

CHAPTER 70: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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§ 70.01 ADOPTION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT.

The regulatory provisions of the Highway Traffic Regulations Act, M.S. Ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, are hereby adopted as a traffic ordinance regulating the use of highways, streets, and alleys within the city insofar as such provisions are applicable thereto, and, except as otherwise provided by this code, are hereby adopted and made a part of this code as completely as if set out here in full.

(‘75 Code, § 7.101) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.02 UNREASONABLE OPERATION.

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, 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.

(‘75 Code, § 7.110) (Ord. 1075.92, passed 4-16-92) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.03 DRIVER'S LICENSE.

No person shall do the following:

(A) Display or cause or permit to be displayed or have in his or her possession any canceled, revoked, suspended, fictitious, or fraudulently altered driver's license;

(B) Lend his or her driver's license to any other person or knowingly permit the use thereof by another;

(C) Display or represent as one's own any driver's license not issued to him or her;

(D) Fail or refuse to surrender to the department, upon its lawful demand, any driver's license which has been suspended, revoked, or canceled;

(E) Use a false or fictitious name in any application for a driver's license, knowingly make a false statement, knowingly conceal a material fact, or otherwise commit a fraud in any such application; or alter any driver's license or counterfeit or make any fictitious license;

(F) Take any part of the driver's license examination for another or permit another to take the examination for him or her;

(G) Operate or drive any motor vehicle upon any street, highway, or alley in the city unless he or she has a valid license as a driver under the provision of the Minnesota Statutes, except those expressly exempted by the Minnesota Statutes.

('75 Code, § 7.120) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.04 TURNING.

No person operating any motor vehicle upon the streets or public highways within the city shall turn such motor vehicle between the intersection of any streets, nor between street corners, but shall turn the motor vehicle within the square at the intersection of the streets or highways.

('75 Code, § 7.134) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.05 LOAD RESTRICTIONS; SPECIAL PERMITS.

(A) The Chief of Police of the city is hereby authorized to designate portions of streets and avenues in the city upon which vehicles exceeding the gross weight of 15,000 pounds shall be prohibited from operating. The Chief of Police shall erect or cause to be erected signs plainly indicating the prohibition or restriction at each end of that portion of the street or avenue affected or he or she may post the entire area during seasonal road restrictions with signs in prominent locations.

(B) The Chief of Police may, in his or her discretion, upon application in writing and good cause being shown therefor, issue a special permit in writing authorizing the applicant to move a vehicle of weight exceeding 15,000 pounds on designated avenues and streets. The application shall specifically describe the vehicle or vehicles, loads to be moved, particular highways for which a permit to so use is requested, and the period of time for which such permit is requested. If such permit is issued, the Chief of Police may at his or her discretion limit or prescribe conditions for the operation of such vehicle or vehicles when necessary to prevent undue damage to streets or avenues. Every such permit shall be carried in the vehicle to which it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer or authorized agent of the Chief of Police. School buses, garbage trucks, city vehicles, or emergency equipment are exempt from the terms of this section.

('75 Code, § 7.144) (Ord. 1015.80, passed - -80) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.06 RIDING IN PICKUP TRUCKS.

(A) No person shall ride, nor shall the driver of a pickup truck allow any person to ride in the open box of a moving pickup truck while such pickup truck is on any public street, alley or parking lot within the city.

(B) In addition to any person found riding in the open box of a moving pickup truck in violation of this section, the owner of the pickup truck shall also be guilty of the violation of this section unless the owner is not present, which case, the person operating the pickup truck at the time of the violation shall also be guilty of the violation of this section.

(C) This section shall not apply to persons riding in the open box of a moving pickup truck when engaged in any activity sponsored by the city or for which a permit has been issued by the city, or any activity directly related to the business of farming or when the presence of such person is necessary for the purpose of stabilizing or controlling a load carried by said pickup.

(Ord. 1105.00, passed 8-28-00) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.07 INTERSECTION VISIBILITY.

(A) *Purpose.* In order to promote and conserve the public health and safety and pursuant to the police powers of the city and the power to prevent and abate public nuisances, it is declared to be a public nuisance for any person owning and/or having the legal control of any land within the corporate limits of the city to maintain or permit upon any such land any fence, sign, billboard, mailbox, shrubbery, tree, natural growth, earthen berm, or any other object, or any combination thereof, which obstructs the view of motorists using any street or approach to any street intersection or railroad crossing so as to constitute a traffic hazard or a condition dangerous to the public safety.

(B) To ensure that any fence, sign, billboard, mailbox, shrubbery, tree, natural growth, earthen berm, or any other object, or any combination thereof does not constitute a driving and pedestrian obstruction and hazard, a “sight triangle” shall be observed at all street intersections, and all intersections of streets with railroad tracks. Within the sight triangle, no obstruction of any kind shall be permitted more than 42 inches above the mean elevation of the street. However, a 42-inch fence that is a minimum of 50% open is permitted if approved by the Zoning Administrator, and said fence can be constructed, placed or maintained in such a manner as to not endanger nor potentially endanger the public health or safety and meets all the requirements of § 154.017.

(C) The sight triangle shall consist of the following; or other dimensions having a similar effect when intersections are not 90 degrees.

(1) Intersecting streets shall have a sight triangle with two sides being 25 feet along the abutting rights-of-way lines, measured from their point of intersection, and the third side being a line connecting the ends of the other two lines.

(2) A street intersecting a railroad track shall have a sight triangle with two sides being 30 feet along the abutting rights-of-way lines, measured from their point of intersection, and the third side being a line connecting the other two lines.

(3) A street intersecting a driveway with one side being 25 feet along the right-of-way, one side being ten feet along the abutting driveway pavement, and the third side being a line connecting the other two lines. Driveways to single family homes are exempt from this provision. (Ord. 1123.07, passed 6-25-07)

§ 70.99 PENALTY.

(A) Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any provision of this chapter for which another penalty is not specifically provided shall, upon conviction, be penalized as provided in § 10.99.

(B) Any person violating any provision of the statutes incorporated by § 70.01 shall be guilty of such an offense and shall be subject to such penalty as is prescribed by such statute. Any penalty prescribed by such statute shall control over any other penalty which may otherwise be provided in this code. ('75 Code, § 7.102)

(C) Any person violating any provision of § 70.02 or § 70.06 shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor. ('75 Code, § 7.111) (Ord. 1032.83, passed 2-3-83; Am. Ord. 1105.00, passed 8-28-00)

(D) Any person whose driver's license or driving privilege has been canceled, suspended, or revoked who operates any motor vehicle, the operation of which requires a driver's license, upon the highways in this city while such license or privilege is canceled, suspended, or revoked is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be penalized as provided in § 10.99. ('75 Code, § 7.121)

