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## CHAPTER 70: GENERAL PROVISIONS

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### **§ 70.01 STATE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.**

Except for M.S. §§ 169.04, 169.10, 169.11, 169.66, 169.751, 169.752, 169.753, 169.754, 169.78, 196.965, 169.966, 169.98, as they may be amended from time to time, M.S. Chapter 169, known as the Highway Traffic Regulation Act, as amended by Laws, 1974, Chapters 21, 22, 23, 52, 57, 59, 79, 110, 122, 133, 134, 332, 343, 350, 358, 379, 389, 406, 460, 500, and as it may be amended from time to time, is adopted as a traffic regulation ordinance of the city. Every provision contained in such chapter is adopted and made a part of this title by reference as if fully set forth herein.

(Prior Code, § 50.01)

### **§ 70.02 SCOPE OF TITLE.**

It is unlawful and a misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this title. No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any peace officer invested by law with the authority to direct, control or regulate traffic.

(Prior Code, § 50.02) Penalty, see § 10.99

### **§ 70.03 REMOVAL OF VEHICLES BY POLICE.**

(A) Any vehicle, wherever found, whether on public or private property, in violation of this code or other ordinances of the city or the laws of the state, is declared to be a nuisance and the same may be summarily abated by removal, under the direction or at the request of a police officer, to a place of storage by means of a towing truck or otherwise or such police officer may require the driver or owner to remove such vehicle off the paved or traveled portion of a street. However, no vehicle shall be removed from private property if the vehicle is owned by the owner of the private property or a person who is a resident, tenant of the owner, or

otherwise is in control of the property, unless that person has given express permission to remove the vehicle or an administrative search and seizure warrant has been first obtained.

(B) Any vehicle found upon the streets of the city in such damaged condition or state of disrepair that it cannot be driven and which, in the opinion of a police officer, constitutes an obstruction of the street may be removed and impounded by the Police Department to a place of storage, provided that if the owner or operator has requested, such vehicle may be towed to the owner's own or any other garage.

(Prior Code, § 50.04)

#### **§ 70.04 LOADING ZONES.**

The Chief of Police of the city shall have the power to designate loading zones on streets in the city with the approval thereof by a majority of the City Council.

(Prior Code, § 50.09)

#### **§ 70.05 COMMON CARRIERS FOR HIRE, STANDS.**

The Chief of Police shall locate and designate a place or places in the city where vehicles engaged in carrying passengers, baggage, property or material for hire may stand awaiting customers and may relocate such places in his or her discretion by filing written notice thereof with the City Administrator of the city; said changes to take effect when approved by the Council of the city.

(Prior Code, § 50.11)

#### **§ 70.06 SAFETY ZONES AND NO PARKING DISTRICTS.**

The city is authorized, empowered and directed to designate all such safety zones and no parking districts in the public streets of the city as such are or shall be required for the safety and convenience of the citizens and inhabitants of the city and mark and indicate the location of such safety zones and no parking districts by using and placing suitable safety zones and no parking signs upon the driveways and sidewalks and streets of the city, and no person driving, operating or having under his or her control any vehicle of any kind whatever shall cause, permit or allow such vehicle to stand, remain at or upon any such safety zone or no parking district in the city.

(Prior Code, § 50.13)

#### **§ 70.07 REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL CARRIERS.**

All owners of vehicles operating on designated truck routes within the city shall register their intent to utilize the truck routes with the City Administrator of the city. The City Administrator will annually provide notice to registered carriers of the provisions of this section and any alterations in designated routes. A violation of this section shall constitute a petty misdemeanor.

(Prior Code, § 50.16) Penalty, see § 10.99

## **§ 70.08 OPERATION.**

M.S. § 169.222, as it may be amended from time to time, is adopted and made a part of this chapter by reference as fully as it is set out at length herein and all amendments are adopted.

## **§ 70.09 VEHICLE PARKING.**

The term “recreational vehicle” shall mean a vehicle designed and used for recreational purposes and enjoyment including, but not limited to, self-propelled motor homes, truck campers, camping trailers, all terrain vehicles, boats, race cars and race car trailers, snowmobiles, construction trailers, all other trailers, vehicles used to transport goods, refuse or merchandise, semi-tractors and trailers and vehicles converted into storage or camping vehicles.  
(Ord 04-05, passed 10-03-05)

## **§ 70.10 RESIDENTIAL AREAS.**

(A) With the exception of construction trailers, the vehicles described in 70.09 above shall not be allowed to park on any public street, for longer than 72 hours to load/unload and to perform maintenance on the vehicle. Construction trailers may be parked on City streets only when they are being used in conjunction with an adjacent construction project and only while attended.

