

CHAPTER 1

PARKING RESTRICTIONS¹

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6-1-1: PURPOSE:

A. To help establish the most efficient, equitable and safe use of the City's roadways, highways, and to increase off-street parking. It is also the intent of the City to ensure that parking spaces are well defined and constructed and maintained in accordance with the City's building and zoning ordinances.

6-1-2: DEFINITIONS:

Any term used in this Chapter and defined in Minnesota Statutes section 169.01 has the meaning given to it by that section. The following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section:

- BOULEVARD: The property owned by the City which is between the edge of the roadway and the homeowner's property line.
- DRIVEWAY: A private roadway constructed in accordance with Chapter 10, 9-10-6 providing access for vehicles to a parking space or spaces directed toward the side or rear yard of the property, or to a garage, dwelling or other structure in the side or rear of the property. (Ord. 16, 4-27-1993)

6-1-3: POWERS OF CITY COUNCIL:

The City Council may designate, by resolution, no parking or limited parking zones within the City for the purpose of

1. M.S.A. § 412.211, subd. 6.

facilitating snow removal or street maintenance, aiding emergency vehicle access or the unimpeded flow of traffic, or promoting any other public purpose. The City Council shall cause signs to be posted at the zones which indicate the applicable limitations on parking. The City Council may include the entire City within a zone, may limit application of the zone regulations to specific times of the year or climatic conditions, and shall provide for placing appropriate signs generally throughout a zone. (Ord. 48, 11-24-1986)

In addition, the City Council may, by resolution, designate certain streets or portions of streets as no parking or as zones for parking by physically handicapped persons and may limit the hours and dates in which the restrictions apply. The City shall mark by appropriate signs each zone so designated. No vehicle shall be parked in a no parking zone during hours when parking is prohibited except as permitted by State law. (Ord. 16, 4-27-1993; 1996 Code)

6-1-4: GENERAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS:

A. Obstruct Pickup And Delivery Of Mail: No person shall park a vehicle upon any street or highway so as to obstruct the pickup and delivery of mail by postal employees.

B. Prohibited Parking:

1. No person shall park a vehicle upon any street or highway at times when, and in locations where, such parking is prohibited.
2. No person shall drive or park on an unpaved surface in any city park or on any public land.
3. No person shall drive or park on any paved paths or walkways in any city park or on any public land without authorization by city staff.

C. Time Limitations For Trucks: No truck with a capacity of over two (2) tons shall be parked on any street for more than ninety (90) minutes, or for the time necessary to load or unload such truck.

D. Three Day/Thirty Day Maximum: No vehicles hereinafter described may be parked upon any public street within the City for three (3) consecutive days or a total of more than thirty (30) days during any calendar year.

1. House Trailer, Mobile Home, Or Recreational Vehicles: House trailer, mobile home, vacation trailer, vacation bus, boat trailer, or similar recreational vehicle.
2. Construction Equipment And Machinery: Construction equipment or machinery except when such construction

equipment or machinery is necessarily located at such place to make road or utility repairs.

E. Permitted Exterior Parking:

1. Front Yards: Exterior parking in front yards shall be limited to the driveway or parking space or spaces, thereon only currently licensed and operable vehicles twenty feet (20') or under, with a passenger capacity of nine (9) or less, and passenger vehicles or non-commercial trucks not exceeding one ton GVW, may be parked.

2. Side And Back Yards: Exterior parking for vehicles over twenty feet (20') or commercial trucks with a GVW of one (1) ton or more and commercial trailers as defined in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 168 shall occur in the side and back yards and only if currently licensed and operable and the parking space or spaces are accessed from a driveway as defined in this section and conforms to section 9-10-6.

F. Parking On Boulevards: No vehicle shall be parked on any Boulevard.

G. Parking in Excess of 3 days - Abandoned Vehicles: If any vehicle is left standing on a public street for a period in excess of 3 days, then the vehicle may be deemed abandoned and a traffic impediment, and a police officer is authorized to issue a fine and/or to provide for the removal of the vehicle.

6-1-5: SPECIAL PARKING ALLOWANCES:

A. Handicapped Parking: No person shall park, obstruct or occupy with a motor vehicle any parking space, on public or private property, designed and posted as parking space for handicapped persons pursuant to the State Building Code, or Rules and Regulations of the State Fire Marshall, or pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 169.346 unless such vehicle has prominently displayed upon it an insignia or certificate issued by the Division of Vehicles in the State Department of Public Safety pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 169.345 subdivision (3).

B. Fire Lanes:

1. Authority To Establish: The Fire Chief or his designate is hereby authorized to order the establishment of fire lanes on public or private property as may be necessary in order that the travel of fire equipment may not be interfered with, and that access to fire hydrants or buildings may not be obstructed.

2. Erection Of Signs: When a fire lane has been established, it shall be marked with a sign or signs bearing the words "No Parking - Fire Lane" or similar message.

a. Public Property: When the fire lane is on public property or public right of way, the sign or signs shall be erected by the City.

b. Private Property: When on private property, the signs shall be erected by the owner at his own expense within thirty (30) days after he has been notified of the order. Failure to erect the sign or signs within such period is a misdemeanor. (Ord. 16, 4-27-1993)

3. Obstruction Prohibited: After a sign or signs have been erected in accordance with subsection B2 of this Section, no person shall park a vehicle or otherwise obstruct the fire lane.

4. Fire Hydrant Or Fire Appliance: No person shall keep posts, fences, growth, or other material nor park any vehicle near any fire hydrant or fire appliance that would prevent such hydrant or appliance from being immediately discernible or in any other manner deter or hinder the Fire Department from being able to gain immediate access to a fire hydrant or fire appliance. (Ord. 68, 3-15-1978)

6-1-6: SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS

A. Restrictions After Two-Inch Snowfall: No person shall park any vehicle on any street for a period of forty eight (48) hours, commencing immediately after two inches (2") or more of continuous snowfall, or until snow removal has been completed on that street, whichever occurs first. (Ord. 16, 4-27-1993)

6-1-7: PENALTY:

A. Fine: Any person convicted of violating any provision of this Chapter, not otherwise stated, is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be subject to penalty as provided in Section 1-4-1 of this Code.

B. Impoundment: If a vehicle is parked or left standing on a street or boulevard in violation of any resolution adopted by the City Council pursuant to this Chapter or any part of this Chapter not otherwise specified, the vehicle may be removed and impounded by or at the direction of the City and the expense thereof may be charged by the City against the owner of the vehicle. The cost of removing and storing the vehicle, in addition to any fine imposed for violation of this Chapter, shall be paid before the vehicle is restored to the owner. (Ord. 16, 4-27-1993; 1996 Code)

C. Additional Remedies: Removal of a vehicle by or under the direction of the City pursuant to this Chapter shall not prevent prosecution of the owner thereof for violation of this or any other ordinance.

D. Violation; Penalty: Any person violating any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 48, 11-24-1986)

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