

CHAPTER 7

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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

SECTION 7.01. MINNESOTA STATUTES CHAPTERS 169 AND 171 ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter or in Chapters 6 and 8 of this Code, the regulatory and procedural provisions of Minnesota Statutes, 1990, Chapter 169 and Chapter 171, are hereby incorporated herein and adopted by reference including the penalty provisions thereof.

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Effective Date: 2-18-88

SECTION 7.02. TRUCK ROUTE.

It is unlawful for any person to drive a tractor, agricultural implement, truck over 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, truck-trailer, tractor-trailer or truck tractor in through traffic upon any street except those which have been designated and sign-posted as truck routes. For the purpose of this Chapter, "through traffic" means traffic originating without the City and with a destination without the City, as distinguished from "local traffic" which means traffic either originating or having a destination within the City.

SECTION 7.03. EXHIBITION DRIVING.

Subd. 1. Prima Facie Evidence. It is prima facie evidence of exhibition driving when a motor vehicle stops, starts, accelerates, decelerates, or turns at an unnecessary rate of speed so as to cause tires to squeal, gears to grind, soil to be thrown, engine backfire, fishtailing or skidding, or, as to two-wheeled or three-wheeled motor vehicles, the front wheel to lose contact with the ground or roadway surface.

Subd. 2. Unlawful Act. It is a misdemeanor for any person to do any exhibition driving on any street, parking lot, or other public property except when an emergency creates necessity for such operation to prevent injury to persons or damage to property.

SECTION 7.04. ONE-WAY STREETS.

The Council may designate streets as one-way streets.

SECTION 7.05. LEFT TURNS PROHIBITED.

The City Manager or his designee may, at his discretion and with the consent of the Council, prohibit left turns entirely or during specified hours at certain intersections. It is unlawful for any person to make a left turn at any intersection sign-posted prohibiting the same or make a left turn during the hours of such sign-posted prohibition.

SECTION 7.06. SNOWMOBILES.

Subd. 1. Definitions. The following terms as used in this Section shall have the meanings stated:

- A. "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice steered by skis or runners.
- B. "Owner" means a person other than a lien holder having the property in or title to a snowmobile entitled to the use or possession thereof.
- C. "Operate" means to ride in or on and control the operation of a snowmobile.

- D. "Operator" means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile.
- E. "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel including the shoulder.
- F. "Right-of-way" means the entire strip of land traversed by a highway or street in which the public owns the fee or an easement for roadway purposes.
- G. "Safety or deadman throttle" means a device which, when pressure is removed from the engine accelerator or throttle, causes the motor to be disengaged from the driving track.

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Subd. 2. Operation on Streets and Highways.

- A. It is a misdemeanor for any person to operate a snowmobile within the right-of way of any trunk, County State-aid, County highway, or other street or roadway within the City of Eden Prairie, except as hereinafter permitted.
- B. A snowmobile may make a direct crossing of a highway or street when it is on an approved snowmobile trail and provided:
 1. The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the highway or street and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.
 2. The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main traveled way of the highway or street.
 3. The operator yields the right-of-way to all oncoming roadway traffic and pedestrians.
 4. In crossing a divided street or highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such street or highway with another public street or highway.
 5. Both front and rear lights are on if the crossing is made between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or in conditions of reduced visibility.
- C. Notwithstanding any prohibition in this Section, a snowmobile may be operated on a public thoroughfare in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.

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Effective Date: 10-19-89

- D. No snowmobile shall be operated on streets or highways at a speed exceeding ten (10) miles per hour.
- E. No snowmobile shall enter any uncontrolled intersection without making a complete stop. The operator shall then yield the right-of-way to any vehicles or pedestrians.
- F. Notwithstanding any prohibition in this Section, a snowmobile may be operated on a public thoroughfare in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.

Subd. 3. Operation Generally. Except as otherwise specifically permitted and authorized, it is a misdemeanor for any person to operate a snowmobile within the limits of the City:

- A. On a public sidewalk or walkway provided or used for pedestrian travel.
- B. On private property of another without lawful authority or consent of the owner or occupant.
- C. On any publicly owned lands and frozen waters including but not limited to school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreation areas, golf courses and lakes except areas authorized for such use by the proper public authority in which case such use should be lawful, and snowmobiles may be driven in and out of such areas by the shortest route. Authorized areas in the City owned and/or regulated by the City including frozen waters shall be designated by Council resolution. Operation on public lands and frozen waters where authorized will be regulated by the provisions of this Section governing operation on streets and highways except as follows: Maximum speed limits will be enforced as follows:

Public Lands	30 mph
Frozen Waters	50 mph

- D. At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all the surrounding circumstances. Racing is prohibited unless specifically authorized as a part of an organized event by permit issued by the City Manager.
- E. At any place in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage thereto.
- F. To tow any person or thing on a public street or highway except through the use of a rigid tow bar attached to the rear of the snowmobile.
- G. At a speed greater than ten (10) miles an hour when within one hundred (100) feet of any lakeshore except in channels or of fishermen, ice houses or skating rinks; nor shall operation be permitted within one hundred (100) feet of any sliding area nor where the operation would conflict with the lawful use of property or would endanger other persons or property.
- H. In a manner so as to create a loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs, annoys or interferes with the peace and quiet of other persons.
- I. During the hours from 11:00 o'clock P.M. to 7:00 o'clock A.M. of any day except as a means of transportation to the residence of the operator and then at a reduced speed.

