

REGULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES UPON THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK HEIGHTS, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA, AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK PARK HEIGHTS, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DOES ORDAIN:

1101.01 Regulation of Operation.

Except for Sections 169.02, 169.10, 169.11, and 169.66, Minnesota Statutes 1967, Chapter 169, known as the Highway Traffic Regulation Act as amended by the laws of 1976 is hereby adopted as the Traffic Regulation Ordinance of the City of Oak Park Heights, Washington County, Minnesota. Every provision contained in the said statute is hereby adopted and made a part of this Ordinance by reference as if fully set forth herein.

1101.02 Speed Regulations.

No vehicle shall be driven thereon at a speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour on any street on which a different speed has not been established by the Commissioner of Highways under Minnesota Statutes, §169.14. On any street where a different speed zone has been so established, and signs have been posted calling attention to such zone, no vehicles shall be driven in the City of Oak Park Heights at a speed greater than that indicated on such signs.

1101.03 Parking Regulations.

- A. No vehicle shall be parked on any street for the purpose of displaying it for sale.
- B. There is hereby established a district to be known as the congested district within which the rules set forth in this section shall be in force. The congested district shall be designated by resolution of the City Council from time to time.
- C. The Chief of Police may establish "No Truck Parking" zones in the congested district and shall mark by appropriate signs any zones so established. Such zones shall be established in the congested district where heavy traffic by commercial vehicles or other traffic congestion makes parking by commercial vehicles a hazard to the safety of vehicles or pedestrians. No person shall park a commercial vehicle of more than one ton capacity

between 8 o'clock a.m. and 6 o'clock p.m. on any week day upon any street in any "No Truck

Parking" zone, but parking of such vehicles for a period of not more than thirty (30) minutes shall be permitted in such zone for the purpose of having access to abutting property when such access cannot conveniently be secured from an alley or from a side street where truck parking is not so restricted.

- D. The Chief of Police may designate certain blocks within the congested district as thirty- (30) minute, one- (1) hour or two- (2) hour limited parking zones and shall mark by appropriate signs any zones so established. Such zones shall be established in the congested district wherever necessary for the convenience of the public or to minimize traffic hazards and to preserve a free flow of traffic. No person shall park any vehicle in any limited parking zone between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 6 o'clock p.m. of any week day for a longer period than is specified on the signs marking such zone.
- E. The Chief of Police may establish in each block in the congested districts one or more loading zones and shall mark by appropriate signs any zone so established. Such zones shall be located at places most convenient for the use of the public with regard to traffic conditions in the block. No person shall, between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 6 o'clock p.m. of any week day, park any vehicle in any loading zone except for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers or freight and then only for a period no longer than is necessary for the discharge or receipt of such passengers or freight.
- F. No person shall turn a vehicle on any street in the congested district so as to reverse its direction.
- G. The Chief of Police may, whenever necessary to preserve a free flow of traffic or to prevent accidents, designate any intersection within the congested district as one where the turning of vehicles to the left or to the right, or both, is to be restricted and shall mark by appropriate signs any intersection so designated; but no intersection on a trunk highway shall be so designated until the consent of the State Commissioner of Highways to such designation is obtained. No person shall turn a vehicle at any such intersection contrary to the directions on such signs.
- H. Winter Parking Prohibition.
Between the 1st day of November and the 31st day of March of the following year, no motor vehicle shall be left standing or parked on the streets of the City of Oak Park Heights during the hours of 1:00 o'clock a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Any vehicle which shall be left parked or standing in violation of the provisions hereof shall be removed without notice to the owner or operator

by the Oak Park Heights Police Dept. Or persons employed by them with said

vehicle being stored in any appropriate place. All necessary costs and expenses of towing, removing, and storing of such vehicles shall first be paid by the person claiming the vehicle bet before the release of same.

1101.04 Through Streets.

Every driver of a vehicle shall bring his vehicle to a full stop before entering any through street or stop intersection properly designated and posted as such. Through streets and stop intersections shall be designated by resolution of the City Council from time to time.

1101.05 Equipment - Use of.

No person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle on any street within the City, unless such motor vehicle is equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise. It shall be unlawful to use a "muffler cut-out" on any motor vehicle upon any such street.

1101.06 Jumping Rides.

No person shall ride in or jump into or upon any vehicle without the consent of the driver; and no person shall, when riding, allow any part of the body to project beyond the limits of any motor vehicle, except when signaling as required by law, nor shall any person board or alight from, nor hang onto any motor vehicle, when such motor vehicle is in motion. This provision shall not apply to any person whose employment makes it necessary to ride in or on a vehicle otherwise than herein provided, when engaged in the necessary duties of such employment.

1101.07 Emergency Vehicles.

The speed limitations of this Ordinance shall not apply to vehicles when operated with due regard for safety, under the direction of peace officers in the chase or apprehension of violators of the law or persons charged with or suspected of any such violation, or to fire departments or fire patrol vehicles when traveling in response to a fire alarm, or to public ambulances in emergency use or service.

1101.08 Penalty.

Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days or both; but if a minimum fine or imprisonment is prescribed by the State Highway Traffic Act for an offense, such penalty shall apply to a person convicted of the same offense under this Ordinance.

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