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### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### § 70.01 STATE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

(A) The Highway Traffic Regulations Act is hereby adopted by reference. The regulatory provisions of M.S. Chapter 169, as it may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted as a traffic ordinance regulating the use of highways, streets and alleys within the city and are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this section as completely as if set out in full herein.

- (B) The penalty for violation of the provisions of state statutes adopted by reference in this section shall be identical with the penalty provided for in the statutes for the same offense.

#### § 70.02 TRUCKS PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS.

(A) The City Council by resolution may designate streets on which travel by commercial vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds axle weight is prohibited. The City maintenance department shall cause appropriate signs to be erected on those streets. No person shall operate a commercial vehicle on posted streets in violation of the restrictions posted.

(B) The weight restrictions established in division (A) shall not apply to city or emergency vehicles, public school buses or to garbage and refuse trucks making regular collections and are under

contract with the city, nor shall the weight restrictions in division (A) apply if a commercial vehicle must use the particular street in question for the purpose of local pick-up or delivery.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 70.03 STOP INTERSECTIONS.

The city may designate intersections as a stop intersection and require all vehicles to stop at one or more entrances to those intersections. The city shall post signs at those designated intersections, giving notice of the designation as a stop intersection. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to obey the markings or signs posted under this section.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 70.04 THROUGH STREETS AND ONE-WAY STREETS.

The City Council by resolution may designate any street or portion of a street as a through street or one-way street where necessary to preserve the free flow of traffic or to prevent accidents. No trunk highway shall be so designated unless the consent of the Commissioner of Transportation to the designation is first secured. The city shall cause appropriate signs to be posted at the entrance to designated streets. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to obey the markings or signs posted under this section.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 70.05 TURNING RESTRICTIONS.

(A) (1) 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 turning of vehicles to the left or to the right, or both, is to be restricted at all times or during specified hours. No intersection on a trunk highway shall be so designated until the consent of the Commissioner of Transportation to the designation is first obtained.

(2) The city shall mark by appropriate signs any intersection so designated.

(3) No person shall turn a vehicle at any intersection contrary to the direction on those signs.

(B) Except at intersections, and then only if not posted otherwise, it shall be unlawful for any person operating a motor vehicle on any street to cross the center of the street for the purpose of parking on the side of the street opposite the original direction of travel.

(C) It shall be unlawful for any person operating a motor vehicle on any street to back up or drive from a parked position and commence travel in the opposite direction from which the motor vehicle faced when parked.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 70.07 EXCESSIVE NOISE.

(A) As used in this section, LIGHT-MOTOR VEHICLES means any automobile, van, motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, motorscooter, go cart, minibike, trail bike, or truck with a gross vehicular weight of less than 10,000 pounds.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, or cause to operate, or use a light-motor vehicle in a manner as to cause, or allow to be caused, excessive noise levels as a result of unreasonable rapid accelerations, deceleration, revving of engine, squealing of tires, honking of horns,

or as a result of the operation of audio devices including but not limited to radios, phonograph, tape players, compact disc players or any other sound-amplifying device on or from the light-motor vehicle.

(C) No person shall operate, or cause to operate, or use a light-motor vehicle in violation of the noise standards contained in Minn. Rules parts 7030.1050 and 7030.1060, as it may be amended from time to time.

(D) No person shall operate, or cause to operate, or use a light-motor vehicle that discharges its exhaust other than through a muffler or other device that effectively prevents loud or explosive noises. No person shall operate, or cause to operate, or use a light-motor vehicle whose exhaust system has been modified, altered, or repaired in any way, including the use of a muffler cut-out or by-pass, that amplifies or otherwise increases noise above that emitted by the light-motor vehicle as originally equipped.

(E) The following are exempted from the provisions of this section:

(1) Sound emitted from sirens of authorized emergency vehicles;

(2) Burglar alarms on light-motor vehicles of the electronic signaling type which also transmit an audible signal to a receiver which can be carried by the owner or operator of the vehicle; and

(3) Celebrations on legal holidays and celebrations in connection with duly authorized parades.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 70.08 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. Unreasonable squealing or screeching sounds emitted by tires or the unreasonable throwing of sand or gravel by the tires is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 70.10 MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE.

