

**CHAPTER VII.
TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES.**

701.01 Definitions. Any term used in this ordinance and defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.01 has the meaning given it by that section.

701.02 Turning.

Subdivision 1. Restrictions On Turns. The city council by resolution may, whenever necessary to preserve a free flow of traffic or to prevent accidents, designate any intersection as one where the turning of vehicles to the left or to the right, or both, is to be restricted at all times during specified hours. The street commissioner shall mark by appropriate signs any intersection so designated. No intersection on a trunk highway shall be so designated until the consent of the Commissioner of Highways to such designation is first obtained. No person shall turn a vehicle at any such intersection contrary to the directions on such signs.

Subdivision 2. U-Turns. No person shall turn a vehicle so as to reverse its direction on any street in the business district or at any intersection where traffic is controlled or regulated by a traffic control signal.

701.03 Through Streets; One-way Streets. The council, by resolution, may designate any street or portion of a street as a through highway or a one-way roadway where necessary to preserve the free flow of traffic or to prevent accidents. The street commissioner shall post appropriate signs at the entrance to such streets. No trunk highways shall be so designated unless the consent of the Commissioner of Highways to such designation is first secured.

701.04 Truck Restrictions. The city council by resolution may designate streets on which travel by commercial vehicles in excess of five tons gross weight is prohibited, except that vehicles of a service and/or supply nature, and recreational vehicles exceeding the allowable weight, shall be allowed to travel on routes from the allowable weight, shall be allowed to travel on routes from which trucks are prohibited only for the purpose of servicing and/or supplying residences located along such routes where trucks are prohibited, or in the case of a recreational vehicle, departing or returning to the owners residence along a route where trucks are prohibited. The street commissioner shall post appropriate signs at the entrance to such street. No trunk highway shall be so designated unless the consent of the Commissioner of Highways is first secured.

As amended October 2nd, 1989.

701.05 Seasonal Weight Restrictions. The street commissioner may prohibit the operation of vehicles upon any street under his jurisdiction or impose weight restrictions on any vehicles to be operated on such street whenever the street, by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions, will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles on the street is prohibited or the permissible weights thereof reduced. He shall erect and maintain signs plainly

701.05 Seasonal Weight Restrictions (cont.)

indicating the prohibition or restriction at each end of that portion of the street affected. No person shall operate a vehicle on a posted street in violation of the prohibition or restriction.

701.06 Parking Regulations.

Subdivision 1. Angle And Parallel Parking. Angle parking shall be required on the following streets: On that portion Second Street between Hennepin Street and Main Street and on that portion of Main Street between First Street and Third Street; on that portion of Carver Street between First Street and Third Street; on that portion of the North side of High Street between Sibley Street and the abandoned railroad right-of-way; and on that portion of the East side of main Street from the intersection of Fourth Street and Main Street to a point 150 feet North of the intersection. On any such street every vehicle parked shall be parked with the front of the vehicle facing the curb or the edge of the traveled portion of the street at an angle of approximately 45 degrees and facing between the painted or other markings on the curb and street indicating the parking space. On all other streets, cars shall be parked parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway in accordance with law. *As amended June 1st, 1987.*

Subdivision 2. No Parking, Stopping, Or Standing Zones. The city council may, by resolution, designate certain streets or portions of streets as no parking or no stopping or standing zones and may limit the hours in which the restrictions apply. The street commissioner shall mark, by appropriate signs, each zone so designated. Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic control device, no person shall stop or park a vehicle in an established no stopping or standing zone when stopping or standing is prohibited. No vehicle shall be parked in a no-parking zone during hours when parking is prohibited except that a vehicle may be parked temporarily in such zone for the purpose of forming a funeral procession and a truck may be parked temporarily between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. of any business day for the purpose of loading or unloading where access to the premises is not otherwise available.

Subdivision 3. Time Limit Parking Zones. The city council may, by resolution, designate certain areas where the right to park is limited during hours specified. The street commissioner shall mark, by appropriate signs, each zone so designated. During the hours specified on the sign, no person shall park a vehicle in any limited parking zone for a longer period than is so specified.

Subdivision 4. No vehicle shall be parked for more than 30 minutes between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. in the business district.

Subdivision 5. Impoundment. Any police officer may remove a vehicle from a street to a garage or other place of safety when the vehicle is left unattended and constitutes an obstruction to traffic or hinders snow removal or

701.06 Parking Restrictions (cont.)

street improvement or maintenance operations. Such vehicles shall not be released until the fees for towing and storage are paid. The impounding of a vehicle pursuant to this ordinance shall not prevent or preclude the institution and prosecution of proceedings for violation of this ordinance against the owner or operator of such impounded vehicle. The City of Winthrop shall not be responsible for any damage to the vehicle removed and impounded in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance. As amended February 3rd, 1986.

Subdivision 6. The presence of any motor vehicle on any street when standing or parked in violation of this ordinance is prima facie evidence that the registered owner of the vehicle committed or authorized the commission of that violation.

