

TITLE 800

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CHAPTER 801

GENERAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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801.01: **ADOPTION OF STATUTES:** The regulatory provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapters 168, 169 and 171, as amended from time to time, including amendments enacted by the Minnesota legislature at its regular and special sessions, as regulatory ordinances relative to the use of highways, streets and alleys and of motor vehicles and drivers and all other vehicles within Mounds View, are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Code as completely as if set out herein in full. A copy of said provisions is on file in the office of the City Administrator for public use and inspection. (1988 Code §80.01; 1993 Code) (Amended, Ord. 844, 5-20-10)

801.02: UNREASONABLE ACCELERATION:

Subd. 1. Definitions: When used in this Section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subdivision:

a. **MOTOR VEHICLE:** Any vehicle propelled by an engine and authorized to be driven on a public highway.

b. **UNREASONABLE ACCELERATION:** To cause squealing or screeching sounds by the tires, and/or fishtailing of the motor vehicle or the throwing of sand or gravel by the tires of said vehicle or both.

Subd. 2. Unreasonable Acceleration Prohibited: “Unreasonable acceleration” of any motor vehicle on any public highway or private property within Mounds View, as defined herein, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and is prohibited.

Subd. 3. Evidence Of Violation: It shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this Section if a motor vehicle shall be observed accelerating in such a manner as to cause squealing or screeching sounds by the vehicle’s tires, fishtailing of the vehicle or the throwing of sand and gravel or other material by the tires of said vehicle, or any combination of the herein described actions. (1988 Code §§80.02)

801.03: VEHICLE LOAD LIMIT RESTRICTIONS:

Subd. 1. Seasonal Load Restrictions: Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 169.80 through 169.88, the Director of Public Works shall establish appropriate seasonal load restrictions for Municipal streets and shall cause notice of such restrictions to be posted as required. Such restrictions shall be for the purpose of minimizing damage to Municipal streets during the annual spring thaw.

Subd. 2. Special Permit Requirements: The Director of Public Works/City Engineer may issue special permits authorizing vehicle loads in excess of established restrictions. Such special permits shall be for good cause, including maintenance of the orderly progress and timely completion of private and public improvement projects, and shall be issued only when such cause does not conflict with the purpose of this Section.

Subd. 3. Application For Permit; Fee: The operator of each overload vehicle shall make application for such special permit and provide such information as required by the Director of Public Works/City Engineer. A fee as established by resolution of the City Council for each overload trip shall be paid with the application. All fees collected pursuant hereto shall be deposited in the General Fund. (1988 Code §80.03; 1993 Code)

801.04: UNLAWFUL DEPOSITS ON PUBLIC WAYS:

- Subd. 1. Snow And Ice Accumulations¹: All snow accumulated from clearing or plowing operations on private property shall be stockpiled on the property from which the snow is cleared or upon other private property for which the property owner has written permission. In clearing snow and/or moving snow, it shall be unlawful to operate in such a manner as to cause any snow to be deposited in the street, on sidewalks, in the boulevard of any street or on private property for which the property owner does not have written permission for storage of snow. Snow cleared from the portion of a driveway or sidewalk in the boulevard of a street may be placed on the boulevard adjacent to the driveway or sidewalk, but may not be moved across the street to other areas without express permission of the property owner receiving the snow.
- Subd. 2. Debris: Debris, including but not limited to tree branches, leaves, dirt and other materials, shall be properly disposed for the type of material². It shall be unlawful to place any type of debris into the street right of way or on private property for which the property owner does not have written permission.
- Subd. 3. Exemptions: Nothing in this Section shall be deemed to apply to governmental agencies involved in the maintenance of streets and sidewalks or involved in snow or ice control operations. (Ord. 522, 2-8-93)

801.05: VIOLATION OF PROVISIONS: Any violations of the provisions of this Chapter or of the statutes adopted by reference herein is a violation of this Code when it occurs within Mounds View. Any person violating any provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor or, where authorized, a petty misdemeanor. (1988 Code §80.05)

¹ See also subdivisions 607.03.3t and 1005.05.2 of this Code

² See Sections 603.05 of this Code for disposal of yard waste.

CHAPTER 802

PARKING REGULATIONS

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802.01: **DEFINITIONS:** As used in this Chapter, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section:

- Subd. 1. **BOULEVARD:** That portion of any right of way of a public roadway, other than the paved surface of such roadway, which is not designated for use as an off-street parking facility.
- Subd. 2. **DESIGNATED OFF-STREET PARKING:** Any private garage or properly surfaced off-street parking facility as provided under Chapter 1121 of this Code.
- Subd. 3. **DRIVER:** Every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle.
- Subd. 4. **MOTOR VEHICLE:** Any vehicle propelled by motor and engine and commonly used upon the streets and highways.
- Subd. 5. **OWNER:** A person who owns a legal title to a vehicle.
- Subd. 6. **PARK, STAND or STANDING:** The halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the receiving or discharging of passengers.

