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CHAPTER 9

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SECTION 9.01. PRESUMPTION. As to any vehicle parking in violation of Chapters 7, 8 and 9 when the driver thereof is not present, it shall be presumed that the owner parked the same, or that the driver was acting as the agent of the owner.

SEC. 9.02. GENERAL PARKING PROHIBITIONS. It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the specific directions of a police officer or traffic control device in any-of the following places: (1) on a sidewalk; (2) in front of a public or private driveway; (3) within an intersection; (4) within ten feet of a fire hydrant; (5) on a crosswalk; (6) within twenty feet of a crosswalk at any intersection; (7) in a sign-posted fire lane; (8) within thirty feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway; (9) within fifty feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing; (10) within twenty feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five feet of said entrance when properly sign-posted; (11) alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic; (12) on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street; (13) upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a street; (14) at any place where official signs prohibit or restrict stopping, parking or both; (15) in any alley, except for loading or unloading and then only so long as reasonably necessary for such loading and unloading to or from adjacent premises; or, (16) on any boulevard which has been curbed.

SEC. 9.03. RECREATIONAL CAMPING VEHICLE PARKING.

Subd. 1. Definition. The term "recreational camping vehicle" means any of the following:

A. "Travel Trailer" - A vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, and vacation uses, permanently identified "Travel Trailer" by the manufacturer of the trailer.

B. "Pick-up Coach" - A structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation.

C. "Motor Home" - A portable, temporary building to be used for travel, recreation and vacation, constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle.

D. "Camping Trailer" - A folding structure, mounted on wheels and designed for travel, recreation and vacation uses.

Subd. 2. Unlawful Act. It is unlawful for any person to leave or park a recreational camping vehicle on or within the limits of any street. Such vehicles may be parked only in public or private parking lots.

SEC. 9.04. UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL. It is unlawful for any person to move a vehicle not owned by such person into any prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful.

SEC. 9.05. DIRECTION TO PROCEED. It is unlawful for any person to stop or park a vehicle on a street when directed or ordered to proceed by any police officer invested by law with authority to direct, control or regulate traffic.

SEC. 9.06. PARALLEL PARKING. Except where angle parking is specifically allowed and indicated by curb marking or signposting, or both, each vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way road where there is an adjacent curb shall be stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with, and within twelve inches of, the right-hand curb, and, where painted markings appear on the curb or the street, such vehicle shall be within such markings, front and rear; provided that upon a one-way roadway all vehicles shall be so parked, except that the left-hand wheels of the vehicle may be parallel with and within twelve inches from the left-hand curb, but the front of the vehicle in any event and with respect to the remainder of the vehicle, shall be in the direction of the flow of traffic upon such one-way street; and it is unlawful to park in violation of this Section.

SEC. 9.07. ANGLE PARKING. Where angle parking has been established by Council resolution, and is allowed, as shown by curb marking or sign-posting, or both, each vehicle stopped or parked shall be at an angle of approximately 45 to 60 degrees with the front wheel touching the curb and within any parking lines painted on the curb or street, provided that the front wheel not touching the curb shall be the portion of the vehicle furthest in the direction of one-way traffic; and it is unlawful to park in violation of this Section.

SEC. 9.08. STREETS WITHOUT CURB. Upon streets not having a curb each vehicle shall be stopped or parked parallel and to the right of the paving, improved or main traveled part of the street; and it is unlawful to park in violation of this Section.

SEC. 9.09. PARKING HOURS. Parking on streets shall be limited as follows:

Subd. 1. It is unlawful for any person to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle upon any street for a continuous period in excess of twenty-four (24) hours.

Subd. 2. The Chief of Police may, when authorized by resolution of the Council, designate certain streets, blocks or portions of streets or blocks as prohibited parking zones, or five-minute, ten-minute, fifteen-minute, thirty-minute, one-hour, two-hour, four-hour, six-hour, eight-hour, morning or afternoon rush hour limited parking zones and shall mark by appropriate signs any zones so established. Such zones shall be established whenever necessary for the convenience of the public or to minimize traffic hazards and preserve a free flow of traffic. It is unlawful for any person to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle in a prohibited parking zone, for a period of time in excess of the sign-posted limitation, or during sign-posted hours of prohibited parking.

