

**TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE**

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### **§ 70.01 STATE PROVISIONS ADOPTED.**

The Highway Traffic Regulations Act, M.S. Chapter 169, as it may be amended from time to time, and M.S. §§ 171.01, 171.02 and 171.24, as they may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference.

### **§ 70.02 DEFINITIONS.**

Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, all words and phrases in this code shall be given the meaning as defined for them by the Highway Traffic Regulation Act of the state.

(Prior Code, § 7.28)

### **§ 70.99 PENALTY.**

The penalty for violation of the provisions of M.S. Chapter 169, as it may be amended from time to time, shall be identical with the penalty provided in the statutes for the same offense.



## CHAPTER 71: TRAFFIC RULES

### Section

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### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **§ 71.01 EXHIBITION DRIVING.**

No persons shall drive or operate a vehicle on a public highway, street, parking lot, alley, or other public property or private property, without consent of the owner:

(A) In a manner as to cause the tires to squeal, the gears to grind, the motor to backfire, or soil to be thrown; or

(B) At erratic or irregular and changing speeds so as to create a hazard to himself, herself or other persons or property, or to interfere with other traffic in the area.

(Prior Code, § 7.02) Penalty, see § 70.99

#### **§ 71.02 PEDESTRIANS; OBSTRUCTION PROHIBITED.**

Vehicles shall not stop on the crosswalk so as to interfere with the passage of pedestrians.

(Prior Code, § 7.19) Penalty, see § 70.99

#### **§ 71.03 APPROACHING BUSES.**

Every person in charge of any vehicle upon any street approaching any bus which has stopped or is about to stop for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers shall not approach nearer than ten feet from the bus until the bus shall have taken or discharged its passengers and has again started.

(Prior Code, § 7.18) Penalty, see § 70.99

#### **§ 71.04 DRIVING RIGHT OF CENTER.**

(A) Every person using any vehicle on any street in the city shall operate, drive, or ride the vehicle on the portion to the right of the center of the street. A vehicle, except when passing another vehicle ahead, shall keep as near the right-hand curb as practicable.

(B) Vehicles moving slowly shall keep as close as possible to the curb on the right allowing more swiftly moving vehicles free passage to their left.

(C) Except at intersections, and then only if not posted otherwise, it shall be unlawful for any person operating a motor vehicle on any street to cross the center of the street for the purpose of parking on the side of the street opposite of the original direction of travel.

(D) It shall be unlawful for any person

operating a motor vehicle on any street to back up or drive from a parked position and commence travel in the opposite direction from which the motor vehicle

faced when parked.

(Prior Code, § 7.20) (Am. Ord. 02-01, passed 5-21-02) Penalty, see § 70.99

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**§ 71.05 DRIVING OVER FIRE HOSE.**

No person shall drive any vehicle over any unprotected hose of the Fire Department when laid down on any street, private driveway, or alley to be used at any fire alarm or fire, without the consent of the official in command.

(Prior Code, § 7.24) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.06 FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.**

Funeral processions may identify themselves by using regular lights on all cars and by keeping cars in close formation. Drivers of all other vehicles, except emergency vehicles, shall yield the right-of-way.

(Prior Code, § 7.26) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.07 HITCHING TO VEHICLES.**

No person shall ride or jump upon any vehicle, and no person, when riding, shall allow any part of the body to protrude beyond the limits of the vehicle.

(Prior Code, § 7.22) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.08 HITCHHIKING.**

No persons shall stand in a street or alley for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any private vehicle.

(Prior Code, § 7.27) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.09 LEAVING MOTORS RUNNING.**

No person shall leave an automobile unattended on a street while the engine is running.

(Prior Code, § 7.21) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.10 ENGINE RETARDING BRAKES.**

The City Council ordains that use of engine retarder brakes (Jake braking) is prohibited within the city, except in an emergency.

(Ord. 98-08, passed 12-15-98) Penalty, see § 70.99

***TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES***

**§ 71.20 UNAUTHORIZED PLACING OF SIGNS.**

No person shall place, maintain, or display any unauthorized signal, marking or device, imitating, resembling or hiding an official traffic-control device, or railroad sign or signal. No person shall place, maintain, or display any red light or red sign, signal, or lighting device in a way as to interfere with the effectiveness of efficiency of any highway traffic-control device or signal used in the operation of a railroad.

(Prior Code, § 7.16) Penalty, see § 70.99

**§ 71.21 DAMAGING SIGNS.**

No person shall alter, deface, injure, knock down, or remove any official traffic-control device, railroad sign or signal, or any inscription, shield, or insignia thereon or any other part thereof.

