

## **CHAPTER 70: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

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## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **§70.01 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.

### **§70.02 TRUCKS PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS.**

(A) The City Council by resolution may designate certain streets as “truck routes” on which travel by commercial vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds axle weight is allowed, and appropriate signs shall be erected. No person shall operate a commercial vehicle on city streets which are not so posted.

(B) The weight restrictions established in division (A) shall not apply to city or emergency vehicles, public school buses or to garbage and refuse trucks making regular collections and are under contract with the city, nor shall the weight restrictions in division (A) apply if a commercial vehicle must use the particular street in question for the purpose of local pick-up or delivery. Penalty, see §10.99

### **§70.03 STOP INTERSECTIONS.**

The city may designate intersections as a stop intersection and require all vehicles to stop at one or more entrances to those intersections. The city shall post signs at those designated intersections, giving notice of the designation as a stop intersection. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to obey the markings or signs posted under this section.

Penalty, see §10.99

### **§70.04 THROUGH STREETS AND ONE-WAY STREETS.**

The City Council by resolution may designate any street or portion of a street as a through street or one-way street where necessary to preserve the free flow of traffic or to prevent accidents. No trunk highway shall be so designated unless the consent of the Commissioner of Transportation to the designation is first secured. The city shall cause appropriate signs to be posted at the entrance to designated streets. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to obey the markings or signs posted under this section. Penalty, see §10.99

**§70.05 TURNING RESTRICTIONS.**

(A) The City Council by resolution may, whenever necessary to preserve a free flow of traffic or to prevent accidents, designate any intersection as one where turning of vehicles to the left or to the right, or both, is to be restricted at all times or during specified hours. 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) The city shall mark by appropriate signs any intersection so designated.

(C) No person shall turn a vehicle at any intersection contrary to the direction on those signs. Penalty, see §10.99

**§70.06 U-TURNS RESTRICTED.**

No person, except a law enforcement officer acting within the scope of his official duties, shall turn a vehicle so as to reverse its direction on any street in the business district or at any intersection designated by a sign as restricted.

Penalty, see §10.99

**§70.07 EXCESSIVE NOISE.**

(A) As used in this section, ***LIGHT-MOTOR VEHICLES*** means any automobile, van, motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, motor scooter, go cart, mini-bike, trail bike, or truck with a gross vehicular weight of less than 10,000 pounds.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, or cause to operate, or use a light-motor vehicle in a manner as to cause, or allow to be caused, excessive noise levels as a result of unreasonable rapid accelerations, deceleration, revving of engine, squealing of tires, honking of horns, or as a result of the operation of audio devices including but not limited to radios, phonograph, tape players, compact disc players or any other sound-amplifying device on or from the light-motor vehicle.

(C) No person shall operate, or cause to operate, or use a light-motor vehicle in violation of the noise standards contained in Minn. Rules parts 7030.1050 and 7030.1060, as it may be amended from time to time.

(D) No person shall operate, or cause to operate, or use a light-motor vehicle that discharges its exhaust other than through a muffler or other device that effectively prevents loud or explosive noises. No person shall operate, or cause to operate, or use a light-motor vehicle whose exhaust system has been modified, altered, or repaired in any way, including the use of a muffler cut-out or by-pass, that amplifies or otherwise increases noise above that emitted by the light-motor vehicle as originally equipped.

(E) The following are exempted from the provisions of this section:

- (1) Sound emitted from sirens of authorized emergency vehicles;
- (2) Burglar alarms on light-motor vehicles of the electronic signaling type which also transmit an audible signal to a receiver which can be carried by the owner or operator of the vehicle; and
- (3) Celebrations on Halloween and other legal holidays and celebrations in connection with duly authorized parades.

Penalty, see §10.99

#### **§70.08 EXHIBITION DRIVING PROHIBITED.**

No person shall turn, accelerate, decelerate or otherwise operate a motor vehicle within the city in a manner, which causes unnecessary engine noise or backfire, squealing tires, skidding, sliding, swaying, throwing of sand or gravel, or in a manner simulating a race. Unreasonable squealing or screeching sounds emitted by tires or the unreasonable throwing of sand or gravel by the tires is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

Penalty, see §10.99

## PARADES

### **§70.20 PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING PARADES.**

(A) *Interference.* No person shall unreasonably hamper, obstruct, impede or interfere with any parade or parade assembly or with any person, vehicle or animal participating or used in a parade.

(B) *Driving through parades.* No driver of a vehicle except a police car or other emergency vehicle shall drive between the vehicles or persons comprising a parade when the vehicles or persons are in motion and are conspicuously designated as a parade.

(C) *Parking on parade route.* The Police Chief or other authorized city official shall have the authority, when reasonably necessary, to prohibit or restrict the parking of vehicles along a street or other public thoroughfare or part thereof constituting a part of the route of a parade. Signs shall be posted to the effect, and it shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave unattended any vehicle in violation thereof. No person shall be liable for parking on a street or other public thoroughfare unless signs have been posted in accordance with this section.

Penalty, see §10.99