Subd. 3. It is unlawful for any person to remove, erase or otherwise obliterate any mark or sign placed upon a tire or other part of a vehicle by a police officer for the purpose of measuring the length of time such vehicle has been parked.

Subd. 4. For the purpose of enforcement of this Section, any vehicle moved less than one block in a limited time parking zone shall be deemed to have remained stationary.

SEC. 9.10. CALENDAR PARKING. Vehicles parked pursuant to provisions of Section 9.09, Subdivision 1, except when otherwise posted or metered, shall be parked on alternating sides of the street at 6:00 p.m. on the evening prior to the designated day. Vehicles shall be parked on the side of the street bearing even numbered U.S. Post Office addresses on even numbered days of the month and on the side of the street bearing odd numbered U.S. Post Office addresses on odd numbered days of the month.

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SEC. 9.11. TRUCK PARKING.

Subd. 1. It is unlawful to park a detached semi-trailer upon any street, City-owned parking lot, or other public property.

Subd. 2. It is unlawful to park a truck (other than a truck of 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, or less), truck trailer, tractor-trailer or truck-tractor within an area zoned as a residential district, or within 300 feet thereof, except for the purpose of loading or unloading the same, and then only during such time as is reasonably necessary for such activity, but not between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. of the day next following.

Subd. 3. It is unlawful to park a commercial vehicle of more than 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight upon any street in the business district except streets as specifically designated by the Council by resolution and sign-posted, but parking of such vehicle for a period of not more than twenty (20) minutes shall be permitted in such space for the purpose of necessary access to abutting property while actively loading or unloading when such access cannot reasonably be secured from an alley or from an adjacent street where truck parking is not so restricted.

Subd. 4. It is unlawful to park a truck or other vehicle using or equipped with a trailer, or extended body or other extension or projection beyond the original length of such vehicle, or any passenger bus, diagonally along any street except for a time sufficient to load or unload, and in such case, only parallel parking shall be permitted. Provided, however, that a truck may stand backed up to the curb if the weight or bulk of the load makes parallel parking impracticable, but then only for a period of time sufficient to load or unload.

Subd. 5. Parking of commercial vehicles is permitted in duly designated and sign-posted loading zones, and in alleys, for a period of up to twenty (20) minutes, provided that such alley parking does not prevent the flow of traffic therein, all of which shall be for the purpose of access to abutting or adjacent property while actively loading or unloading.

SEC. 9.12. PARKING RULES IN CITY PARKING LOTS. In City-owned parking lots, the Council may limit the sizes and types of motor vehicles to be parked thereon, hours of parking, and prescribed method of parking, provided that such limitations and restrictions are marked or sign-posted thereon. It is unlawful to park or leave standing any vehicle backed into a parking place, to drive in a direction opposite the flow of traffic marked by "one-way" signs or arrows, or to park any vehicle in any City-owned parking lot contrary to the restrictions or limitations marked or sign-posted therein.

SEC. 9.13. IMPOUNDING AND REMOVING VEHICLES. When any police officer finds a vehicle standing upon a street or City-owned parking lot in violation of any parking regulation, such officer is hereby authorized to require the driver or other person in charge of such vehicle to remove the same to a position in compliance with this Chapter. When any police officer finds a vehicle

unattended upon any street or City-owned parking lot in violation of any parking regulation, such officer is hereby authorized to impound such 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; provided, that if any charge shall be placed against such 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 such place of storage or safekeeping.

SEC. 9.14. LOADING ZONES. The Council may, by resolution, establish loading zones to be used for the specific purpose of loading or unloading merchandise from a commercial vehicle or vehicle temporarily being utilized in the transport of merchandise. Such loading zones shall be installed where in the judgment of the Council a commercial loading zone is justified, and duly sign-posted.

SEC. 9.15. UNATTENDED VEHICLE.

