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SECTION 700 VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND PARKING

700.01 Highway Traffic Regulation Act. Chapter 169 of the Minnesota Statutes, as amended, known as the Highway Traffic Regulation Act, is adopted as a traffic ordinance regulating the use of streets and is incorporated and made a part of this Code as completely as if set out in full in this Code.

700.02 Unnecessary Exhibition of Speed. No person may operate a motor vehicle with unnecessary exhibition of speed on any street or other public or private driveway, parking lot or way within the City limits. Prima facie evidence of unnecessary exhibition of speed is any of the following: (a) unreasonable squealing or screeching sounds emitted by tires; (b) the throwing of sand or gravel by tires; (c) unreasonable skid, sway or slide upon acceleration or stopping.

700.03 Load Restrictions. The City Director of Public Works is authorized to designate all or any portions of streets upon which travel by vehicles having a gross weight on any single axle in excess of 8,000 pounds is prohibited. The Director of Public Works will have signs plainly indicating the prohibition or restriction at each end of that portion of the street so designated. No person may operate a vehicle on such posted streets in violation of the restrictions stated.

700.04 Special Permits. The Director of Public Works or the Chief of Police may, in their discretion, issue a written permit authorizing the moving of a vehicle having a gross weight on any single axle exceeding 8,000 pounds on designated streets. The application must be in writing and the applicant must show good cause for the permit. In addition, the application must specifically describe the vehicle or vehicles, loads to be moved, particular streets for which the permit is requested and the period of time for which the permit is requested. If a permit is issued, limitations and conditions of operation of the vehicle or vehicles may be prescribed to prevent undue damage to streets. The permit must be carried in the vehicle to which it refers and the vehicle will be open to inspection by any police officer or authorized agent of the Chief of Police.

700.05 Parking Regulations.

Subd. 1. 24-Hour Parking. No person may leave any vehicle on any public street or City parking lot for a consecutive period of more than 24 hours.

Subd. 2. Prohibited Parking After Snowfall. No person may park or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street or City parking lot in the City after two inches or more of snow has fallen until the street has been completely plowed. In addition to any other penalties imposed for violation of this Section, the Chief of Police is authorized to cause any vehicle parked or left unattended in violation of this Section to be towed from the street at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.

Subd. 3. Trucks Prohibited in Residential Zone. No truck in excess of 9,000 pounds licensed gross weight may be parked on streets in districts designated as residential under the City's Zoning Ordinance except for the time necessary for loading or unloading.

Subd. 4. No Parking and Limited Parking Zones. The Police Chief may permit the parking of vehicles in a no parking zone for a limited time period for special events if no other feasible alternative exists. Persons requesting a permit from the Police Chief to park in a no parking zone for a limited duration shall submit a written request stating the reason for the request, the time period vehicles will be parked in the no parking zone, and a map indicating the area and number of parking spaces that will be utilized. The Police Chief may deny the request if it is found that there is endangerment to safe vehicular traffic on the street or public safety.

Subd. 5. No U Turns. No person may turn a vehicle so as to reverse its direction on a curve or hill where the vehicle cannot be seen by the driver of a vehicle within 1000 feet approaching from either direction, or in any places designated by Council resolution as no U turn zones.

Subd. 6. Vehicles Prohibited in Parks. No person may stop, park or operate a motorized vehicle, or ride a horse, except in compliance with the directions of a police officer, on park property or other public grounds within the City. Bicycles may be operated on park property or public lands except where signs prohibit their operation.

Subd. 7. Trailers. The Council may, by motion or resolution designate portions of streets, or other municipally controlled land as zones in which the parking of boat trailers and other types of trailers is prohibited. Upon such designation, the City will cause the zones to be marked or posted with appropriate signs. The location of the signs will be prima facie evidence that the Council has by proper motion or resolution established the area as a zone in which trailer parking is prohibited. No person may leave or park a boat trailer or any other type of trailer within such a posted zone, even though the person has been issued a permit for vehicle parking within the zone.

Subd. 8. Parking Adjacent to Beaches, Boat Launching or Docking Areas and Other Public Grounds. No person may leave or park a vehicle on any street or municipally controlled land within the posted area adjacent to any public bathing beach, boat launching or docking area, or other public grounds within the City during the period from May 1 to October 1 of each year without having attached to the vehicle a permit issued under Section 450.

Subd. 9. Temporary No Parking Areas. The Chief of Police or his designee may designate temporary no parking areas within the City and may provisionally post these areas with a “NO PARKING” sign.

