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Chapter 700 - Traffic Regulations

700.01 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.

700.02 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. Appropriate signs shall 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 §100.99

700.03 Stop Intersections. The city may designate intersections as stop intersections 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 § 100.99

700.04 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 § 100.99

700.05 Turning Restrictions.

- (A) 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.
- (B) The city shall mark by appropriate signs any intersection so designated.
- (C) No person shall turn a vehicle at any intersection contrary to the direction on those signs.

Penalty, see § 100.99

700.06 U-Turns Restricted. No person shall turn a vehicle so as to reverse its direction on any street in the Business District or at any intersection where traffic is regulated by a traffic control signal.

Penalty, see § 100.99

700.07 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, 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, 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, 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, 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.

Penalty, see § 100.99

700.08 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 § 100.99

700.09 Cruising Prohibited.

- (A) As used in this section, “cruising” means the operation of a motor vehicle as defined in M.S. §169.01, Subd. 3, as it may be amended from time to time, past a traffic control point as determined by a police officer on a street in an area designated “No Cruising Zone” by City Council resolution four or more times between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 3:30 a.m.
- (B) The passing of a traffic-control point under the conditions previously stated shall constitute unnecessary repetitive driving and is a violation of this section.
- (C) The following use of vehicles shall constitute valid exceptions to this prohibition: taxicabs for hire, buses, authorized emergency vehicle, vehicles used by or under contract with any governmental jurisdiction and any vehicle being used to conduct legitimate business activities.
- (D) This section may be enforced only in an area that has been posted as a “No Cruising Zone.” Signs shall be posted at the beginning and the end of any public street, alley or highway or portion thereof which is a no cruising zone.

700.10 Definitions. For the purpose of §§ 700.10 through 700.20, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- (A) “Parade” means any parade, march, ceremony, show, exhibition, pageant or procession of any kind or any similar display in or on any street, sidewalk, park or other public place in the city.
- (B) “Parade permit” means a permit required by §§ 700.10 through 700.20.
- (C) “Parking lot” means any paved or unpaved area used by a place of business or shopping center for the parking of vehicles of their customers, but shall not include those operated for hire.

700.11 Permit Required.

- (A) No person or persons shall engage or participate in, aid, form or start any parade unless a parade permit has been obtained from the City Administrator or other authorized city official.
- (B) This section shall not apply to:
 - (1) Funeral processions;
 - (2) Students going to and from school classes or participating in educational activities, provided that the conduct is under the immediate direction and supervision of the proper school authorities;
 - (3) A governmental agency acting within the scope of its functions.

Penalty, see § 100.99

700.12 Application for Permit.

- (A) **Generally.** A person seeking issuance of a parade permit shall file an application with the City Administrator.
- (B) **Filing period.** The application for a parade permit shall be filed not less than 21 days but not more than 60 days before the date on which it is proposed to conduct the parade. Failure to file an application 21 days in advance will not result in automatic denial of the permit, provided that the applicant shows reasonable grounds why the application could not be filed 21 days in advance.
- (C) **Required information.** The application for a parade permit shall set forth the following information:
 - (1) The name, address and telephone number of the person seeking to conduct the parade;

- (2) If the parade is proposed to be conducted for, on behalf of or by an organization, the name, address and telephone number of the headquarters of the organization and of the authorized and responsible heads of the organization;
 - (3) The name, address and telephone number of the person who will be the parade chairperson and who will be responsible for its conduct;
 - (4) The date when the parade is to be conducted;
 - (5) The route to be traveled, the starting point and the termination point;
 - (6) The approximate number of persons, animals and vehicles which will constitute the parade, the type of animals, if any, and the description of the vehicles;
 - (7) The hours when the parade will start and terminate;
 - (8) A statement as to whether the parade will occupy all or only a portion of the width of the streets, sidewalk, park or other public place proposed to be traversed;
 - (9) The location by street of any assembly area for the parade;
 - (10) The time at which units of the parade will begin to assemble at any assembly area or areas;
 - (11) The interval of space to be maintained between units of the parade;
 - (12) If the parade is designed to be held by, and on behalf of or for, any person other than the applicant, the applicant for the permit shall file a communication in writing from the person authorizing the applicant to apply for the permit on his or her behalf;
 - (13) Any additional information reasonably necessary to a fair determination as to whether a permit should be issued;
 - (14) If part of the route includes a county road or state highway, approval must be obtained from the county or state before the city permit may be issued.
- (D) **Fee.** There shall be paid at the time of filing an application for a parade permit a fee in an amount as established from time to time by ordinance of the Council. The applicant shall also bear the cost of additional traffic control required by the event.

