

**CHAPTER 50. STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES**

**ARTICLE I.            In General**

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**State law reference--**General powers as to streets, Minn. Stats. §§ 410.33, 412.221, subs. 6, 7, 18.  
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**Section 50-1.            Penalties for violation of article.**

Any person violating any provision of this article shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

**Section 50-2.            Obstructions prohibited; exceptions.**

- (a) No person shall place any obstruction whatsoever upon any street or sidewalk, nor shall any person allow any such obstruction to be placed or to remain upon any street or sidewalk adjoining any property owned or occupied by him. Anything which is placed on the street or sidewalk, whether permanently or temporarily fixed thereto or merely resting thereon by its own weight, and any wire, sign, or any other thing which is suspended less than 15 feet above a street, or less than ten feet above a sidewalk, shall be deemed an obstruction.
- (b) The prohibition in subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the following obstructions:
  - (1) Merchandise displayed for sale on the sidewalk in front of a place of business; provided, that it does not extend more than three feet toward the curblineline, nor more than one-fourth of the total distance between lot line and curblineline.
  - (2) Merchandise delivered to the occupant of abutting property, left on the sidewalk; provided, that at least three-fourths of the sidewalk is left unobstructed; and provided, that no such merchandise shall remain on the sidewalk between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.; but no occupant of any property shall make any such use of the sidewalk during more than four hours of any single day; nor shall any merchandise be placed within five feet of any fire hydrant.
  - (3) Signs firmly secured to abutting structures and extending not more than one foot into the space over the sidewalk.
  - (4) Awnings firmly secured to abutting structures and at no point nearer than seven feet to the sidewalk.
  - (5) Parked vehicles, building materials, and excavation barriers so long as any necessary permits are in effect; provided, that the provisions of this Code on those respective subjects are fully complied with.

**State law reference--**Obstructing public highway or right-of-way, Minn. Stats. § 609.74.

**Section 50-3.            Impeding use of streets prohibited.**

No person shall do anything which impedes or tends to hinder or endanger the use of the streets for travel.

**State law reference--**Obstructing public highway or right-of-way, Minn. Stats. § 609.74.

**Section 50-4. Permitting hazardous conditions on sidewalks prohibited.**

No owner of any property having a public sidewalk adjacent thereto, shall permit any part of the sidewalk to be raised above the established level of the sidewalk more than one-half inch, in any manner which might catch the foot of a pedestrian; nor permit any holes or depressions to occur in the sidewalk in which a pedestrian might step or catch his foot in a manner liable to cause injury; nor permit any trap door or coal chute to be open on any sidewalk or near any sidewalk without having the trap door or coal chute properly guarded, in which a pedestrian might step or catch his foot or fall into in any manner liable to cause injury.

**Section 50-5. Removal of sand, paper and debris from sidewalks.**

- (a) No owner or occupant of any property abutting on any public sidewalk shall allow earth or sand or other substances to be washed upon such sidewalk or to remain thereon. Every such owner and occupant shall take such steps as are necessary to prevent earth or sand or other substances from washing upon such sidewalk.
- (b) No owner or occupant of any property abutting on any public sidewalk shall allow waste paper, debris, or trash of any kind to remain on the public sidewalk and each owner and occupant shall remove waste paper, debris, or trash of any kind from the sidewalk in front of property abutting on the public sidewalk. Such waste paper, debris, or trash of any kind shall not be swept into the street or gutter adjacent to the sidewalk but shall be removed and disposed of.

**Section 50-6. Removing part of sidewalk.**

No person shall loosen or remove any part or support from any sidewalk or crosswalk or any curbing or gutter; provided, that this section shall not apply to persons making repairs on any such sidewalk, gutter, curb, or crosswalk, or any person temporarily removing the sidewalk, gutter, curb, or crosswalk on account of building operations, if such person restores the structure to its original condition.

**Section 50-7. Hedge fences.**

No person owning or controlling any hedge fence bordering on a street or sidewalk in the city shall permit the hedge fence to grow to a height of more than four feet, or permit any branches or any part thereof to hang over any sidewalk or sidewalk line.

**Section 50-8. Maintenance of Right-of-Way.**

- (a) Property owners adjacent to public right of way shall be responsible for basic care of the boulevard areas abutting their property. This includes, but is not limited to, lawn mowing, leaf raking and litter and debris removal.
- (b) Installation by adjacent property owners of appurtenances with the public right of way are done solely at the property owner's risk. The City is not responsible for damage, repair or replacement of such appurtenances. The appurtenances include, but are not limited to, irrigation systems, decorative plantings, fences, decorative stones, and retaining walls.
- (c) The Public Services Department shall be responsible to remove, at its discretion, vegetation and other appurtenances from boulevard areas with interfere with winter snow storage, causes damage to City equipment or presents a risk to the travelling public.

**Sections 50-9 thru 50-30. Reserved.**