(Prior Code, § 7.17) Penalty, see § 70.99

## CHAPTER 72: PARKING REGULATIONS

### Section

72.01	Restricted parking locations	opposite the ends of a safety zone unless a different length is indicated by signs or markings;
72.02	Camping trailers; commercial vehicles	
72.03	Brakes used in parking	
72.04	Display for sales	(I) Within 50 feet of the nearest rail or a railroad crossing;
72.05	Night parking lights	
72.06	Control of parking or stopping	(J) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of the entrance when properly sign-posted;
72.07	Calendar parking	
72.08	Impounding or moving vehicles	

### § 72.01 RESTRICTED PARKING LOCATIONS.

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with directions of a licensed peace officer or traffic control device in any of the following places:

- (A) On a sidewalk;
- (B) In front of a public or private driveway;
- (C) Within an intersection;
- (D) Within ten feet of a fire hydrant;
- (E) On a crosswalk;
- (F) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
- (G) Within 30 feet upon the approach of any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway;
- (H) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately

(K) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or construction when the stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;

(L) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

(M) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel; and

(N) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.  
(Prior Code, § 7.12) Penalty, see § 70.99

### § 72.02 CAMPING TRAILERS; COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

(A) No person shall, for camping purposes, leave or park a house trailer on any street or alley in the city. (Prior Code, § 7.13)

(B) (1) It is unlawful to park a commercially licensed truck tractor, semi-trailer, detached semi-trailer, truck tractor and semi-trailer, commercially licensed trailer, or commercially licensed vehicle in

excess of half-ton capacity on a city street, in a municipally-owned parking lot, or other public property.

(2) Parking commercial vehicles shall be permitted on the public streets for the purpose of necessary access to abutting property for loading or unloading or for rendering a service to the abutting property owner.

(3) It shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle or heavy equipment of any kind upon the boulevards within the city.

(4) Upon an application duly made to the Director of Public Safety, special permission can be granted whereby on-street parking or the use of city-owned parking lots or public sidewalks may be allowed for commercial vehicles, for private reasons and purposes, including but not limited to construction work for the abutting property at the time or on the terms and conditions placed thereon by the Director of Public Safety. Upon complaint of any aggrieved person at any time and by reason of any special permission so granted, the Council shall at its next regular meeting after receiving a complaint call a hearing thereon to be held after ten days notice in writing to the applicant, complainant, and other persons as may appear to have an interest therein. After the hearing, the Council shall decide whether to terminate, continue, or redefine the terms of the permission and the decision shall be final and binding on all persons directly or indirectly interested therein, except that the Council may on its motion, reconsider the same.

(Ord. 153, passed 8-16-82)

Penalty, see § 70.99

#### **§ 72.03 BRAKES USED IN PARKING.**

No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without effectively setting the brake thereon and turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway.

(Prior Code, § 7.14) Penalty, see § 70.99

#### **§ 72.04 DISPLAY FOR SALES.**

No person shall park any vehicle on any street for the purpose of displaying it for sale.

(Prior Code, § 7.15) Penalty, see § 70.99

#### **§ 72.05 NIGHT PARKING LIGHTS.**

No vehicle shall be left standing in a street or alley at night without a light or lights so displayed as to be visible from the rear or the front.

(Prior Code, § 7.23) Penalty, see § 70.99

#### **§ 72.06 CONTROL OF PARKING OR STOPPING.**

No person shall stop or park a vehicle on a street or alley when directed or ordered to proceed by any peace officer invested by law with authority to direct, control, or regulate traffic.

(Prior Code, § 7.25) Penalty, see § 70.99

#### **§ 72.07 CALENDAR PARKING.**

During the period from November 1 through April 1 inclusive, all motor vehicles shall be parked on the even-numbered side of the street on the day bearing an even calendar date and on the odd-numbered side of the street during the days bearing an odd calendar date. For night-time parking, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the calendar date after midnight shall apply for the entire night, and until 6:00 p.m., of the following evening.

(Prior Code, § 7.29) Penalty, see § 70.99

#### **§ 72.08 IMPOUNDING OR MOVING VEHICLES.**

When any licensed peace officer finds a vehicle standing upon a street or municipally-owned parking lot in violation of any parking regulation, the officer is hereby authorized to require the driver or other

person in charge of the vehicle to remove the same to a position in compliance with this chapter. When any licensed peace officer finds a vehicle unattended upon any street or municipally-owned parking lot in violation of any parking regulation, the officer is hereby authorized to impound the unlawfully parked vehicle and to provide for the removal thereof and to remove the same to a convenient garage or other facility or place of safety. If any charge shall be placed against the 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 the place of storage or safekeeping.