Penalty, see § 100.99

700.13 Standards for Issuance of Permit. The City Administrator shall issue a permit when, from a consideration of the application and from other information obtained, he or she finds that:

- (A) The conduct of the parade will not substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of other traffic contiguous to its route;
- (B) The conduct of the parade will not require the diversion of so great a number of police officers of the city to properly police the line of movement and the areas contiguous thereto as to prevent normal police protection to the city;
- (C) The concentration of persons, animals and vehicles at assembly points of the parade will not unduly interfere with proper fire and police protection of, or ambulance service to, areas contiguous to the assembly areas;
- (D) The conduct of the parade will not interfere with the movement of emergency vehicles;
- (E) The parade is scheduled to move from its point of origin to its point of termination expeditiously and without unreasonable delays en route.

Penalty, see § 100.99

700.14 Notice of Rejection of Permit Application. If the City Administrator disapproves the application, he or she shall mail to the applicant within the three regular business days after the date on which the application was filed a notice of his or her action stating the reasons for his or her denial of the permit.

700.15 Appeal Procedure When Permit Denied. Any person aggrieved shall have the right to appeal the denial of a parade permit to the City Council. The appeal shall be taken within 30 days after notice of denial. The City Council shall act on the appeal within 30 days after its receipt.

700.16 Alternative Permit. The City Administrator or other authorized city official, in denying an application for a parade permit, shall be empowered to authorize the conduct of the parade on a date, at a time or over a route different than that named by the applicant. An applicant desiring to accept an alternate permit shall file a written notice of his or her acceptance. An alternate parade permit shall conform to the requirements of and shall have the effect of a parade permit under this chapter.

700.17 Notice to City and Other Officials When Permit Issued. Immediately on the issuance of a parade permit, a copy thereof shall be sent to the Police Chief and the Fire Chief.

700.18 Duties of Permittee. A permittee hereunder shall comply with all permit directions and conditions and with all applicable laws and ordinances. The parade chairperson or other person heading or leading the activity shall carry the parade permit on his or her person during the conduct of the parade.

Penalty, see § 100.99

700.19 Public Conduct During Parades.

- (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 Police Chief or other authorized city official shall have the authority, when reasonably necessary, to prohibit or restrict the parking of vehicles in the marshaling area 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 § 100.99

700.20 Revocation of Permit. The city shall have the authority to revoke a parade permit issued hereunder on application of the standards for issuance as herein set forth.

Chapter 710 – Self Propelled Motor Vehicles

710.01 Definitions.

- (A) **Self-propelled Motor Vehicles.** Self-propelled motorized vehicles include automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motor scooters, mini-bikes, dune buggies, trail bikes, go-carts and golf carts.
- (B) **Public property.** Property owned by a governmental body that may be used by the public, subject to reasonable regulations by the government body, including: public parks; county, city and school parks, grounds and yards; but excluding state, city and county streets and roads and parking lots.

710.02 Prohibition of Self-Propelled Motor Vehicles on Public Property. No person shall drive, operate or be in physical control of any motor vehicle on any public property as defined in § 710.01. This section does not apply to the parking or use of motor vehicles, campers, trailers or equipment in connection with any municipality-approved carnival, festival, race, parade or other gathering to include approved overnight camping sites.

710.99 Penalty. It is a misdemeanor to violate any provision of this chapter and any person violating the terms of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor and penalized as provided in § 100.99.

Chapter 720 - Parking Regulations *ord # 726, amended 11-12-15***720.01 Restricted Parking.**

- (A) In order to facilitate snow removal from the public streets of the City of Princeton from November 1 through March 31 of each year, no vehicle shall be parked on any public street in the city between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- (B) In order to facilitate snow removal and sweeping of surfaces on Rum River Drive from 3rd Street South South to the south end of the Dunn Memorial Bridge and, on 1st Street from 4th Avenue South to 8th Avenue South, no vehicle shall be parked between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. year round.
- (C) In order to facilitate snow removal and sweeping of surfaces from the public parking lots in the City of Princeton, no vehicle shall be parked in the following parking lots between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. year round:
 - (1) Princeton Mall parking lot in Block 2, Damon's Addition;
 - (2) Riverside Mail parking lot in Block 5, Original Townsite; and
 - (3) And the following parking lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. year round: city parking lot in Block 3, Damon's Addition, center two rows of parking only (this chapter does not pertain to the southernmost nor northernmost rows of parking in this lot).

