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Sec. 22-1. Signs, signals, devices and marking ratified.

The location and existence of all traffic control signs, signals, devices and marking in place as of the adoption date of this Code are ratified and confirmed and shall be considered to have been authorized by the council.

Sec. 22-2. Erection of traffic signs, signal devices and markings.

The city administrator/clerk or designee may erect such traffic control signs, signals, devices and markings as are necessary to guide or warn traffic and shall erect traffic control signs, signals, devices and markings as are necessary to enforce traffic ordinances.

Sec. 22-3. 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. Squealing or screeching sounds emitted by tires is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

(Code 1984, § 1300.07)

Sec. 22-4. Parking restrictions: snow emergency.

- (a) *Snow removal period defined.* "Snow removal period" means the time from November 1 to March 31 of the next year following.
- (b) *General snow rule.* It is unlawful for any person to park or leave standing vehicle during the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on all streets after receiving measurable snowfall. Parking may be resumed after plowing unless further restricted by posted sign.
- (c) *Towing.* Any vehicle parked in violation of this section may be towed and impounded by the city's at the owner's expense.

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(Code 1984, § 1310.01; Ord. No. 2017-108, § 1, 12-6-2017)

Sec. 22-5. General parking restrictions.

- (a) *No parking and limited parking zone.* The city council may designate no parking or limited parking zones by a resolution setting forth the location of the zone, and in the case of a limited time parking zone, the time limit imposed. The public works director will post signs at designated locations that will indicate the parking restriction.
- (b) *Impoundment.* Any law enforcement officer may remove a vehicle from a street to a garage or other place of safety when the vehicle is left unattended and constitutes an obstruction to traffic or hinders snow removal, street improvement or maintenance operations. Such vehicle shall not be released until the fees for towing and storage are paid in addition to any fine imposed for violation of this section.
- (c) *Prima facie violation.* The presence of any motor vehicle on any street when standing or parked in violation of city-imposed restrictions on standing or parking is prima facie evidence that the registered owner of the vehicle committed or authorized the commission of the violation.

(Code 1984, § 1310.03; Ord. No. 2013-103, § 1, 9-4-2013)

Sec. 22-6. All-terrain vehicles.

- (a) *All-terrain vehicle law.* The provisions of Minn. Stats. §§ 84.92—84.928, are hereby adopted by reference and are as much a part of this Code as if fully set forth herein.
- (b) *Department of natural resources rules.* The rules and regulations of the commissioner of natural resources applying to all-terrain vehicles, adopted pursuant to Minn. Stats. § 84.924, are adopted by reference and are as much a part of this Code as if fully set forth herein.
- (c) *Violation.* A violation of the statutes herein adopted by reference is a violation of this Code.

(Code 1984, § 1326.01)

Sec. 22-7. Additional regulations.

- (a) *Authority.* In accordance with the authority granted by Minn. Stats. § 84.928, subd. 6, the city does enact the additional regulations contained within this subsection.
- (b) *Operation prohibited.* It is unlawful for any person to operate, control, or direct the cause of travel of any all-terrain vehicle:
 - (1) Upon private property without permission of the owner or person entitled to possession of such property.
 - (2) Upon public sidewalks in the city except to cross such sidewalks to gain access to a street.
 - (3) Within 75 feet of any skating rink, sliding area, children playing or in any other manner where the operation would be likely to endanger person or property.
 - (4) Upon city streets in groups exceeding six all-terrain vehicles.
 - (5) Upon city streets at speeds exceeding 15 mph after sunset, 25 mph between sunrise and sunset. Under no circumstances shall any person operate an all-terrain vehicle at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable or proper under the circumstances.

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- (6) Upon the streets of the city after 11:00 p.m., unless heading directly out of the city or directly to a specific destination within the city.
- (c) *Operation permitted.* All-terrain vehicles may travel on the city streets within the city. All provisions of Minn. Stats. ch. 169 and this chapter shall apply to such operation, except those relating to required equipment and those which by their nature have no application.
- (d) *Youthful operators.* No person under the age of 14 years shall operate an all-terrain vehicle upon the city streets. No person under the age of 16 years may operate an all-terrain vehicle after 6:00 p.m. on any street within the city. No person under the age of 18 years may operate an all-terrain vehicle after 11:00 p.m. on any street within the city. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any all-terrain vehicle to permit the all-terrain vehicle to be operated contrary to the provisions of this subsection.

(Code 1984, § 1326.03)

Sec. 22-8. Traffic parking violations.

- (a) Improper position.
 - (1) First five offenses.
 - (2) Six or more offenses.
- (b) Fire hydrant.
- (c) Handicapped.
- (d) All other parking violations.

(Ord. No. 2013-103, § 2, 9-4-2013; Ord. No. 2017-108, § 2, 12-6-2017)

Sec. 22-9. Administrative fees, fines, or penalties.

The fees, fines, or penalties for chapter 22 are set by the city's adopted fee schedule, and are subject to change with proper notice to the public or by [the] beginning of each year.

(Ord. No. 2017-108, § 3, 12-6-2017)

FOOTNOTE(S):

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State Law reference— Traffic generally, Minn. Stats. ch. 169; powers of local authorities, Minn. Stats. §§ 169.022, 169.04. ([Back](#))