(B) The parking and storage of the vehicles described in 70.09 on a lot is permitted subject to the following restrictions:

(1) Parking and storage is permitted at all times within an enclosed building or within the rear yard.

(2) The above-described vehicles must have affixed thereto current registration or license plates as required by law.

(3) All permitted recreational vehicle storage must be on an established driveway and must be set back at least fifteen (15) feet from the back of the curb, where present, or fifteen (15) feet from the paved area of the street if no curb is present.

(4) Recreational vehicle parking is allowed on a sideyard. The term “sideyard” shall mean the yard between the nearest point of the building and the sideline of the lot and extending from the front yard to the rear yard.

(5) All recreational vehicles parked in accordance with this ordinance must not be missing “major parts”, which would, without these parts, constitute junk.  
(Ord 04-05, passed 10-03-05)

**§ 70.11 UNLAWFUL OVERTIME PARKING.**

It shall be unlawful to park a car, pick-up truck, van or motorcycle on any City street, alley or public parking lot for longer than:

(A) 24 consecutive hours from during calendar parking.

(B) 72 consecutive hours from during the remainder of the year.

(Ord 04-05, passed 10-03-05, Amd Ord 01-11, 2-2-11)

**§ 70.12 VIOLATION.**

Any person in violation of 70.11 A shall receive a parking citation immediately. Any person in violation of 70.11 B shall receive a 24 hour warning tag from the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department or a designee of the City. If after 24 hours the violation continues, any person in violation shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord 04-05, passed 10-03-05)

**§ 70.13 CALENDAR PARKING.**

(A) The calendar system of parking is adopted which means that all parking from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. on even days of the month shall be allowed only on the even side of the street or avenue and on the odd days of the month on the odd side of the street or avenue commencing November 15<sup>th</sup> and continuing until April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The allowed changeover period during each day shall be from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Ord 01-11, 2-2-11, Amd Ord. 04-11, 12-5-11) (Amd Ord. 01-15, 03-02-15) (Amd Ord. 04-18, 9-17-18)

(B) There shall be no parking between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Main Street from Mineral Avenue to Mesabi Avenue between November 15<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. (Ord 01-11, 2-2-11, Amd Ord. 04-11, 12-5-11) (Amd Ord. 04-18, 9-17-18)

**§ 70.14 PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON MARBLE AVENUE AND MAIN STREET.**

(Repealed Ord. 04-18, 9-17-18)

**CHAPTER 71: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

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**§ 71.01 UNATTENDED VEHICLES.**

No person shall leave a motor vehicle, except a commercial motor vehicle, unattended on any street, alley, used car lot or unattended parking lot in the city without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key and taking it with him or her; provided, that any violation of these provisions shall not mitigate the offense of stealing such motor vehicle, nor shall such violation be used to affect a recovery in any civil action for theft of such motor vehicle or the insurance thereon or have any other bearing in any civil action.  
(Prior Code, § 50.03) Penalty, see § 10.99

**§ 71.02 EXHIBITION OF SPEED.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any motor vehicle exhibition of speed upon a street or highway within the limits of the city.

(B) Exhibition of speed shall be defined as a willful act of showing off or displaying a dangerous and imprudent speed where the presence of another person is known to the driver or operator of a motor vehicle or may be reasonably anticipated by him or her.

(C) Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.  
(Prior Code, § 50.05) Penalty, see § 10.99

**§ 71.03 FREE PASSAGE OF SIDEWALKS.**

It shall be unlawful for any group or persons to assemble or congregate together on any sidewalk of the city so as to obstruct the free passage thereof.  
(Prior Code, § 50.12) Penalty, see § 10.99

**§ 71.04 TRUCK ROUTES.**

It is unlawful for any person to drive a tractor, agricultural implement, truck over 9,000 pound gross vehicle weight, truck-trailer, tractor-trailer or truck-tractor upon any street within the city except those that have been designated and sign posted as truck routes. The city shall by resolution from time to time adopt a system of designated and sign-posted truck routes considering the structural capacity of the designated route, including consideration of the volume

of traffic expected to occur on that route after designation, all in accordance with M.S. §§ 169.822 to 169.88, with reference to M.S. § 169.04, as they may be amended from time to time. The City Administrator shall maintain on file the current resolution designating authorized truck routes within the city. A violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall further entitle the city to seek injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction in order to remedy a violation of this section.