- Subd. 7. **PERSON:** Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.
- Subd. 8. **PUBLIC PARKING AREA:** All areas dedicated for public use and maintained by a political subdivision.
- Subd. 9. **RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT:** Any trailer, boat, snowmobile or other equipment mounted on a trailer and designed and primarily used for recreational purposes.
- Subd. 10. **RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:** Any motor vehicle designed and primarily used for recreational purposes.
- Subd. 11. **STOP:** Complete cessation from movement.
- Subd. 12. **TRAILER:** Any nonmotorized vehicle designed for carrying property on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle.
- Subd. 13. **TRUCK:** A motor vehicle with a gross weight classification of “G” (12,001 – 15,000 pounds) or higher, as identified on the license plate and specified in Minnesota Statutes. Ordinary pick-up trucks and passenger vans customary in residential districts with such a weight classification shall not be considered a TRUCK for purposes of this Chapter. (1988 Code §81.01; Ord. 886, 4-28-14)

802.02: **PUBLIC PARKING:** Unless permitted by an authorized parking sign, no person shall park, remain in or leave standing any motor vehicle in or upon any public park, bathing beach or public land, road or highway adjoining public waters. (1988 Code §81.02)

802.03: **NO-PARKING ZONES:** No person shall stop, stand or park a motor vehicle, except as otherwise provided or unless directed to do so by a police officer, on any street or highway where the Municipal Council has established by resolution a “no-parking zone”, and such zone is marked by a sign or a yellow curb. (1988 Code §81.02)

802.04: **OVERSIZE VEHICLE PARKING¹:** No person shall allow any recreational equipment, recreational vehicle or truck to remain parked on a public street or highway within Mounds View for a period of more than two (2) hours per day. (1988 Code §81.02)

802.05: **IMPEDING TRAFFIC:** No person shall allow a motor vehicle to remain parked on public property when said motor vehicle impedes, impairs or prohibits the free flow of traffic

¹ See also subdivision 802.07(4) and (5) of this Chapter and subdivision 1110.07(2) of the Code.

or prohibits maintenance or construction equipment from properly conducting their functions. (1988 Code §81.02)

802.06: **PARKING DURING SNOW ACCUMULATION:** No person shall park or permit to be parked any vehicle within any block on any public street when, within the preceding forty eight (48) hours, melting or blowing snow or a combination thereof has accumulated to a depth of three inches (3”) or more at street level anywhere within that block. Provided, however, that parking shall be permitted within any block of any public street where not otherwise prohibited whenever the entire length of the roadway of such block has been cleared of snow from curb to curb or, in the case of streets without curbs, between the outer edges of the shoulders of such streets. Any vehicle parked in violation of this Section may be removed as provided by Section 802.10 of this Chapter. (1988 Code §81.02)

802.07: **OFF-STREET PARKING:**

Subd. 1. Compliance with Zoning Provisions: The location, design and number of off-street parking facilities shall be as specified in Chapter 1121 of this Code.

Subd. 2. **Parking in Yards:** No person shall allow any motor vehicle or trailer to be parked in any yard adjacent to a public street, except in a designated off-street parking space.

Subd. 3. **Parking in Boulevards:** No person shall allow any motor vehicle or trailer to be parked upon the boulevard of a public roadway.

Subd. 4. **Recreational Vehicles and Equipment¹:** No person shall allow any recreational vehicle or equipment to be parked off-street closer than fifteen feet (15’) to the paved surfaces of a public roadway.

Subd. 5. **Trucks²:** No person shall allow any truck to be parked in any residential district, except as provided in Section 607.06. Subd.4 and Section 802.04. (1988 Code §81.02; Ord. 886, 4-28-14)

¹ See also Section 801.04 of this Chapter and subdivisions 1110.064(4) and 1110.07(3) of this Code.