720.02 Parking Duration Limited. In order to assist in snow removal operations, the recovery of stolen or abandoned vehicles, and the public use of the city-owned parking lots, no vehicle shall be permitted to be parked, abandoned or left standing in any parking lot for a period of excess of 72 hours at any time of the year.

720.03 Stopping, Standing and Parking.

- (A) Upon any street or highway outside of a business or residence district, no person shall stop, park or leave standing any vehicles, whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or improved or main traveled part of the highway when it is practical to stop, park or so leave the vehicle off the part of the highway, but in every event a clear and unobstructed width of at least 20 feet of such passage of other vehicles and a clear view of the stopped vehicle be available from a distance of 200 feet in each direction upon the highway.
- (B) This section shall not apply to the driver of any vehicle which is disabled while on the paved or improved or main traveled portion of a highway in such a manner and to such extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving the disabled vehicles in such position.

- (C) This section shall not apply to the driver of a school bus stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child or school children and is displaying the flashing red lamps and stop arm required.

720.04 Police May Move Cars.

- (A) When any police officer finds a vehicle standing upon a street or highway in violation of any of the provisions of § 720.03, such officer is hereby authorized to move the vehicle or require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move the same to a position off the paved or main traveled part of the highway.
- (B) When any police officer finds a vehicle unattended upon any street or highway or upon any bridge or causeway where the vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, the officer is hereby authorized to provide for the removal of the vehicle and remove the same to the nearest convenient garage or other place of safety.

720.05 Prohibitions, Stopping, Parking. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

- (A) On a sidewalk;
- (B) In front of a public or private driveway;
- (C) Within an intersection;
- (D) Within ten feet of a fire hydrant;
- (E) On a crosswalk;
- (F) Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
- (G) Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;
- (H) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone unless a different length is indicated by signs or markings;
- (I) Opposing traffic, by parking on the side of any street or highway in a direction other than the direction of traffic in the immediately adjacent lane of travel;
- (J) Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of the entrance when properly sign-posted;
- (K) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when the stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;

- (L) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
- (M) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a street or highway or within a street or highway tunnel, except as otherwise provided by ordinance;
- (N) At any place where official traffic-control devices prohibit stopping; and
- (O) In order to facilitate public safety, street maintenance, street sweeping and street snow removal of/from the public streets located within any industrial zone of the city as per the official zoning map, no vehicle shall be parked on said street at any time.

720.06 Moving Vehicle by Non-Owner. No person shall move a vehicle not owned by the person into any prohibited area or away from a curb the distance as is unlawful.

720.07 Parking House Trailers. No person shall, for camping purposes, leave or park a house trailer on or within the limits of any street or highway or on any highway right-of-way, except where signs are erected designating the place as campsite. No person shall leave or park a house trailer on any streets or highway or the right-of-way thereof for a longer period than six hours.

720.08 Traffic Officer Directions. No person shall stop or park a vehicle on a street or highway when directed or ordered to proceed by any peace officer invested by law with authority to direct, control or regulate traffic.

720.09 Display for Sale. No vehicle shall be parked on any street for the purpose of displaying it for sale.

720.10 Fire Escape. No person shall park a vehicle so as to block a fire escape or the exit from any building, whether public or private property.

720.11 Police Order. No person shall park any vehicle where temporary signs are posted reading "No Parking - Police Order," as long as such signs are in place.

720.12 Fire Lane. No person shall park in any area designated as a fire lane.

720.13 Existing Parking Signs. Existing signs which have been posted by direction of the Council, engineer or the Chief of Police regulating parking of vehicles shall be recognized as properly placed under this chapter until changed by proper direction of the Council.

720.14 Parking in Alleys. No person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, upon any alley within the municipality; provided that this shall not prohibit the parking of the vehicles for less than a period of one hour along any such alley for the purpose of having access to any property abutting thereon for the purpose of loading or unloading merchandise or other material when the access cannot conveniently be secured upon the property itself.

720.15 Limited Time Parking Zones. The Council may designate no parking or limited time parking zones by a resolution setting forth the location of the zone, and in the case of a limited time parking zone, the time limit imposed. The Chief of Police shall post signs at

locations so designated which shall either indicate, in accordance with the resolution, a no parking zone or the specified time limit for parking, and if there is a concrete curb, the curb shall be painted yellow at the designated parking zone.