Subdivision 7. City Parking Lot Any parking lot owned by the City is subject to use by the public by permit only. The cost of the permit will be set by Council Resolution through the City Fee and Fine Schedule. A person wishing to use the City parking lot must apply to the City Clerk for a permit. There shall only be one vehicle per permit. No trailers may be parked in the City Parking Lot. Only passenger cars, pick-ups or vans may use the lot, and only if it is currently licensed and registered, and is in a fully operable condition. Except by permit, no overnight parking shall be allowed. Permits will be awarded on a first come, first served basis as space allows. The parking lot will be signed “Parking by Permit Only.” Violation of this subdivision is a petty misdemeanor.

As amended July 5th, 2005.

701.07 Winter Parking Regulations.

No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle or permit it to stand on any street so as to obstruct the removal of snow from streets during snow removal operations. The City will plow all streets after a 1 inch or greater snowfall. Any vehicles parked on residential streets must be moved within 12 hours once the street has been plowed.

Vehicles may not be parked in downtown signed locations after 2 am when there is a snowfall of 1 inch or more.

Violators of the above regulations will be ticketed and/or have their vehicle towed at their own expense. The regulations remain in place until the street is plowed.

The following streets will be windrowed:

- Main Street from 5th Street to the Railroad Tracks
- Carver Street from 4th Street to 1st Street
- Renville Street from 2nd Street to the Railroad Tracks
- Nicollet Street from 2nd Street to 1st Street
- 3rd Street from Main Street to Hennepin Street

2nd Street from County Road 33 to Hennepin Street
1st Street from Nicollet to Hennepin

All other streets will be plowed curb to curb. Alleys will be plowed once all other streets are cleared.

As amended March 7th, 2016.

701.08 Establishment Of Safety Zones, Lands Of Traffic, Etc. To assist in the direction and control of traffic, to improve safe driving conditions at any intersection or dangerous location, and to warn pedestrians or drivers of motor vehicles of dangerous conditions or hazards, lands of traffic, and stop intersections, and they may order installation by the street commissioner of stop signs, yield signs, warning signs, signals, pavement markings, or other devices. No regulation may be established on a trunk highway unless the consent of the Commissioner of Highways is first secured.

701.09 Removing Keys. No person shall leave a motor vehicle, except a truck which is engaged in loading or unloading, unattended on any street, used car lot, or unattended parking lot without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, and removing all ignition keys from the vehicle. Whenever any police officer finds any motor vehicle standing in violation of this provision, he shall remove the keys from the vehicle and deliver them to the city clerk's office.

701.10 Exhibition Driving Prohibited. No person shall turn, accelerate, decelerate or otherwise operate a motor vehicle within the city in a manner which causes unnecessary engine noise or backfire, squealing tires, skidding, sliding, swaying, throwing of sand or gravel, or in a manner simulating a race. Squealing or

701.10 Exhibition Driving Prohibited (cont.) screeching sounds emitted by tires, or the throwing of sand or gravel by the tires is prima facie evidence of violation of this section.

701.11 Truck Parking.

Subdivision 1. Single "truck units" will be allowed to park on residential streets without restriction as to the length of time they may be parked. Single "truck units" are "straight trucks", having the tractor and trailer permanently fixed to a common frame, or the semi-truck tractor unit separated. If a "truck-unit" is parked on a residential street its motor shall not be allowed to run for more than one hour. As amended October 2nd, 1989.

Subdivision 2. No person shall allow a semi-trailer to stand or be parked unattached from a tractor unit for any length of time on any street in the city except in an emergency in order to change tractors. No semi-trucks, consisting of the tractor and trailer units, shall be allowed to park on any city streets overnight. As amended October 2nd, 1989.

Subdivision 3. The council may, by resolution, establish “no truck parking” zones in the business district and the street commissioner shall mark, by appropriate signs, any zones so established. Such zones shall be established in the business district where heavy traffic by trucks or other heavy traffic congestion makes parking by trucks a hazard to the safety of vehicles or pedestrians. No person shall park a truck of more than one ton capacity between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any weekday upon any street in any such zone, but parking of such vehicles for a period of not more than one hour shall be permitted in such zone for the purpose of having access to abutting property when such access cannot be conveniently secured otherwise. As amended October 2nd, 1989.

701.12 Police Duties. The police department shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance and the state traffic laws. Police officers are authorized to direct all traffic within the city, either in person or by means of visible or audible signal, in conformity with this ordinance and the state traffic laws. During a fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic laws. During a fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers of the police department may direct traffic as conditions require, notwithstanding the provisions of this ordinance and the state traffic laws. Officers of the fire department may direct or assist the police in directing traffic at the scene of a fire or in the immediate vicinity.

701.13 Storage Of Vehicles. No person shall store or keep on the premises located within the corporate limits of the City of Winthrop, for more than 30 days, any vehicle requiring a license to operate on a public highway, unless it is stored or kept in an enclosed building on said premises; provided that the foregoing shall not apply to a vehicle bearing current license plate regularly issued for such vehicle. Any police officer is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, such

701.13 Storage Of Vehicles (cont.)
a vehicle and to charge the owner or operator for the actual charges incurred for removal, plus storage of any such vehicle, and such owner or operator shall be indebted to the City of Winthrop for such removal and storage charges made pursuant to police department authorizations therefor.
As amended September 2nd, 1986.