(Prior Code, § 50.14) Penalty, see § 10.99

#### **§ 71.05 STREET DAMAGE AND DEBRIS.**

It is unlawful for any person to park, operate or maintain a motor vehicle in the city in such a manner as to cause structural damage to any street or roadway within the city, and it shall further be unlawful for any such person to park, operate or maintain such vehicle in any such manner as to cause rocks, sand, debris or other materials to be deposited on or adjacent to any street within the city. All vehicle loads shall be appropriately covered pursuant to applicable state and federal regulations during transit and parking. The owner of any vehicle which causes rocks, sand, debris or other materials to be deposited on or adjacent to any street within the city shall be liable for and shall remove the materials immediately from the street or adjacent area and in the event failure to do so within 48 hours of notification to the offender the city may remove the same and shall charge the owner of the vehicle responsible for such spillage at rates established by the city. A violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall further entitle the city to seek injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction in order to remedy a violation of this section.

(Prior Code, § 50.15) Penalty, see § 10.99

## CHAPTER 72: RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES

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- 72.02 Definition
- 72.03 Operation regulations
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### § 72.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT.

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes §§ 84.92 – 84.928 regulate the operation of all-terrain vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes §§ 84.928 Subd. 1(a) and 84.928 Subd. 1(k) authorize cities to enact an ordinance which provides for the operation of all-terrain vehicles on a public road or street under its jurisdiction to access businesses and residences and to make trail connections; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes § 84.928 Subd. 6(c)(2) authorizes City Council action to enact an ordinance which provides for the operation of all-terrain vehicles on the road right-of-way shoulder, or inside bank or slope of a City street if safe operation in the ditch or outside slope is impossible, notwithstanding any law to the contrary; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mountain Iron has a general interest in allowing expanded use by all-terrain vehicles of the public road right-of-way of roads under the city's jurisdiction to (1) make connections to businesses, residences and trail connections, and (2) because most ditches and outside slopes are impassible; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mountain Iron has an interest in establishing a permit process which allows limited permissive operation of all-terrain vehicles on certain public road right-of-way of roads under the City's jurisdiction in a manner set forth in this ordinance. (Prior Code, § 60.01) (Amd 03-17, 04-03-17)

### § 72.02 DEFINITION.

All-terrain vehicle. An "All-terrain vehicle" shall be as defined in Minnesota Statutes § 84.92, as may be amended from time to time.

City. "City" means the City of Mountain Iron.

Class 1 all-terrain vehicle. A "Class 1 all-terrain vehicle" shall be as defined in Minnesota Statutes § 84.92, as may be amended from time to time.

Class 2 all-terrain vehicle. A "Class 2 all-terrain vehicle" shall be as defined in Minnesota Statutes § 84.92, as may be amended from time to time.

Corridor access trail. “Corridor access trail” means:

- a. For Class 1 all-terrain vehicles, the outside slope, ditch bottom, inside slope, shoulder or where no shoulder exists, the extreme right-hand side of the driving surface, of a county road which connects two established all-terrain vehicle trails; Federal, state or county forest roads designated open to all-terrain vehicle use; designated Federal, state or county all-terrain vehicle trails or trails established and designated as all-terrain vehicle trails by another political subdivision, and which have been permitted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 84.928 subdivision 1a(h).
- b. For Class 2 all-terrain vehicles, the shoulder or where no shoulder exists, the extreme right-hand side of the driving surface, of a county road which connects two established all-terrain vehicle trails; Federal, state or county forest roads designated open to all-terrain vehicle use; designated Federal, state or county all-terrain vehicle trails or trails established and designated as all-terrain vehicle trails by another political subdivision, and which have been permitted pursuant to Minnesota Statute 84.928 subdivision 1a(h).

City Street. “City Street” means a road that is under the jurisdiction of the City of Mountain Iron.

Established all-terrain vehicle trail. “Established All-Terrain Vehicle Trail” means an all-terrain vehicle trail that has been designated as a Federal, State, County or other political subdivision all-terrain vehicle trail.

Person. “Person” means an individual or an organization as defined in Minnesota Statutes § 336.1-201 (b)(27).

