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TRAFFIC RULES

§ 70.01 HIGHWAY TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT ADOPTED.

The provisions of M.S. Ch. 168, as it may be amended from time to time, the provisions of M.S. Ch. 169, commonly known as “Highway Traffic Regulation Act”, as it may be amended from time to time, and the provisions of M.S. Ch. 171, as it may be amended from time to time, and all acts supplemental thereto, together with all the provisions hereinafter contained are hereby adopted as the “traffic code” of and for the city. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle in the city or to use the streets of the city in any manner contrary to that described in M.S. Ch. 168, Ch. 169 and Ch. 171, as they may be amended from time to time, and the provisions herein contained.
(Ord. 45, passed 3-5-1974) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.02 EXHIBITION DRIVING.

Any person, firm or corporation driving and/or operating a vehicle within the limits of the city in a manner: that creates or causes unnecessary engine noise or tire squeal, skid or slide upon acceleration

or stopping; that simulates a temporary race; or that causes the vehicle to unnecessarily turn abruptly or away shall be guilty of exhibition driving.

(Ord. 45, passed 3-5-1974) Penalty, see § 10.99

PARKING REGULATIONS

§ 70.15 OVERTIME PARKING; PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

No person shall park or leave any motor vehicle, non-motor vehicle or trailer whether attended or unattended, upon any public street, public alleyway or public lot for a period of time longer than 24 consecutive hours. No trucks licensed at a gross vehicle weight above 15,000 pounds, and requiring DOT certification, or truck-trailers shall be parked on any public street or public alleyway between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. No person shall park or leave any motor vehicle or trailer unless it is in the process of being loaded or unloaded so as to block any public street or public alleyway at any time.

(Ord. 85-A, passed 5-16-2017) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.16 NO PARKING ZONES AND LIMITED PARKING ZONES.

The City Council may also, from time to time, designate certain streets and alleys or portions thereof, as “no parking” zones or as “limited parking” zones for a period of time. These zones would be properly marked to reflect their parking character.

(Ord. 85-A, passed 5-16-2017)

§ 70.17 ABANDONING VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS AND ALLEYWAYS.

It is unlawful for any person to abandon a motor vehicle in the right-of-way of public streets and public alleyways within the corporate limits of the city. No person shall park or leave any motor vehicle in a wrecked, junked, partially dismantled or inoperative condition in a right-of-way of any street or alley; provided that, a reasonable time, not to exceed 24 hours from the time of disability is permitted for the removal of or servicing of a disabled vehicle in an emergency caused by an accident or sudden breakdown of the vehicle. Any person who fails, neglects or refuses to remove an abandoned, wrecked, junked, partially dismantled or inoperative vehicle or to house the vehicle and abate the nuisance shall be guilty of a penal offense.

(Ord. 85-A, passed 5-16-2017) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.18 VEHICLE SALES.

No vehicle for sale by owner or his or her agent shall be parked or left on the street or alleyway for the purpose of displaying the vehicle with the intent to sell it.

(Ord. 85-A, passed 5-16-2017) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.19 RESTRICTIONS DURING SNOW REMOVAL; WINTER MONTHS.

(A) During the winter months of each year, no motor vehicle shall be parked on either side of any street or alleyway within the city limits following a snowfall of one inch or more or otherwise interfere with snow removal operations. After the snow removal is complete, parking can again be resumed upon those streets and alleyways that have been cleaned of snow.

(B) No parking will be allowed on any public street or alleyway within the city limits from November 1 through March 31 from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. The winter parking rule is in effect when snow on the ground exceeds one inch.

(Ord. 85-A, passed 5-16-2017) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 70.20 DISPOSING ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES.

If any persons shall violate the terms and provisions of this subchapter, authorized persons shall be designated by motion of the City Council, upon discovery of a violation, the Council may direct the vehicle to be removed from the place where it was found and be placed in any public or private garage within the city or as designated by the City Council; the vehicle shall not be released or delivered to the owner thereof until the cost of above removal has been satisfied; this may include removal, storage and towing charges, these fees shall be paid to the city's Clerk-Treasurer. In the event that the owner of the vehicle refuses to pay the abovementioned fees within ten days subsequent to the removal thereof, another authorized person, as designated by the motion of the City Council, shall forthwith cause the vehicle to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. Before the sale, a posted notice, ten days prior, shall be posted giving notice of the sale and a copy of sale notice will be mailed to the owner thereof by certified mail, if owner address can be ascertained, no less than five days prior to the sale. The notice shall state the time and place of the sale, the accrued costs of removal, storage and any other related costs and that the sale is made pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter. At the time of the sale and, if sold, the city's Clerk-Treasurer or other legally designated official is hereby authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver to the purchaser a certificate of sale of the vehicle and shall apply the proceeds of the sale to the costs and expenses of the sale, then to the payment of the storage and removal costs and the residue thereof shall be forwarded to the owner, if the owner's name and address can be ascertained. In the event that owner's name and address cannot be ascertained, the same shall be paid to the city's Clerk-Treasurer to be held by the Clerk-Treasurer pending demand by the owner.

(Ord. 85-A, passed 5-16-2017)