(A) Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following phrases are defined as follows:

##### ABNORMAL OR EXCESSIVE NOISE.

(a) Distinct and loudly audible noise that unreasonably annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort and repose of any person or precludes their enjoyment of property or affects their property's value;

(b) Noise in excess of that permitted by M.S. §169.69, as it may be amended from time to time, which requires every motor vehicle to be equipped with a muffler in good working order; or

(c) Noise in excess of that permitted by M.S. §169.693 and Minn. Rules parts 7030.1000 through 7030.1050, as this statute and these rules may be amended from time to time, which establish motor vehicle noise standards.

**ENGINE-RETARDING BRAKE.** A dynamic brake, jake brake, Jacobs brake, C-brake, Paccar brake, transmission brake or other similar engine-retarding brake system which alters the normal compression of the engine and subsequently releases that compression.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge the exhaust or permit the discharge of the exhaust from any motor vehicle except through a muffler that effectively prevents abnormal or excessive noise and complies with all applicable state laws and regulations.

(C) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any truck to intentionally use an engine-retarding brake on any public highway, street, parking lot or alley within the city which causes abnormal or excessive noise from the engine because of an illegally modified or defective exhaust system, except in an emergency.

(D) Minnesota Statutes §§169.69 and 169.693 (motor vehicle noise limits) and Minn. Rules parts 7030.1000 through 7030.1050, as these statutes and rules may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference.

(E) Signs stating “VEHICLE NOISE LAWS ENFORCED” may be installed at locations deemed appropriate by the City Council to advise motorists of the prohibitions contained in this section, except that no sign stating “VEHICLE NOISE LAWS ENFORCED” shall be installed on a state highway without a permit from the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The provisions of this section are in full force and effect even if no signs are installed.

#### § 70.30 PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING PARADES AND PUBLIC EVENTS

(A) Interference. No person shall unreasonably hamper, obstruct, impede or interfere with any parade or parade assembly or with any person, vehicle or animal participating or used in a parade.

(B) Driving through parades. No driver of a vehicle except a police car or other emergency vehicle shall drive between the vehicles or persons comprising a parade when the vehicles or persons are in motion and are conspicuously designated as a parade.

(C) Parking on parade route. The Stearns County Sheriffs Department or other authorized city official shall have the authority, when reasonably necessary, to prohibit or restrict the parking of vehicles along a street or other public thoroughfare or part thereof constituting a part of the route of a parade. Signs shall be posted to the effect, and it shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave unattended any vehicle in violation thereof. No person shall be liable for parking on a street or other public thoroughfare unless signs have been posted in accordance with this section.  
Penalty, see § 10.99

### CHAPTER 71: PARKING REGULATIONS

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§ 71.01 NO PARKING WHERE POSTED.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle upon the public streets of the city at any place where official signs or where appropriate devices, marks, or painting, either upon the surface of the street or the curb immediately adjacent thereto, prohibit these acts.

Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.02 LIMITED PARKING.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle upon the public streets of the city where official signs are erected limiting the parking time thereon, for a period of time in excess of the time as designated by the official signs.

Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 71.03 OTHER PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

(A) The City Council may by resolution order the placing of signs, devices or marks, or the painting of streets or curbs prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on any street where, in its opinion, as evidenced by a finding in its official minutes, the stopping, standing or parking is dangerous to those using the highway, or where the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles would unduly interfere with the free movement of traffic. The signs, devices, marks or painting shall be official signs, devices, marks or painting, and no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle in violation of the restrictions thereon or as indicated thereby.

(B) "No parking" signs may be placed by city employees on any street of the city to permit construction, repair, snow removal, street cleaning or similar temporary activities. While the signs are in place, it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on the streets or portion thereof so posted.

(C) It shall be unlawful for a person to park in an area designated by Council resolution and posted as a fire lane.

(D) It shall be unlawful for a person to park a vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, on an alley within the city, provided that this does not prohibit the parking of vehicles for less than one hour on an alley for the purpose of access to abutting property for loading or unloading merchandise or other material when parking on the property itself is not available.

(E) It shall be unlawful for a person to park a motor vehicle in an area designated by posted signs pursuant to Council resolution for certain types of vehicles, unless the motor vehicle is one of the types of vehicles specifically permitted.