Public road right-of-way. “Public road right-of-way” means the entire width of a public roadway, including the traveled lanes, banks, ditches, shoulders and medians of a roadway that is not privately owned.

(Prior Code, § 60.02) (Amd 03-17, 04-03-17)

### **§ 72.03 OPERATION REGULATIONS.**

- A. On City streets, all-terrain vehicles may operate on the on the right-hand shoulder or the extreme right-hand side of a City Street in addition to where all-terrain vehicles are permissible to operate under §84.928 Subdivision 1, and left-hand turns may be made from any part of the City street if it is safe to do so under the prevailing conditions.
- B. After the enactment of this Ordinance, the City Council may by resolution close or restrict any specific City street to all-terrain vehicle use.
- C. The Public Works Director may in its sole discretion close streets to all-terrain vehicle use if damage to the roadway results or where public safety is adversely affected as a result of all-terrain vehicle use. Actions under this section may be reviewed by the City Council.

- D. Except as provided in this Ordinance, all operation of all-terrain vehicles shall be in compliance with Minnesota Statutes §§ 84.92 – 84.928 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 6102, as well as any other applicable Federal, state or local statute, law, rule, regulation or ordinance.  
(Prior Code, § 60.03) (Amd 03-17, 04-03-17)

**§ 72.04 ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY.**

Penalties shall be accordance with Section 10.99 of the Mountain Iron City Code.  
(03-17, 04-03-17)

## CHAPTER 73: SNOWMOBILES

### Section

- 73.01 Minnesota Statutes adopted by reference
- 73.02 Areas of permitted operation
- 73.03 Operation restrictions
- 73.04 Age of operators
- 73.05 Speed restrictions
- 73.06 Hours of operation
- 73.07 Required equipment

### **§ 73.01 MINNESOTA STATUTES ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.**

M.S. § 84.873, as it may be amended from time to time, is adopted by the city. Every provision contained in such section is adopted and made part of this chapter by reference as if fully set forth herein. Street or highway shall be defined as in M.S. § 169.01, Subd. 29, as it may be amended from time to time.

(Prior Code, § 58.08)

### **§ 73.02 AREAS OF PERMITTED OPERATION.**

Snowmobiles will be operated only upon streets, highways, alleys and other rights-of-way within the city limits.

(Prior Code, § 58.01)

### **§ 73.03 OPERATION RESTRICTIONS.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile under the following circumstances:

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

(B) On public school ground, park property, play grounds, recreational areas and golf courses without express permission to do so by the proper public authority;

(C) In a manner so as to create loud unnecessary or unusual noise as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons.

(Prior Code, § 58.02) Penalty, see § 10.99

### **§ 73.04 AGE OF OPERATORS.**

(A) No person under the age of 14 years shall operate a snowmobile on any public street, highway, alley, right-of-way or other public grounds within the limits of the city.

(Prior Code, § 58.03)

(B) No person over 14 years of age, but under 18 years of age, shall operate a snowmobile on any public street, highway, alley, right-of-way or other public grounds within the limits of the city unless he or she has in his or her immediate possession a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

(Prior Code, § 58.04) Penalty, see § 10.99

### **§ 73.05 SPEED RESTRICTIONS.**

No snowmobile shall be operated in an excess of 15 miles per hour within the platted areas within the city.

(Prior Code, § 58.05)

### **§ 73.06 HOURS OF OPERATION.**

No snowmobile shall be used by any person of any age within the platted areas located within the city limits between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m., unless a direct access either to or from a destination.

(Prior Code, § 58.06)

### **§ 73.07 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT.**

(A) All snowmobiles shall be equipped at all times with a muffler in good working order which blends the exhaust noise into the overall snowmobile noise and is in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise. The exhaust system shall not emit or produce a sharp popping or cracking sound. This section does not apply to organized races or similar competitive events held on:

(1) Private lands with the permission of the owner, lessee or the custodian of the land; and

(2) Public lands and water under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, with the Commissioners permission; and

(3) Other public lands with the consent of the agency owning the land.

(B) No such races or similar competitive events shall be held within the platted limits line within the city limits.

(Prior Code, § 58.07)

**CHAPTER 74: TRAFFIC SCHEDULES**

(Repealed Ord 01-11, 2-2-11)

**CHAPTER 75: PARKING SCHEDULES**

(Repealed Ord 01-11, 2-2-11)