Subd. 1. It is unlawful for any person to leave a motor vehicle unattended while the engine is running.

Subd. 2. It is unlawful for any person to leave a motor vehicle unattended with the key in the ignition.

SEC. 9.16. VEHICLE REPAIR ON STREET. It is unlawful for any person to service, repair, assemble or dismantle any vehicle parked upon a street, or attempt to do so, except to service such vehicle with gasoline or oil or to provide emergency repairs thereon, but in no event for more than three (3) hours.

SEC. 9.17. PARKING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVERTISING OR SELLING MERCHANDISE. It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on any street for the purpose of advertising such vehicle for sale, for the purpose of advertising for sale or selling merchandise thereon or therein, or advertising any merchandise for sale or a forthcoming event.

SEC. 9.18. PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PARKING.

Subd. 1. Statutory parking privileges for physically handicapped shall be strictly observed and enforced. Police officers are authorized to tag vehicles on either private or public property in violation of such statutory privileges.

Subd. 2. It is unlawful for any person, whether or not physically handicapped, to stop, park, or leave standing, a motor vehicle (1) in a sign-posted fire lane at any time, or (2) in lanes where, and during such hours as, parking is prohibited to accommodate heavy traffic during morning and afternoon rush hours.

SEC. 9.19. PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT CONSENT. It is a misdemeanor to park or abandon a motor vehicle on the property of another, or upon an area developed as an off-street parking facility, without the consent of the owner, lessee or person in charge of any such property or facility.

SEC. 9.20. PARKING METER REGULATIONS.

Subd. 1. Installation and Use. To control motor vehicle parking upon certain streets and public parking lots, mechanical devices commonly known as parking meters shall be

installed on or near the curb or parking space, and at such locations as the Council may designate.

Subd. 2. Parking Spaces. Lines or markings painted upon the curb or street or public parking lot adjacent to each parking meter shall indicate the parking space and it is unlawful to park any vehicle unless the same shall be wholly contained within a single such parking space.

Subd. 3. Days and Hours of Metered Parking. It is unlawful for any person to cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name or operated or controlled by him to be upon any street within a metered parking space at any time during which the meter is showing a signal indicating that such space is illegally in use between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday, and between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. on any Friday, excepting therefrom such days as are legal holidays designated by Minnesota Statutes.

Subd. 4. Charges. Parking meter charges may vary with location of on-street or public parking lot upon or along which metered parking has been established. Charges shall be prescribed by resolution of the Council at the time of establishment of metered parking within a specified area or upon a specified street. Changes in such charges shall be made by resolution of the Council. Parking meter charges and coin denominations shall be clearly stated upon each meter including the time covered by each denomination. Also, time limitations for parking in any metered space shall be clearly set forth upon each meter.

Subd. 5. Slugs. It is unlawful to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter any slug, device or metallic substitute for legal coins.

Subd. 6. Damaging Meters. It is unlawful for any person to tamper with, open, willfully break, damage, deface, destroy, or otherwise interfere with any parking meter.

Subd. 7. Additional Unlawful Act. All coins shall be inserted at the time of initial parking. It is unlawful, after a portion of the metered time has expired, to insert additional coins.

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(Sections 9.21 through 9.98, inclusive, reserved for future expansion.)

SEC. 9.99. VIOLATION A MISDEMEANOR OR PETTY MISDEMEANOR. Every person violates a section, subdivision, paragraph or provision of this Chapter when he performs an act thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, or fails to act when such failure is thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:

Subd. 1. Where the specific section, subdivision, paragraph or provision specifically makes violation a misdemeanor, he shall be punished as for a misdemeanor; where a violation is committed in a manner or under circumstances so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property, he shall be punished as for a misdemeanor; where he stands convicted of violation of any provision of this Chapter, exclusive of violations relating to the standing or parking of an unattended vehicle, within the immediate preceding 12-month period for the third or subsequent time, he shall be punished as for a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. As to any violation not constituting a misdemeanor under the provisions of Subdivision 1 hereof, he shall be punished as for a petty misdemeanor.

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