(F) Every vehicle parked upon any street with a curb shall be parked parallel to the curb, unless angle parking is designated by appropriate signs or markings. On streets with a curb, the right-hand wheels of any vehicle parked shall be within one foot of the curb. On streets without a curb, the vehicle shall be parked to the right of the main traveled portion of the street and parallel to it and in

such a manner as not to interfere with the free flow of traffic, unless angle parking is designated by appropriate signs or markings.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 71.04 PARKING REGULATIONS DURING SNOW REMOVAL MONTHS

- (A) No person, firm or corporation shall stop or park his or her vehicle on any roadway so as to obstruct or hinder the plowing of snow or removal of snow from any such public roadway within the City of Holdingford .
- (B) No person, firm or corporation shall park his or her vehicle on any roadway within the City of Holdingford between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M on any day from November 1, to April 1 inclusive, of each year.
- (C) Any vehicle that is parked, abandoned or left standing in violation of the terms of this ordinance, the same may be moved by the city at the cost and expense of the owner thereof.

Penalty, see 10.99

#### § 71.05 PARKING CERTAIN SEMI-TRAILERS OR TRACTORS ON PUBLIC STREETS PROHIBITED.

No person shall park a semi-tractor or trailer, or any truck rated with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 10,000 pounds, in any area of the city zoned for residential use, or on public property within city limits, or other area designated by City Council resolution except when the vehicle is parked in a completely enclosed garage.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 71.06 OVERNIGHT PARKING.

The following vehicles shall not be allowed to park on city streets overnight: repair, delivery, rented vehicles with commercial plates and refuse and recycling haulers or any other vehicle not registered as a passenger vehicle.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 71.07 REPAIRING OF VEHICLES.

Minor repairs and tune-ups, such as replacement of spark plugs, spark plug wires, thermostat, radiator or heater hoses, oil changes and brake jobs shall be permitted on city streets; provided, that they can be accomplished within the same day and completed by 10:00 p.m. All other repairs shall be considered major repairs and shall not be permitted on any city street, unless the repairs are made within an enclosed structure allowed within the zoning district. Damage to city streets because of repairs or lack of repairs shall be charged to the person responsible for the damage to the city streets.

#### § 71.09 IMPOUNDMENT.

Any police officer may order the removal of 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, street improvements or maintenance operations. The vehicle shall not be released until the fees for towing and storage are paid in addition to any fine imposed for violation of this chapter.

#### § 71.10 PRIMA FACIE VIOLATIONS.

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

### CHAPTER 72: SNOWMOBILES

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### § 72.01 INTENT.

It is the intent of this chapter to supplement M.S. §§ 84.81 to 84.91, and M.S. Ch. 169, as these statutes may be amended from time to time and Minn. Rules parts 6100.5000 through 6100.6000, as these rules may be amended from time to time, with respect to the operation of snowmobiles. These statutes and rules are incorporated herein by reference. This section is not intended to allow what the state statutes and rules prohibit, nor to prohibit what the state statutes and rules allow.

### § 72.02 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**DEADMAN THROTTLE or SAFETY THROTTLE.** A device which, when pressure is removed from the engine accelerator or throttle, causes the motor to be disengaged from the driving mechanism.

**OPERATE.** To ride in or on and control the operation of a snowmobile.

**OPERATOR.** Every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile.

**OWNER.** A person, other than a lien holder having the property in or title to a snowmobile, or entitled to the use or possession thereof.

**PERSON.** Includes an individual, partnership, corporation, the state and its agencies and subdivision, and any body of persons, whether incorporated or not.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY.** The entire strip of land traversed by a highway or street in which the public owns the fee or an easement for roadway purposes.

**ROADWAY.** That portion of a highway or street improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

**SNOWMOBILE.** A self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice, steered by skis or runners.

**STREET.** A public thoroughfare, roadway, alley or trail used for motor vehicular traffic which is not an interstate, trunk, county-state aid, or county highway.

### § 72.03 APPLICATION OF TRAFFIC ORDINANCES.

The provisions of Ch. 70 of this code shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles upon streets and highways, except for those relating to required equipment, and except those which by their nature have no application.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 72.04 RESTRICTIONS.

(A) It is unlawful for any person to enter, operate or stop a snowmobile within the limits of the city:

(1) On the roadway of any street, except the most right hand lane then available for traffic or as close as practicable to right hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle stopped in the lane or proceeding in the same direction, or in making a left turn. Snowmobiles may also be operated upon the outside slope of trunk, county-state aid and county highways where the highways are so configured within the corporate limits.