701.14 Publication Of Resolution. The city council shall cause all resolutions adopted under this ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in Winthrop, Minnesota.

701.15 Penalty The following offenses shall be subject to the City’s Administrative Citation procedure and shall result in a fine being imposed in accordance with the Administrative Penalty Fine Schedule, as amended from time to time by Council Resolution:

- Moving Violations
- Disobey Stop Sign
- Exhibition Driving

Over Centerline
Drive Around Barricade
Fail to Yield
Driving after suspension (1st w/in 3 years)
Driving w/out license or wrong class DL
Careless Driving (no accident)

Speeding

1-10 miles over speed limit
11-14 miles over speed limit
15-20 miles over speed limit
21-25 miles over speed limit
26-30 miles over speed limit
31 miles and above over speed limit
Basic speed rule

Non-moving Violations

Seatbelt
Child Restraint
Expired Plates
Fail to Register
No Current Registration
Failure to Deliver Title
Parking
Underage Poss./Consum. Alch. (1st offense)
Open Bottle (Driver) (1st offense)
Open Bottle (Passenger)

Conversely, the following offenses shall involve a mandatory appearance in Sibley County District Court and will not be subject to the City's Administrative Citation Procedure:

Driving After Suspension (2nd or more offense w/in 3 years)
Driving after Cancellation
Driving after Revocation
Underage Consumption/Possession (2nd or more offense)
Open Bottle (Driver) (2nd offense or more).

The City Police Department has discretion to require any of the previously described offenses to be handled in District Court based on prior offense record/history or the unique situation of the offense.

As amended September 2nd, 1986.
As amended September 7th, 1999.
As amended October 6th, 2003.

PART 2. Motorized Vehicles In The City Park.

702.01 No automobile, motorcycle, snowmobile, moped, or other motorized vehicle shall be driven or operated in the City Park. *As amended September 5th, 1978.*

702.02 The within prohibition against motorized vehicles shall not apply to any motorized vehicles used by or on behalf of the City for purposes authorized by the park board. The within prohibition against authorized vehicles shall not apply to motorized vehicles operated by disabled persons who display a permit issued by the city council. A permit may be issued to those persons who meet the following requirements:

A. Provide the city council with a medical doctor's certification that a person is disabled and needs the use of a motorized vehicle to make use of the city park; and

B. The person must pay any permit fee that may be set by the city council.

As amended September 3rd, 1985.

As amended September 5th, 1978.

702.03 Any person convicted of violating any provision of this ordinance is guilty of a petty misdemeanor. *As amended September 5th, 1978.*

703. GOLF CARTS AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES USED ON DESIGNATED ROADWAYS

Definitions. For purposes of this ordinance, the terms motorized golf cart and four-wheel all-terrain vehicle shall be as construed or defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.045, subdivision 1.

Permit Required. Only duly permitted operators may operate motorized golf carts and four-wheel all-terrain vehicles on designated roadways. Permits shall be granted for a term not to exceed one year, and may be annually renewed. As part of issuing a permit, the City shall issue the permit holder a decal that must be placed on the vehicle for which the permit is issued.

Form of Permit Application. Permit applications shall require that the applicant: (1) currently hold a valid driver's license; or (2) submit a certificate signed by a physician that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart or four-wheel all-terrain vehicle on the roadways designated. Permit applications shall include full name, home address, driver's license number or copy of physician's certificate, and a copy of proof of require insurance.

Revocation. Permits may be revoked at any time if there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart or four-wheel all-terrain vehicle on designated roadways.

Insurance. The operator of a motorized golf cart or four-wheel all-terrain vehicle shall maintain liability insurance in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 65B.48, subdivision 5, or Minnesota Statutes, section 169.045, subdivision 8.

Designated Roadways. Operators of motorized golf carts and four-wheel all-terrain vehicles shall be limited to city streets and alleys. Motorized golf carts and four-wheel terrain vehicles are not permitted on county and state roads and highways or on city sidewalks, except that any intersecting street or highway may be crossed.

Times of Operations. Motorized golf carts and four-wheel all-terrain vehicles may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog, or other conditions, or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

Applicability of Traffic Laws. Every operator of a motorized golf cart or four-wheel all-terrain vehicle on designated roadways has all the rights

and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169, except when those provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts or four-wheel all-terrain vehicles.

Rear View Mirror. Every motorized golf cart or four-wheel all-terrain vehicle which is so constructed, loaded or connected with another vehicle as to obstruct the driver's view to the rear thereof from the driver's position shall be equipped with a mirror so located as to reflect to the driver a view of the highway for a distance of 200 feet to the rear of such vehicle.

Slow-Moving Vehicle Emblem. Motorized golf carts shall display the slow-moving vehicle emblem provided for in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.522, when operated on designated roadways.

As amended October 16th, 2006.