² See also Section 802.04 of this Chapter

802.08: RESTRICTED HOURS:

Subd. 1. Generally, 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M.: No person shall stop, stand or park a motor vehicle or trailer on any street or highway in the City between the hours of two o'clock (2:00) A.M. and six o'clock (6:00) A.M., except as otherwise authorized by this Chapter or unless directed or authorized by a police officer or traffic-control device. The City Council may authorize exceptions from this Section. Any street or highway so excepted must be posted with a sign indicating that parking between two o'clock (2:00) A.M. and six o'clock (6:00) A.M. is allowed. (Ord. 511, 6-22-92)

Subd. 2. Specific Areas, 9:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M.: No person shall stop, stand or park a motor vehicle on the following sections of City streets between the hours of nine o'clock (9:00) P.M. and two o'clock (2:00) A.M., except as otherwise authorized by this Code or unless directed to do so by a police officer or traffic-control device:

Bronson Drive, north side between Edgewood Drive and Jackson Drive;

Clearview Avenue, between Irondale Road and Edgewood Drive;

Edgewood Drive, between Woodale Drive and County Road H-2 except adjacent to 2400 County Road H-2;

Greenfield Avenue, between Woodale Drive and County Road H-2 except adjacent to 2400 County Road H-2;

O'Connell Drive, between Jeffrey Drive and Greenfield Avenue. (Ord. 540, 6-13-94)

802.09: PARKING VEHICLES FOR SALE:

- Subd. 1. Purpose: In order to preserve civic beauty, to insure public health, safety and welfare by preventing congestion and traffic hazards, to prevent unauthorized use and trespass on vacant land and to prevent damage and erosion problems associated with off-road vehicle traffic on unimproved surfaces, the following prohibitions are required.
- Subd. 2. Vehicle Parking for Sale Prohibited: No person shall park, store, display or permit the parking, storage or display of a motor vehicle, as defined in subdivision 802.01(4) of this Chapter for the purpose of sale, consignment, lease, trade or exchange upon:
- a. Any public property including public right of way and easements; or
 - b. Any private property unless the vehicle is parked on an improved hard surface designed and improved for vehicle travel and only if the vehicle is registered to the property owner or occupant of said property and, when applicable, if said owner or occupant has a license issued pursuant to Chapter 510 of this Municipal Code. (1988 Code §81.03)

802.10: VEHICLE TOWING PROVISIONS: Police officers are hereby authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, a vehicle from a street or highway to the nearest garage or other place of safety or to a garage designated or maintained by the Police Department or otherwise maintained by this City under the circumstances hereinafter enumerated:

- Subd. 1. Obstruction of Traffic: When any vehicle is left unattended upon any bridge, viaduct or causeway or in any tube, tunnel or underpass where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic.
- Subd. 2. Disabled Car: When a vehicle upon a highway is so disabled as to constitute an obstruction to traffic and the person in charge of the vehicle is, by reason of physical injury, incapacitated to such an extent as to be unable to provide for its custody or removal.
- Subd. 3. Unattended, Illegally Parked Vehicles: When any vehicle is left unattended upon a street and is so parked illegally as to constitute a hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic or snow plowing.
- Subd. 4. Violation of Provisions: When any vehicle is parked upon a public street in violation of the provisions of this Chapter. (1988 Code §81.02)

802.11: VIOLATION OF PROVISIONS:

- Subd. 1. Evidence: The operation or use of a motor vehicle in violation of this Chapter shall be prima facie evidence that said motor vehicle was, at the time of such violation, controlled, operated and used by the owner thereof. (1988 Code §81.01)
- Subd. 2. Misdemeanor: Any person who shall do or commit any act that is forbidden by the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (1988 Code §81.04)

CHAPTER 803

SNOWMOBILES

SECTION:

- 803.01: Adoption of Statutes
- 803.02: Restrictions on Operation
- 803.03: Hours of Operation
- 803.04: Violation of Provisions

803.01: **ADOPTION OF STATUTES:** Any person operating a snowmobile in Mounds View, unless provided otherwise herein, shall be subject to the provisions of sections 84.81 to 84.911, inclusive, Minnesota Statutes, and to the regulations of the Commissioner of Natural Resources, which are incorporated herein by reference. (1988 Code §202.01)

803.02: **RESTRICTIONS ON OPERATION:**

- Subd. 1. No person shall operate a snowmobile in Mounds View, except:
- a. On any privately owned land with the express permission of the property owner.
 - b. In an emergency during the period of time when and at location where the condition of the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.
 - c. By City maintenance personnel and members of the City Police Department in the performance of their duties.
- Subd. 2. No person shall operate a snowmobile in the City upon the paved portion or boulevard of any trunk highway, County road or Municipal street. (1988 Code §202.02)

803.03: **HOURS OF OPERATION:** No person shall operate a snowmobile in Mounds View between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M. and seven o'clock (7:00) A.M., prevailing time in Ramsey County, Sunday through Thursday, and from one o'clock (1:00) A.M. to seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. on other days, including the day preceding a national holiday. (1988 Code §202.03)

803.04: **VIOLATION OF PROVISIONS:** Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter, Minnesota Statutes 84.81 to 84.911 or the Regulations of the Commissioner of Natural Resources shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (1988 Code §202.04)