(2) On a public sidewalk provided for pedestrian travel.

(3) On boulevards within any public right-of-way.

(4) On private property of another without specific permission of the owner or person in control of the property.

(5) Upon any school grounds, except as permission is expressly obtained from responsible school authorities.

(6) On public property, playgrounds and recreation areas, except areas previously listed or authorized for the use by resolution of the City Council, in which case the use shall be lawful, and snowmobiles may be driven in and out of those areas by the shortest route.

(7) On streets as permitted by this chapter at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour.

(8) During the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 12:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on other days closer than 100 feet from any residence. This provision is not intended to prohibit snowmobiles from operating on city streets during the hours specified herein.

(B) It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile within the limits of the city:

(1) So as to tow any person or thing in a public street or highway except through use of a rigid tow bar attached to the rear of the snowmobile; provided, that a disabled snowmobile may be towed to a private residence or a place of business where snowmobiles are repaired without the use of a rigid tow bar.

(2) Within 100 feet of any pedestrian, skating rink or sliding area where the operation would conflict with use or endanger other persons or operation.

(3) To intentionally drive, chase, run over or kill any animal.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 72.05 STOPPING AND YIELDING.

No snowmobile shall enter any uncontrolled intersection without making a complete stop. The operator shall then yield the right-of-way to any vehicles or pedestrians at the intersection, or so close to the intersection as to constitute an immediate hazard.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 72.06 PERSONS UNDER 18.

(A) No person under 14 years of age shall operate on streets or make a direct crossing of a city street as the operator of a snowmobile. A person 14 years of age or older, but less than 18 years of age, may operate a snowmobile on streets as permitted under this chapter and make a direct crossing of those streets only if he or she has in his or her immediate possession a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued pursuant to M.S. § 84.872, as it may be amended from time to time.

(B) It is unlawful for the owner of a snowmobile to permit the snowmobile to be operated contrary to the provision of this section.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 72.07 EQUIPMENT.

It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile any place within the limits of the city unless it is equipped with the following:

(A) Standard mufflers which are properly attached and which reduce the noise of operation of the motor to the minimum necessary for operation. No person shall use a muffler cutout, by-pass straight pipe or similar device on a snowmobile motor.

(B) Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the snowmobile under any condition of operation.

(C) A safety or so called deadman throttle in operating condition.

(D) When operated between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, or at times of reduced visibility, at least one clear lamp attached to the front, with sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead during the hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions. The head lamp shall be so aimed that glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of an oncoming snowmobile operator. It shall also be equipped with at least one red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear during hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions.

(E) Snowmobiles shall fly a pennant flag or red or blaze material, of a size not less than 12 inches by 9 inches, at a height of not less than six feet from ground level at any time when the vehicle is operated on public streets.

(F) Reflective material at least 16 square inches on each side, forward of the handlebars and at the highest practical point on any towed object, so as to reflect lights at a 90 degree angle.

Penalty, see § 10.99

#### § 72.08 UNATTENDED SNOWMOBILES.

Every person leaving a snowmobile on a public place shall lock the ignition, remove the key and take the same with him or her.

Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 72.09 EMERGENCY OPERATION PERMITTED.

Notwithstanding any prohibitions in this chapter, a snowmobile may be operated on a public thoroughfare in an emergency during the period of time and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.

CHAPTER 73: RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

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§ 73.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT.

(A) (1) The purpose of this chapter is to provide reasonable regulations for the use of recreational motor vehicles on public and private property in the city.

(2) This chapter is not intended to allow what the Minnesota Statutes prohibit nor to prohibit what the Minnesota Statutes expressly allow.

(B) It is intended to ensure the public safety and prevent a public nuisance.

§ 73.02 DEFINITION.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE.** Any self-propelled vehicle and any vehicle propelled or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle used for recreational purposes including, but not limited to trail bike, off-highway motorcycle, as defined by M.S. § 84.787, Subd. 7, as it may be amended from time to time, or other all-terrain vehicle as defined by M.S. §84.92, Subd. 8, it may be amended from time to time, motorized go-carts, hovercraft or motor vehicle licensed for highway operation which is being used for off-road recreational purposes.

