

CHAPTER 62. TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

ARTICLE IV. Stopping, Standing and Parking*

***Cross reference--**Off-street parking and loading, § 74-506 et seq.

State law references--Authority to regulate parking or standing of vehicles preserved, Minn. Stats. § 169.04(1); stopping and parking, Minn. Stats. § 169.32 et seq.

Section 62-91. Marking of spaces; parking within spaces.

Every vehicle parked within the City in a parking stall, lot or area delineated with lines or markings painted upon the curb or roadway surfaces shall be parked within the lines or markings. It shall be unlawful to park any such vehicle across any such line or marking, or to park a vehicle in such a position that it shall be not entirely within the space designated by such lines or markings. Where such lines or markings indicate parking other than parallel to the curb, all vehicles shall park with the front of the vehicle closest to the curb.

Section 62-92. Obliterating marks.

It shall be 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 in a parking spot while a vehicle is parked in any limited time zone.

Section 62-93. Shifting of parked vehicles.

For the purpose of regulations relating to limited time parking zones, any vehicle moved less than 200 feet in a limited time parking zone shall be deemed to have remained stationary.

Section 62-94. Parking in stall designated for permit parking only.

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in any parking stall designated for permit parking only located in a parking lot owned or operated by the city without a permit issued by the chief of police.

Section 62-95. House trailers.

No person shall for camping purposes, leave or park a house trailer on any street or the right-of-way thereof.

Section 62-96. Parking to display vehicle for sale.

No vehicle shall be parked on any street, City-owned parking lot, or other public property for the purpose of displaying it for sale. No person shall park, nor shall a property owner allow to be parked, more than one vehicle on private property, whether residential, commercial, industrial or other, in the city for the purpose of displaying it for sale. This does not apply to a properly licensed auto sales business located in the city.

Section 62-97. Time limitations.

No vehicle, except that of a physician on an emergency call or a public utility vehicle on an emergency call shall be parked on any City street or in any public parking lot without an overnight parking permit between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Section 62-98. Keys to be removed from vehicle.

- (a) No person shall park a vehicle on a street and leave the vehicle unattended without locking the ignition of the vehicle and removing the ignition key from the vehicle.
- (b) No person shall park a vehicle on a public parking lot and leave the vehicle unattended without locking the ignition of the vehicle and removing the ignition key from the vehicle, unless all the windows of the vehicle are closed, all the doors are locked and the keys are removed from the door locks.

Section 62-99. Truck loading only zones.

The Chief of Police may establish in each block in the congested districts one or more "Truck Loading Only" zones and shall mark by appropriate signs any zones so established. Such zones shall be located at places most convenient for the use of the public with regard to traffic conditions in the block. No person shall, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., of any week day, park any vehicle, nor shall the owner of any vehicle allow it to be parked in any such zone except for the purpose of actually receiving or discharging freight or passengers, if such person or owner is regularly engaged in the business of transporting freight or passengers for hire, and then for only a period of no longer than is necessary for the discharge or receipt of such freight or passengers.

Section 62-100. No parking zones in congested districts.

The Chief of Police may establish "No Truck Parking" zones in the congested districts and shall mark by appropriate signs any zones so established. Such zones shall be established in the congested districts where heavy traffic by commercial vehicles or other traffic congestion makes parking by commercial vehicles a hazard to the safety of the vehicles or pedestrians. No person shall park a commercial vehicle of more than one ton capacity, nor shall the owner of such a vehicle allow the vehicle to be parked, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on any week day upon any street in any "No Truck Parking" zone, but parking such vehicles for a period of not more than 30 minutes shall be permitted in such zones for the purpose of having access to abutting property when such access cannot conveniently be secured from any alley or from a side street where truck parking is not so restricted.

Section 62-101. No parking or limited parking in congested districts.

The Chief of Police may designate certain blocks within the congested districts as no parking, 10-minute, 20-minute, 30-minute, one-hour or two-hour limited or three-hour parking zones and shall mark by appropriate signs any zones so established. Such zones shall be established in the congested districts wherever necessary for the convenience of the public or to minimize traffic hazards and to preserve a free flow of traffic. No person shall park any vehicle, nor shall the owner of any vehicle allow it to be parked, in any limited parking zone for a longer period than specified on the signs marking such zones.

Section 62-102. Citation of violators; fines.

- (a) It shall be the duty of the chief of police to keep account of all violations of this chapter. The Chief of Police shall report violations of any provisions of this chapter, the date and hour of such violation, the make and state license number of every vehicle, and any other facts, the knowledge of which are necessary to a thorough understanding of the circumstances attending such violation.
- (b) The Chief of Police or his agents shall attach to any such vehicle a notice stating that it has been parked in violation of this chapter, and instructing the owner or operator to deposit envelope with fine in the courtesy deposit box located in the parking lot of the main entrance to City Hall. Further, the owner or operator of any vehicle to which a violation notice has been attached shall, within five days after the time when such notice was attached to such vehicle, pay the chief of police or other authorized deputy in full satisfaction of such violation an amount of money which shall be set from time to time by the city council. If the fine for such violation is not paid within such five days, the fine then shall be increased to an amount of money which shall be set from time to time by the city council, if paid before a complaint is drafted. If the amount is not paid in full before a complaint is drafted for the violation, the penalty will be that set for a petty misdemeanor and will be determined by the court.
- (c) A person who holds the legal title to a vehicle shall be deemed the owner. In the event a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof, with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee, then such conditional vendee or lessee shall be deemed the owner. In the event a mortgagor of the vehicle is entitled to possession, then such mortgagor shall be deemed the owner. Pursuant to the power vested in the city under Minn. Stats. § 459.14(6), it is hereby provided that the operation or use of a motor vehicle in violation of this chapter shall be prima facie evidence that such motor vehicle was at the time of such violation, controlled, operated, and used by the owner thereof.
- (d) Violations of any parking regulation defined in this chapter shall constitute petty misdemeanors.

Section 62-103.

Collection and disposition of revenue.

The Chief of Police shall account for all monies collected under this chapter. All monies collected shall then be turned over to the city clerk to be deposited in the general fund.

Secs. 62-104

Towing of Illegally Parked Vehicles.

Any vehicle parked in violation of the City ordinance, in violation of the State Law, or in such a manner so as to interfere with snow removal or use of a public street during an emergency or special event, may be removed by towing at the direction of the Chief of Police, or his/her designee. The owner or other person responsible for such parking of the vehicle shall be liable for the reasonable cost of such towing and storage. The City shall not be liable for any damage to any towed vehicle.

Secs 62-105--62-130.

Reserved.