

TITLE 7

TRAFFIC REGULATION

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CHAPTER 7-1: OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

7-1-1: Speed Limits.

Any person operating a motor vehicle within the City shall drive at a reasonable and safe speed at all times, and under no circumstances in excess of 20 miles per hour on Main Street from Fourth Avenue to Elm Avenue, nor in excess of 15 miles per hour on any street bordering the school grounds or zoned as a school zone between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, Monday through Friday, nor in excess of 25 miles per hour in residential areas unless otherwise posted.

7-1-2: Backing Around Corner or Into Intersection Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to back such vehicle around a corner at an intersection, or into an intersection of public streets.

7-1-3: Stealing Rides and Trailing Bicycles or Sleds.

It shall be unlawful for any person to cause to be attached or permit a bicycle or any sled of any kind occupied by children to be trailed behind any vehicle in the City limits of this City and no person shall ride, seize hold of, trespass upon or drag, slide or in any manner trail behind any vehicle.

7-1-4: Parking Cars Off Street for Snow Removal.

It shall be unlawful for any person to leave a motor vehicle parked on any alley or street within the City for any great length of time during the winter months in such a manner as to interfere with the clearing of alleys and streets of snow. It shall be unlawful for any person to park overnight anytime on Main Street between First Avenue and Third Avenue, and any person so parking a vehicle thereon overnight shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined accordingly.

7-1-5: Parking of Motor Vehicles.

- (A) All words which are not defined herein and are not defined in the South Dakota Codified

Laws have their ordinary and usual meaning.

(B) Definitions:

- (a) "diagonal parking" shall mean that a motor vehicle shall be parked or stopped to the curb, gutter, sidewalk or edge of the roadway at an angle of forty-five degrees and parked within six (6") inches of the curb, gutter, or sidewalk on or along said street upon which said vehicles are parked, and such vehicles shall be parked no nearer than one (1') foot to any other vehicle.
- (b) "parallel parking" shall mean that motor vehicles and motor vehicle trailers parked or stopped parallel to the curb, gutter, sidewalk or edge of the roadway, and such vehicles shall be parked no nearer than three (3') feet of the front or rear of any other vehicle.
- (c) All persons parking vehicles upon the avenues and streets of this City are required to park the same as "parallel parking," except that all vehicles shall such vehicles as "diagonal parking" on Main Street between First Avenue and Third Avenue, and elsewhere indicated by signs erected at the direction of the City Council

(D) No vehicles shall be left parked or stopped within fifteen (15') feet of a fire hydrant.

(E) There shall be no parking at any space where the curb is marked with yellow or red paint and/or labeled "No Parking," or between "No Parking" signs. "No Parking" signs shall have the words "No Parking" painted thereon, with an arrow pointing from one sign to the other which shall designate the "No Parking" space between such signs. "No Parking" signs shall be installed by the Superintendent upon the Mayor authorizing same.

(F) No bus, farm equipment or machinery, or semi-trailer, or heavy duty equipment of any kind or type whatsoever shall be parked on any street, avenue or residential lot for a period in excess of two (2) hours. Such restrictions shall not apply to trucks loading or unloading cargo which may be parked on avenues or streets for no more than 24 hours to complete their loading or unloading operations and except any equipment or machinery used to construct, maintain or repair any alley, avenue, street or public place.

(G) No motor vehicle or trailer shall be parked on any alley, avenue, public parking lot, street or on municipal property for a period longer than twenty-four (24) hours at one location, nor shall any unlicensed motor vehicle or junked cars be parked on private property other than in a completely enclosed building.

(H) The provisions of this chapter regulating the movement, parking and standing of vehicles shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles while the operator of such

vehicle is operating the same in an emergency. However, this exemption shall not protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

(I) Any vehicle parked in violation of an ordinance may be removed at the direction of a public law enforcement officer and placed in public storage, and the owner thereof shall pay the charges for towing and storage of said vehicle, together with any fine and penalty which may be imposed for such violation.

CHAPTER 7-2: OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES

7-2-1: Obstruction of Thoroughfares.