§ 73.03 OPERATION REQUIREMENTS.

It is unlawful for any person to operate a recreational motor vehicle:

(A) On private property of another without specific written permission of the owner of the property; (Written permission may be given by a posted notice of any kind or description, so long as it specifies the kind of vehicles allowed, that the owner, occupant or lessee prefers, such as by saying "Recreational Vehicles Allowed," "Trail Bikes Allowed," "All-Terrain Vehicles Allowed" or words substantially similar.)

(B) On publicly-owned land, including school, park property, playgrounds, recreation areas and golf courses, except where permitted by this chapter;

- (C) In a manner so as to create a loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs, annoys or interferes with the peace and quiet of other persons;
- (D) On a public sidewalk or walkway provided or used for pedestrian travel;
- (E) At a place while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit-forming drugs;
- (F) At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all the surrounding circumstances;
- (G) At any place in a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property or to cause injury or damage thereto;
- (H) On any public street, highway or right-of-way unless licensed pursuant to Minnesota law;
- (I) To intentionally drive, chase, run over or kill any animal, wild or domestic;
- (J) By halting any recreational motor vehicle carelessly or heedlessly in disregard of the rights or the safety of others or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property or in excess of 25 miles per hour on publicly-owned lands; and/or
- (K) Within 150 yards of any public recreational area or gathering of people. This provision does not apply to the occasional use of recreational motor vehicles on private property for the purpose of loading or unloading it from a trailer or for mechanically checking it.  
Penalty, see §10.99

#### § 73.04 STREET CROSSINGS.

No person under 14 years of age operating the vehicles regulated herein shall make a direct crossing of any street, highway or public right-of-way.  
Penalty, see §10.99

#### § 73.05 HOURS OF OPERATION.

Hours for use are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Penalty, see §10.99

#### § 73.06 MINIMUM EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

(A) Standard mufflers shall be properly attached and in constant operation to reduce the noise of operation of the motor to the minimum necessary for operation. No person shall use a muffler cutout, by-pass, straight pipe or similar device on a recreational motor vehicle motor. The exhaust system shall not emit or produce a sharp popping or crackling sound.

(B) Brakes shall be adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold under any conditions of operation.

(C) At least one clear lamp shall be attached to the front with sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead during the hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions. The head lamp shall be so that glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of an oncoming vehicle operator. It shall also be equipped with at least one red tail lamp having a

minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear during the hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions. This equipment shall be required and shall be in operating condition when the vehicle is operated between the hours of one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, or at times of reduced visibility.

Penalty, see §10.99

#### § 73.07 DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC AREAS FOR USE.

(A) The Council may designate areas for use of recreational motor vehicles by approval of a majority of the members of the City Council. The areas designated may be changed from time to time by the City Council. Any area designated shall be published in the official newspaper of the city in a conspicuous place after the approval. If an area is changed, the change shall be published in like manner in the official newspaper of the city. An up-to-date map of any designated park areas open for recreational motor vehicle use shall be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk, who shall provide on request a copy of the map together with the applicable rules, regulations and this chapter to each person requesting the information from the city.

(B) Unless designated by the City Council as an area for recreational motor vehicles, the use on city park property shall be unlawful. Further, the use of city parks designated by the City Council shall be in accordance with all of the applicable provisions of this chapter.

Penalty, see §10.99

#### § 73.08 MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS AND ATVs

(A) Any individual operating a golf cart or ATV on City roadways;

1. Must demonstrate that he or she currently holds or has held a valid Minnesota driver's license.
2. Must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes concerning insurance coverage for the golf cart or ATV.
3. Is not allowed if his or her driver's license has been revoked as the result of criminal proceedings.
4. Is only permitted to operate on City streets, not state or federal highways, except to cross at designated intersections.
5. May only operate the golf cart or ATV on city roadways from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather 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.
6. Shall display the slow moving vehicle emblem provided for in M.S. 169.522 as it may be amended from time to time, when operated on City roadways.
7. Shall equip golf cart or ATV with a wing style rear view mirror to provide the driver with adequate vision from behind.
8. May cross any street or highway intersecting a designated roadway.
9. Has all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of M.S. Ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, except when these provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts or ATVs and except as otherwise specifically provided in M.S. 169.045(7), as it may be amended from time to time.
10. May not exceed the designed occupant load of the golf cart or ATV.

