

SUB-ANALYSIS

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CHAPTER 8

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

(SEE CHAPTER 7 FOR SCOPE AND APPLICATION
RELATING TO THIS CHAPTER)

SECTION 8.01. CERTAIN STATUTES ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

Subd. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, or in Chapters 7 and 9 of the City Code, the regulatory and procedural provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169, commonly referred to as the Highway Traffic Regulation Act, as amended through Laws of 1996, is hereby incorporated herein and adopted by reference.

Subd. 2. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, or in Chapters 7 and 9 of the City Code, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 171.01, 171.02, 171.08, 171.22 and 171.24, as amended through Laws of 1996, are hereby incorporated herein and adopted by reference.

Source: Ordinance No. 234, 2nd Series
Effective Date: 2-28-97

SEC. 8.02. ONE-WAY ALLEYS.

Subd. 1. The Council may, by resolution, designate alleys as one-way alleys.

Subd. 2. It is unlawful for any person to travel upon any one-way alley any direction opposite that designated when the same has been duly sign-posted.

Source: City Code
Effective Date: 9-1-75

SEC. 8.03. U-TURNS. It is unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle by turning so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any street except at a street intersection, and then only if the street intersection is not sign-posted prohibiting a U-turn or otherwise controlled by a traffic signal; provided, that any person making a permitted U-turn shall yield the right-of-way to all other vehicles.

Source: Ordinance No. 75, 2nd Series
Effective Date: 10-7-80

SEC. 8.04. BICYCLES.

Subd. 1. Traffic Laws Apply. Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway, or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this Chapter, except as to special regulations in this Chapter and except as to those provisions of this Chapter which by their nature can have no application.

Subd. 2. Manner and Number Riding.

A. It is unlawful for any person propelling a bicycle to ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

B. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, except on a baby seat attached to the bicycle, provided that such seat is equipped with a harness to hold the child securely in the seat and that protection is provided against the child's feet hitting the spokes of the wheel or in a seat attached to the bicycle operator.

Subd. 3. Hitching Rides. It is unlawful for any person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle to attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

Subd. 4. Where to Ride.

A. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

B. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall ride single file except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

C. Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.

Subd. 5. Right of Way - Sidewalks. Whenever a person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian. Provided, that it is unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle on a sidewalk in a Business District.

Subd. 6. Carrying Articles. It is unlawful for any person operating a bicycle to carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

Subd. 7. Lighting and Brake Equipment.

A. Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with, or its operator shall carry, a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the Department of Public Safety which is visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector. No person may, after January 1, 1976, at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet ahead, operate a bicycle unless the bicycle or its operator is equipped with reflective surfaces that shall be visible during the hours of darkness from 600 feet when viewed in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. The reflective surfaces shall include reflective materials on each side of each pedal to indicate their presence from the front or the rear and with a minimum of 20 square inches on each side of the bicycle or its operator, of white reflective material. All reflective materials used in compliance with this Subdivision shall meet the requirements as prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

B. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

Subd. 8. Sale With Reflectors. It is unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any new bicycle unless it is equipped with such reflectors as are prescribed in Subdivision 7.

Source: City Code
Effective Date: 9-1-75

SEC. 8.05. SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER SKATES AND ROLLER BLADES.

Subd. 1. Purpose. To provide for the safety and well-being of pedestrians in the Hibbing Business District as hereinafter defined.

Subd. 2. Definitions. The following terms, as used in this Section, shall have the following meanings:

A. "Hibbing Business District" - The streets and sidewalks, and other paved areas, in the City, described as follows:

1. The area bounded on the West by First Avenue, on the North by 19th Street, on the East by Eighth Avenue East and on the South by 21st Street; and

2. The area on either side of First Avenue from Howard Street to 26th Street.

B. "Skateboards, Roller Skates and Roller Blades" - Any other means of locomotion by which the rider is self-propelled on a set of wheels while said rider is standing.

Subd. 3. Prohibitions: Riding on skateboards, roller skates and/or roller blades is prohibited in any area of the City known as the Hibbing Business District as defined in Subdivision 2, above.

Source: Ordinance No. 180, 2nd Series
Effective Date: 6-8-90

(Sections 8.06 through 8.49, inclusive, reserved for future expansion.)

(Pages 305 through 309 reserved)

SEC. 8.50. SNOWMOBILE TRAFFIC CONTROL AND REGULATIONS.

Subd. 1. Scope of Application. Notwithstanding provisions of this Chapter to the contrary, this Section shall apply to control of traffic and regulation of that certain class of vehicles falling within the definition of snowmobiles as to matters set forth herein. All provisions of this Chapter, not relating to matters herein stated, apply as equally to snowmobiles as other vehicles.

Subd. 2. Certain Statutes Adopted. Minnesota Statutes, Sections 84.81 through 84.89, inclusive, as amended in 1975, together with rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, are hereby adopted by reference, incorporated herein and made a part hereof, except as otherwise provided herein.

Subd. 3. Private Property. It is a misdemeanor to operate a snowmobile on private property without the permission or consent of the owner or occupant.

Subd. 4. Sidewalks and Boulevards. It is a misdemeanor to operate a snowmobile on a sidewalk or boulevard, except that a direct crossing may be made in the same manner as provided for direct crossing of a City street.

Subd. 5. Operation on Roadways, Public Lands and Waters. Snowmobiles may be operated on roadways, public lands or waters except as herein prohibited. It is a misdemeanor to operate a snowmobile upon roadways or public lands or waters, as follows:

A. Upon the roadway, shoulder or inside bank or slope of any trunk, County State-aid or County highway, and in the case of a divided trunk or County highway, on the right-of-way between the opposing lanes of traffic, except to make a direct crossing in the manner herein described.