Subd. 4. Equipment. It is a misdemeanor for any person to operate a snowmobile any place within the City unless it is equipped with the following:

- A. Standard mufflers which are properly attached and in constant operation and which reduce the noise of operation of the motor to the minimum necessary for operation. No person shall use a muffler cutout, by-pass, straight pipe or similar device on the snowmobile motor; and the exhaust system shall not emit or produce a sharp popping or crackling sound.
- B. Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the snowmobile under any conditions of operation.
- C. A safety or so-called "deadman" throttle in operating condition so that when pressure is removed from the accelerator or throttle, the motor is disengaged from the driving track.

- D. At least one (1) clear lamp attached to the front with sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least one hundred (100) feet ahead during the hours of darkness and under normal atmospheric conditions. Such head lamp shall be so aimed that glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of an oncoming vehicle operator. It shall also be equipped with at least one (1) red tail lamp having a minimum candle power of sufficient intensity to exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear during the hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions. The equipment is to be in operating condition when the vehicle is operated between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or at times of reduced visibility.
- E. Reflective material at least sixteen (16) inches on each side forward of the handlebars so as to reflect or beam light at a ninety (90) degree angle.

Subd. 5. Application of Other Laws. City Code provisions relating to vehicular traffic shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles upon streets and highways; and Minnesota Statutes, 1990, Sections 84.81 through 84.89, and Minnesota Statutes, 1990, Chapter 169, are hereby adopted by reference except those provisions which by their nature have no application.

Subd. 6. Persons Under Eighteen.

- A. It is unlawful for any person under fourteen (14) years of age to operate on streets, highways, public lands or frozen water or make a direct crossing of a street or highway as the operator of a snowmobile unless accompanied by parent or guardian. A person fourteen (14) years of age or older but less than eighteen (18) years of age may operate a snowmobile on streets, highways, public lands or frozen waters as permitted under this Section and make a direct crossing of a street or highway only if he has in his immediate possession a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by the Commissioner of Natural Resources.
- B. It is unlawful for the owner of a snowmobile to permit the snowmobile to be operated contrary to the provisions of this Section.

Subd. 7. Leaving Snowmobile Unattended. Every person leaving a snowmobile in a public place shall lock the ignition, remove the key and take the same with him.

Subd. 8. Chasing Animals Forbidden. It is a misdemeanor to intentionally drive, chase, run over or kill any animal, wild or domestic, with a snowmobile.

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Subd. 9. Operation of Snowmobiles While Under the Influence of Alcohol or a Controlled Substance. It is unlawful for any person to operate or to be in physical control of any snowmobile in the City while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance or under the influence of a combination of alcohol and a controlled substance. The definitional and regulatory provisions of Minnesota Statutes, 1990, Sections 84.91 and 84.911 are hereby incorporated herein and adopted by reference, including the penalty provisions thereof.

Source: Ordinance No. 18-92
Effective Date: 6-26-92

SECTION 7.07. RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES.

It is a misdemeanor for any person to operate a recreational motor vehicle upon frozen waters within the limits of the City. The definitional and regulatory provisions of Minnesota Statutes, 1990, Sections 84.90 through 84.929, are hereby incorporated herein and adopted by reference including the penalty provisions thereof.

Source: Ordinance No. 34-89
Effective Date: 10-19-89

SECTION 7.08. USE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY TO AVOID TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND DEVICES.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on or across private property for the purpose of avoiding a traffic control signal or an official traffic control device. The definitions of "traffic control signal" and "official traffic control device" that are found in Minnesota Statutes, 1990, Section 169.01, are hereby incorporated herein and adopted by reference.

Source: Ordinance No. 44-86
Effective Date: 8-6-86

(Sections 7.09 through 7.19, inclusive, reserved for future expansion.)

SECTION 7.20. BICYCLE WAYS.

Subd. 1. Definitions. The following terms as used in this Section shall have the meanings stated:

- A. "Bicycle ways" mean those designated pursuant to Subdivision 2 hereof.
- B. "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled. Motor vehicle does not include a vehicle moved solely by human power.

Subd. 2. All public sidewalks, trails and paths, or parts thereof within the City having an improved surface of concrete, blacktop, bituminous or similar material but excluding therefrom all streets, roads, and highways are hereby designated bicycle ways pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 1990, Section 160.263.

Subd. 3. The Director of Parks and Recreation shall designate and maintain all bicycle ways by appropriate signs and markings.

Subd. 4. It is unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle or ride a horse or other animal on or over the improved surface of a bicycle way within the City except when crossing the same and except members, employees, or agents of the City while acting as a peace officer or maintaining a bicycle way. Nothing herein shall limit the use of bicycle ways for pedestrian access or travel.

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(Sections 7.21 through 7.98, inclusive, reserved for future expansion.)

SECTION 7.99. 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 violations not constituting a misdemeanor under the provisions of Subd. 1 hereof, he shall be punished as for a petty misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. As to any violation of a provision adopted by reference, he shall be punished as specified in such provision so

adopted.

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