(B) For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**DRIVER.** The person driving and having physical control over the motorized

golf cart or ATV and being the licensee.

MOTORIZED GOLF CART. Any passenger conveyance being driven with four wheels with four low pressure tires that is limited in engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters and total dry weight less than 800 pounds.

## CHAPTER 74: BICYCLES, ROLLER BLADES, ROLLER SKATES, ROLLER SKIS AND SKATEBOARDS

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## BICYCLES

### § 74.01 DEFINITION.

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**BICYCLE.** Every device propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels, except scooters and similar devices, and including any device generally recognized as a BICYCLE though equipped with two front or rear wheels.

### § 74.02 TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY.

Every person riding a bicycle on a street 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 title, 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.

### § 74.03 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 the 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.

Penalty, see § 74.99

#### § 74.04 HITCHING RIDES.

It is unlawful for any person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, roller blades, skate board, sled, or toy vehicle to attach the same or themselves to any vehicle upon a street.

Penalty, see § 74.99

#### § 74.05 WHERE TO RIDE.

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

(B) Persons riding bicycles upon a street shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of streets set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

Penalty, see §74.99

#### § 74.06 RIGHT-OF-WAY; SIDEWALKS.

Whenever a person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, the person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing the pedestrian.

Penalty, see §74.99

#### § 74.07 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.

Penalty, see §74.99

#### § 74.08 LIGHTING AND BRAKE EQUIPMENT.

(A) Every bicycle, when in use at night time, 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, 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 section 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.  
Penalty, see §74.99

#### § 74.09 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 §74.08.  
Penalty, see §74.99

### ROLLER BLADES, ROLLER SKATES, ROLLER SKIS AND SKATEBOARDS

#### § 74.25 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

**OPERATE.** To ride on or upon or control the operation of roller blades, roller skates, or a skateboard.

**OPERATOR.** Every person who operates or is in actual physical control of roller blades, roller skates, or a skateboard.

**ROLLER BLADES/ROLLER SKATES.** A shoe with wheels attached or a device with wheels which is designed to be attached to a shoe.

**ROLLER SKIS.** A pair of skis platformed with wheels attached which is intended to simulate skiing.

**SKATEBOARD.** A device for riding-upon, usually while standing, consisting of an oblong piece of wood, or of other composition, mounted on skate wheels.

#### § 74.26 UNLAWFUL ACTS.

(A) It is unlawful for any person to operate roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or a skateboard under the circumstances set forth hereafter:

(1) On private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of the property; or

(2) In any careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger the safety of any person or property of any other person.

(B) It is unlawful for any person operating roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or a skateboard to attach the same, or the person of the operator, to any vehicle upon a street.

(C) Every person operating roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or a skateboard upon a street shall ride as close as possible to the right-hand curb or edge of the street.

(D) Every person operating roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or a skateboard upon a street shall observe the same rules of the road as required of bicycles, pursuant to M.S. §169.222. Penalty, see §74.99

§ 74.27 RIGHT-OF-WAY.

The operator of roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or a skateboard emerging from any alley, driveway, or building, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk or sidewalk area and upon entering the street shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the street. Penalty, see §74.99

§ 74.28 HOURS OF USE.

It is unlawful for any person to use roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or a skateboard upon a public street, sidewalk, or other roadway from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., except on private property with express permission of owner, and except if the roller blades, roller skates, roller skis, skateboard or operator are 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 head lamps on a motor vehicle. The reflective material shall be a minimum of 40 square inches. All reflective materials used in compliance with this section shall meet the requirements as prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety. Penalty, see §74.99

§ 74.99 VIOLATIONS.

A person apprehended by a peace officer in violation of the provisions of this chapter does, by his or her use of the public sidewalks, streets, and public parking lots, consent to the impoundment by a police officer of the roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or skateboard for a period of three days upon a first offense, a week upon the second offense and 30 days upon a third or additional offense. Any operator aggrieved by the impoundment of his or her roller blades, roller skates roller skis or skateboard may petition the Council for a hearing thereon at the next regular Council meeting following the impoundment. This provision is in addition to the provisions for fines and penalties as set forth in §10.99.