Subd. 10. City Parking Lot Restrictions. In order to facilitate parking lot maintenance, parking is prohibited between the hours of 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. daily November 1st through March 31st in all City owned parking lots without written permission from the Police Chief.

700.06. Penalty. Any violation of a provision of Section 700 or of the statutes adopted by reference in Section 700.01 is a misdemeanor except violations of the parking regulations in Section 700.04, which are a petty misdemeanor, and except as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 169.89 and 169.891 regarding petty misdemeanors.

SECTION 705 SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS

705.01 General. No person may own or operate a snowmobile in the City in violation of, or contrary to, any provision of this Code.

705.02 Adoption by Reference.

Subd. 1. Minnesota Statutes Applicable. The application of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 84.81 through 84.89, regarding snowmobile operation is hereby confirmed.

Subd. 2. State Department of Natural Resources Rules and Regulations Applicable. The application of the Rules and Regulations of the State Department of Natural Resources relating to snowmobiles, Chapter 5, NR 51 through 59 (1973 Edition), is hereby confirmed.

Subd. 3. Lake Minnetonka Conservation District Code of Ordinances Applicable. The application of Lake Minnetonka Conservation District Code of Ordinances relating to motorized vehicles, Ordinance No. 7, Sections 4.34 through 4.40, is hereby confirmed.

705.03 Prohibitions. Except as otherwise specifically permitted and authorized by Section 705.02, it is unlawful to operate a snowmobile:

- (a) On a public sidewalk or walkway provided or used by pedestrian traffic.
- (b) On private property of another without the operator of the snowmobile having in possession the written consent of the owner or occupant of the property.
- (c) On any publicly owned lands and frozen waters, including, but not limited to, school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreation areas and golf courses, except areas previously listed or authorized for such use by the proper public authority when traversing to or from an approved snowmobile area by the shortest legal route.
- (d) Between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of each day, except in traveling without delay to or from a final destination.
- (e) On City streets, except when traversing to or from an approved snowmobile area by the shortest legal route.
- (f) So as to tow any person or thing on a street, except through the use of a rigid tow bar attached to the rear of the snowmobile.
- (g) In any manner prohibited under the laws, ordinances and regulations referred to in Section 705.02 as if such prohibitions were assumed to apply to all public and private property in the City.

SECTION 710 BICYCLES

710.01 Designation of Bicycle Lanes. Under Minnesota Statutes, Section 160.263, the City designates as bicycle lanes those portions of the following streets which are separated from the motor vehicle lanes by painted lines:

- (a) Vine Hill Road from State Highway No. 7 to the intersection of Vine Hill Road with Minnetonka Boulevard.
- (b) Minnetonka Boulevard from its intersection with Vine Hill Road to its intersection with the city limits of the City of Shorewood.
- (c) Minnetonka Boulevard from its intersection with Vine Hill Road to its intersection with Northome Boulevard.

710.02 No Parking on Bicycle Lanes. No person may place or park any motorized vehicle, trailer, bicycle or other vehicle on a bicycle lane.

710.03 Motorized Vehicles. No person may operate any automobile, truck, motorcycle, “motorized bicycle” as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.011, Subd. 27, or other motorized vehicle on a bicycle lane.

710.04 Operation of Bicycles. For purposes of this Section, the term “bicycle” has the meaning given that term in Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.01, Subd. 51. Any person operating a bicycle on any street or bicycle lane must comply with Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.222. No person may ride a bicycle on the central portion of a street adjoining a bicycle lane except to cross the street on a course generally perpendicular to the street. A person riding a bicycle in a bicycle lane may travel only in the same direction as the motor vehicle traffic in the motor vehicle lane adjoining the bicycle lane.

710.05 Registration. For purposes of this Section 710.05, the term “bicycle” has the meaning given that term in Minnesota Statutes, Section 168C.02, Subd. 2. Any resident of the City who owns a bicycle that is ridden on any street or bicycle lane in the City must register that bicycle pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 168C and must display on the bicycle the license plate issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 168C.07.

SECTION 715 STREET NAMES AND NUMBERING

715.01 Street Names. The City Clerk-Treasurer will keep on file at City Hall a book or register of all streets in the City listed by name and location.

715.02 Address Numbering. The City Clerk-Treasurer will keep on file at City Hall a book or register of all address numbers in the City listed by street name.

715.03 Display. All private residences and commercial establishments must display a number on the principal building or in such location as to be visible from the access road.