot, or other public property.

Source: City Code
Effective Date: 9-17-82

Subd. 2. It is unlawful to park a semi-trailer, truck-tractor, or a combination thereof, or any vehicle licensed with a commercial license and of more than 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, or any vehicle designed, used or maintained for towing other motor vehicles or equipment upon any street, alley, private road, parking lot, driveway or upon any public

or private property which is within an area zoned as a residential district except for the purpose of loading or unloading the same.

Source: Ordinance No. 28-83
Effective Date: 7-22-83

Subd. 3. It is unlawful to park a truck of more than 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight upon any street in the business district which has been duly sign-posted prohibiting the same, but parking of such vehicle for a period of not more than twenty (20) minutes shall be permitted in such space 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. 4. It is unlawful to park a truck or other vehicle using or equipped with a trailer or extended body or other extension or projection beyond the original length of such vehicle or any passenger bus 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 period of up to twenty (20) minutes 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 while actively loading or unloading.

Source: City Code
Effective Date: 9-17-82

SECTION 8.09. PARKING RULES IN PARKING LOTS AND RAMPS.

The City Manager may limit the sizes and types of motor vehicles to be parked, hours of parking, and prescribed methods of parking in City owned parking lots and ramps provided that such limitations and restrictions are marked or sign-posted. It is unlawful to park or leave standing any vehicle in any City-owned parking lot or ramp contrary to marked or sign-posted restrictions. It is unlawful to drive in a direction prohibited by "one-way" signs or arrows in any City-owned parking lot or ramp.

Source: Ordinance No. 43-86
Effective Date: 8-6-86

SECTION 8.10. 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, 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 8.11. 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 vehicles temporarily being utilized in the transport of merchandise. Such loading zones shall be installed by order of the City Manager where in the judgment of the Council a commercial loading zone is justified and duly sign-posted.

SECTION 8.12. UNATTENDED VEHICLE.

Subd. 1. It is unlawful for any person to leave a motor vehicle 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 provided,

however, that public road maintenance or public safety emergency equipment, which by its nature is difficult to restart, may be kept running if the vehicle is secured and locked so as to prevent access to its driving controls by the public. If the ignition is secured by a key, such key shall be removed from the vehicle.

SECTION 8.13. 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 motor fuel or to provide emergency repairs thereon but in no event for more than twenty-four (24) hours.

SECTION 8.14. PARKING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVERTISING OR SELLING VEHICLE.

It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on any street for the purpose of advertising such vehicle for sale.

SECTION 8.15. SNOW ACCUMULATION.

It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on any street after a continuous or intermittent snowfall during which there has been an accumulation of two (2) inches or more of snow on any street and until the same has been plowed or removed to the full width of the roadway thereon.

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SECTION 8.16. PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PARKING.

Subd. 1. Statutory parking privileges for physically handicapped shall be strictly observed and enforced. All handicapped parking signs are to be permanently affixed. The handicapped parking sign shall be approximately 18" x 24" or larger with a blue background and white letters bearing the handicapped insignia and shall state - HANDICAPPED PARKING - STATE PERMIT REQUIRED - POLICE WILL ENFORCE. Police officers are authorized to tag vehicles on either private or public property in violation of such statutory privileges. Police officers are also authorized to tag any vehicles blocking access to handicapped parking spaces even though they are not actually parking in the space.

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 lane 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.

Source: Ordinance No. 69-84
Effective Date: 4-5-84

SECTION 8.17. PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT CONSENT.

It is a misdemeanor to park or abandon a motor vehicle on the property of another or upon an area developed as an off-street parking facility without the consent of the owner, lessee or person in charge of any such property or facility.

Source: City Code
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(Sections 8.18 through 8.98, inclusive, reserved for future expansion.)

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 a 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 twelve-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 Subd. 1 hereof, he shall be punished as for a petty misdemeanor.

Source: City Code
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