B. Within the right-of-way of any trunk, County State-aid or County highway between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise except on the right-hand side of such right-of-way and in the same direction as highway traffic on the nearest lane of the roadway adjacent thereto, except to make a direct crossing in the manner herein described.

C. Other than on the right-hand side of any roadway not otherwise prohibited herein.

D. Other than single file on a roadway.

E. On publicly-owned land, except roadways, but including cemetery grounds, park property, golf course, playgrounds, recreational areas or other public property without express permission from the appropriate governmental authority.

Subd. 6. Exceptions. Notwithstanding prohibitions herein to the contrary, a snowmobile may be operated as follows:

A. In connection with events, conducted by the Hibbing Joint Recreation and Park Board supervised and regulated by the Director of such Board.

B. Upon a bridge, other than a bridge that is part of the main-traveled lanes of an interstate highway, when required for the purpose of avoiding obstructions to travel when no other method of avoidance is possible; provided that the snowmobile is operated in the extreme right-hand lane, the entrance to the roadway is made within 100 feet of the bridge and the crossing is made without undue delay.

Subd. 7. Interstate Highways or Freeways. It is a misdemeanor to operate a snowmobile at any time within the right-of-way of any interstate highway or freeway.

Subd. 8. Direct Crossings. It is a misdemeanor to cross a roadway except at a controlled intersection in any manner other than as follows:

A. The crossing shall be made at an angle of approximately ninety (90) degrees to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.

B. The snowmobile shall be brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main-traveled way of the highway.

C. The driver yields the right-of-way to all on-coming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard.

D. In crossing a divided highway, the crossing shall be made only at an intersection of such highway with another public street.

E. If the crossing is made between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or under conditions of reduced visibility, the front and rear lights shall be illuminated.

Subd. 9. Hours of Operation. It is a misdemeanor to operate a snowmobile within the City from 10:00 o'clock P.M. to 7:30 o'clock A.M., Sundays through Thursdays, and from 11:00 o'clock P.M. to 7:30 o'clock A.M. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Subd. 10. Prohibited Acts. It is a misdemeanor for any person to operate a snowmobile in the following ways:

Source: City Code
Effective Date: 9-1-75

A. At a rate of speed greater than the limits established by resolution of the City Council from time to time. Copies of such resolutions shall be maintained in the office of the City Administrator.

Source: Ordinance No. 260, 2nd Series
Effective Date: 1-7-00

B. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage thereto.

C. While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit-forming drugs.

D. To tow any person or object except through use of a rigid tow-bar attached to the rear of the snowmobile except when the object being towed is a mechanically disabled snowmobile.

E. To intentionally drive, chase, run over or kill any animal with a snowmobile.

F. In any tree nursery or planting in a manner which damages or destroys growing stock.

Subd. 11. Unattended Snowmobile. Every person leaving a snowmobile unattended shall lock the ignition and remove the key from the ignition and from the snowmobile.

Subd. 12. Minimum Age of Operator. No person under the age of fourteen (14) years shall operate a snowmobile on any public land or water in the City. A person fourteen (14) years of age or older, but less than eighteen (18) years of age, may operate a snowmobile on streets and highways as permitted under this Section and make a direct crossing of such streets and highways only if he/she has in his/her immediate possession a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by the Commissioner.

Source: City Code
Effective Date: 9-1-75

(Sections 8.51 through 8.59, inclusive, reserved for future expansion.)

(Pages 313 through 317 reserved)

SEC. 8.60. EXHIBITION DRIVING.

Subd. 1. Prima Facie Evidence. It is prima facie evidence of exhibition driving when a motor vehicle stops, starts, accelerates, decelerates, or turns at an unnecessary rate of speed so as to cause tires to squeal, gears to grind, soil to be thrown, engine backfire, fishtailing or skidding, or, as to two-wheeled or three-wheeled motor vehicles, the front wheel to lose contact with the ground or roadway surface.

Subd. 2. Unlawful Act. It is a misdemeanor for any person to do any exhibition driving on any street, parking lot, or other public or private property, except when an emergency creates necessity for such operation to prevent injury to persons or damage to property.

Subd. 3. Exception. This Section shall not apply to driving on a racetrack. For purposes of this Section, a "racetrack" means any track or premises whereon motorized vehicles, horses, dogs, or other animals or fowl legally compete in a race or timed contest for an audience, the members of which have directly or indirectly paid a consideration for admission.

SEC. 8.61. LEFT TURNS PROHIBITED. The Council may prohibit left turns entirely, or during specified hours, at certain intersections. It is unlawful for any person to make a left turn at any intersection sign-posted prohibiting the same, or make a left turn during the hours of such sign-posted prohibition.

Source: Ordinance No. 75, 2nd Series
Effective Date: 10-7-80

(Sections 8.62 through 8.98, inclusive, reserved for future expansion.)

(Pages 319 through 323 reserved)

SEC. 8.99. VIOLATION A MISDEMEANOR OR PETTY MISDEMEANOR.

Every person violates a section, subdivision, paragraph or provision of this Chapter when he/she 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/she 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/she shall be punished as for a misdemeanor; where he/she 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/she shall be punished as for a misdemeanor.

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

Subd. 3. As to any violation of a provision adopted by reference, he/she shall be punished as specified in such provision, so adopted.

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