No person shall leave or park unattended any motor vehicle upon the improved or paved or main traveled portion of any highway, road or street within the jurisdiction of the City when it is practical to leave or park such vehicle standing off the improved or paved or main traveled portion of the highway, road or street. However, under no circumstances shall any person leave or park unattended any motor vehicle whether attended or unattended upon any highway, road or street within the jurisdiction of the City unless a clear and unobstructed width of not less than twenty (20') feet upon the main traveled portion of such highway, road or street opposite such standing vehicle be left for free passage of other vehicles thereon, nor unless a clear view of such vehicle may be obtained from a distance of two hundred (200') feet in each direction upon such highway, road or street.

7-2-2: Removal of Obstructing Vehicles.

When any law enforcement officer shall find a vehicle standing upon a highway, road or street in violation of this chapter of this code, then the law enforcement officer is hereby authorized to move such vehicle or require the driver or person in charge of such vehicle to move such vehicle to a position permitted under the provisions of this chapter.

CHAPTER 7-3: MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

7-3-1: Authority to Install Devices

The City Council shall maintain and place traffic control devices, signals and signs when and as required under the traffic ordinances to make effective the provisions of these ordinances, and may maintain and place such additional traffic control devices as may be deemed necessary to guide, regulate and warn traffic within the City.

7-3-2: Obedience to Traffic Control Devices.

The driver of any vehicle shall obey all traffic control devices, signals and signs in accordance with the traffic ordinances of this City unless otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer, subject to the exception granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle.

7-3-3: Through Highways and Night Visibility.

The state Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to designate main traveled or through highways under its jurisdiction within the City by erecting at the entrances thereto from intersecting highways stop or yield signs. However, all such signs shall be illuminated at night or placed so as to be illuminated by headlights of an approaching vehicle or by street lights.

7-3-4: Stop Required.

The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, building, driveway or private road within a business or residential district shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across such alley, building entrance, driveway or road, or in the event there is no sidewalk area, shall stop at the point nearest the street to be entered where the driver has a view of approaching traffic.

7-3-5: Yield Right of Way.

The operator of a vehicle approaching an intersection at which there is posted a Yield Right of Way sign shall bring the vehicle under complete control and shall yield the right of way to vehicles approaching or in the intersection from the left or right and proceeding in the opposite direction. The operator so yielding shall not proceed until the intersection is clear of traffic. This yield rule shall have precedence over the usual left and right approach rule.

7-3-6: Pedestrians' Right of Way.

The operator of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing a roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at the end of a block or entrance to an alley unless the movement of traffic is being regulated by a law enforcement officer. Whenever any vehicle has stopped at a crosswalk or intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross a roadway the operator of a vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such

stopped vehicle.

7-3-7: Temporary Traffic Regulations.

The City Council shall have the right to establish temporary speed and traffic regulations for the convenience and safety of the public, and when such changes are made, then proper signals and signs shall be posted.

CHAPTER 7-4: SNOWMOBILES AND OTHER VEHICLES

7-4-1: Definition.

A "vehicle" as defined herein is any vehicle having two or more wheels operated on the alleys, highways, streets and public places for the purpose of transporting persons or property including bicycles, cars, go carts, motorcycles, motor scooters, snowmobiles, tractors and trucks and all other vehicles used or operated on the public roads.

7-4-2: Operation of Vehicles.

All vehicles being operated upon the alleys, streets and public grounds of the city shall be operated in a careful and prudent manner at all times, and the operator of a vehicle shall obey and be subject to the laws and rules of the road.

7-4-3: Snowmobiles.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile within the City unless such operation allows a resident to proceed directly outside the municipality from their residence and return in the same manner. It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile in a manner so as to create loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of residents within the City. It shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to endanger the safety of any person or the property of any other person.

7-4-4: Authorized use of Golf Carts

It shall be unlawful for any person to use a golf cart on a highway under the jurisdiction of this city which is not insured, or which is driven by a person without a valid driver's license, or a driver who has failed to obtain a permit from the city. A permit may be obtained from the city finance officer for the sum of \$10.00. Furthermore, no golf cart may be operated on a highway under the jurisdiction of this city after 30 minutes before sunset.