(Prior Code, § 7.31)



## CHAPTER 73: BICYCLES

### Section

- 73.01 Rights and duties of rider
- 73.02 Carrying extra loads
- 73.03 Hitching to vehicles prohibited
- 73.04 Riding in city limits
- 73.05 Lights required

### § 73.01 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF RIDER.

(A) Every person riding a bicycle upon the streets or alleys of Buhl shall have all the rights and duties a driver of a vehicle has, except as to provisions which by their nature cannot have application to bicycles. Every person shall have the bicycle equipped with lamps, reflectors, brakes, and other equipment as may be required by state law.

(B) Persons riding bicycles shall observe all traffic signs and stop at all stop signs.  
(Prior Code, § 7.03)

### § 73.02 CARRYING EXTRA LOADS.

(A) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed or equipped, nor shall any person operating a bicycle carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handle bars.

(B) No person shall ride or propel a bicycle on a street or other public highway of the city with another person on the handlebars, or in any other position in front of the operator.  
(Prior Code, § 7.04) Penalty, see § 70.99

### § 73.03 HITCHING TO VEHICLES PROHIBITED.

No person riding or operating a bicycle shall attach the same, himself, or herself to any vehicle upon a street or alley.  
(Prior Code, § 7.05) Penalty, see § 70.99

### § 73.04 RIDING IN CITY LIMITS.

No person shall operate or ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within the city. Persons riding upon a street or alley shall not ride more than two abreast.  
(Prior Code, § 7.06) Penalty, see § 70.99

### § 73.05 LIGHTS REQUIRED.

(A) Every bicycle propelled, ridden, or operated on the streets, alleys, or sidewalks within the city during the period from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise and at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render discernible any person on the streets, sidewalks, or alleys at a distance of 200 feet shall be equipped with a clear white, lighted lamp on the front of the bicycle visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 500 feet in front of the bicycle.

(B) Every bicycle shall also be equipped with a lamp at the rear exhibiting red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least 500 feet to the rear of the bicycle or a red reflector visible 300 feet from the rear.  
(Prior Code, § 7.07) Penalty, see § 70.99



## CHAPTER 74: RECREATIONAL AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

### Section

74.01	Applicability	(B) <i>Minimum age of operator.</i> It is unlawful
74.02	Operation procedures and requirements	for
74.03	Restricted locations	a person under the age of 16 years to operate an
74.04	Hours of operation	all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile on any alley unless
74.05	Equipment	he or she has in his or her possession a valid driver's
		license and he or she is wearing a safety helmet, as
		approved by the Commissioner of Conservation.
74.99	Penalty	(Ord. passed - -90) Penalty, see § 74.99

### § 74.01 APPLICABILITY.

All provisions of M.S. Chapter 169 and M.S. § 84.992, as they may be amended from time to time, being the chapters regulating the use of motor vehicles, and all provisions regulating vehicular traffic, shall apply to the operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles upon the streets of the city.

(Ord. passed - -90)

### § 74.02 OPERATION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS.

(A) *Operation on roadways and public lands.* All-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles may be operated on roadways or public lands only as specified. It is unlawful to operate an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile within the city, as follows:

- (1) At a speed in excess of ten miles per hour;
- (2) Other than in single file; and
- (3) On any roadway in the city other than an alleyway.

### § 74.03 RESTRICTED LOCATIONS.

(A) *Private property.* It is unlawful to operate an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile on private property without the permission or consent of the owner or occupant.

(B) *Sidewalks and boulevards.* It is unlawful to operate an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile on a sidewalk, boulevard or street in the city, except that an operator may cross a sidewalk, boulevard or street to obtain access to an alley if the crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the sidewalk, boulevard or street and provided further that the operator yields the right-of-way to all other pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

(Ord. passed - -90) Penalty, see § 74.99

### § 74.04 HOURS OF OPERATION.

It is unlawful to operate an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile within the city limits between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m.

(Ord. passed - -90) Penalty, see § 74.99

**§ 74.05 EQUIPMENT.**

It is unlawful to operate an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile within the city limits unless the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is equipped with at least one headlight and one taillight, each of minimum candle power prescribed by the rules of the Commissioner of Conservation and the headlights and taillights being lit at all times of operation.

(Ord. passed - -90) Penalty, see § 74.99

**§ 74.99 PENALTY.**

Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable according to § 10.99.

(Ord. passed - -90)