720.16 Operation and Parking of Vehicles on Private Parking Lots. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any private parking lots within the municipality at a speed greater than is safe and reasonable under the conditions of traffic when existing therein, and in no event at a speed exceeding 15 mph. Parking of vehicles on the lots shall conform to any stalls or positions for parking designated on the surface of the parking area and no vehicle shall be parked or allowed to stand in any area of the parking lot which has been designated or is used for a lane for moving traffic so as to interfere with the movement of traffic thereon. The Council may authorize the Chief of Police or engineer to post signs at any entrance to a private parking lot from a public street, which shall designate one-way traffic for entrances or exit, and the driver of any vehicle entering or leaving such lot shall comply with any one-way signs so posted.

720.17 Truck Parking. No person shall park any of the following described vehicles on any street, alley or public property in any residential or multiple dwelling zoned district within the municipal limits for more than one hour:

- (A) Trucks of a capacity of more than one ton, according to manufacturer's rating;
- (B) Trucks having an over-all length of more than 20 feet or a width at any point of more than eight feet;
- (C) Dump trucks, tractors, truck-tractors, trailer, semi-trailers or any heavy equipment or machinery; and
- (D) Any truck, trailer, semi-trailer, tractor or other vehicle which is being used, or has been used, for the transporting of any fowl or livestock, or any pieces or parts thereof.

720.18 Removal of Vehicles in Violations Thereof. The City Administrator, any police officer or other duly sworn authorized person may immediately order any vehicle violating any provision of this chapter, thereby constituting a public nuisance, to be removed and impounded in the manner provided for in Princeton City Ordinance #318.

720.19 Maintenance/Emergency Situations. The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to duly authorized maintenance, law enforcement or fire and rescue personnel while on or in the performance of their duties or in the event of other emergencies.

720.20 Snow Emergencies. The Director of Public Works will declare a snow emergency if there is a snow event with accumulation of three inches or more predicted by NOAA, or such conditions warrant.

- (A) The City of Princeton web site, the City of Princeton Facebook page, the City of Princeton Digital Community Sign and WQPM will be used as a means to notify residents that a snow emergency is declared. A six-hour notification of a snow emergency will be given prior to the snow emergency going into effect.

- (B) Unless otherwise stated by the Director of Public Works or the Public Works Supervisor, when a snow emergency is enacted, the snow emergency will go into effect at 2:00 a.m. the morning after the snow emergency is enacted. The snow emergency will continue until canceled by the Director of Public Works or the Public Works Supervisor, or streets are plowed curb to curb.
- (C) Any police officer or duly sworn authorized person may tow, immediately, any vehicle that is parked on any street or public right of way within the City of Princeton when a snow emergency has been declared. The towing may continue until the snow emergency has been canceled.

720.99 Penalty. Violation of this chapter shall be a petty misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed that permitted by state law.

Chapter 730 - Truck Parking

730.01 Parking of Certain Vehicles Restricted. No person shall park any of the following described vehicles on any street, alley or public property in any residential or multiple dwelling zoned district within the municipal limits for more than one hour:

- (A) Trucks of a capacity of more than one ton, according to manufacturer's rating;
- (B) Trucks having an over-all length of more than 20 feet or a width at any point of more than 8 feet;
- (C) Dump trucks, tractors, truck-tractors, trailers, semi-trailers or any heavy equipment or machinery;
- (D) Any truck, trailer, semi-trailer, tractor or other vehicle which is being used, or has been used, for the transporting of any fowl or livestock or any pieces or parts thereof.

730.99 Penalty. Any person found guilty of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be penalized as provided in § 100.99.

Chapter 740 - Bicycles, Skateboards and the Like

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

- (A) "Bikeway" means that area of a right of way parallel to a roadway with a hard surface, designated by the City Council as a bikeway, and intended to be used by pedestrians, bicycles, skateboards and in-line skates.
- (B) "Non-motorized vehicle" means bicycle, skateboard, in-line skate.

740.02 Designation of Bikeway.

- (A) The purpose of the bikeway is to encourage the safe and efficient travel of

non-motorized traffic through the downtown business district, while causing a minimum of disruption to other users.

- (B) The sidewalk on the east side of Rum River Drive shall be designated as a “bikeway” and non-motorized vehicles shall be permitted.
- (C) Any person operating a non-motorized vehicle shall be in complete control of the non-motorized vehicle at all times and shall operate the non-motorized vehicle in a manner which does not cause injury or annoyance to any other person.
- (D) All operators must yield to pedestrians at all times.
- (E) All operators must use caution at intersections and may not enter an intersection at a speed greater than a speed similar to an ordinary walking speed.

740.03 Prohibited Activities.

- (A) The following and similar activities shall be prohibited upon the designated bikeway.
 - (1) Any trick operation or any operation which causes the operator to change speed and/or direction frequently or abruptly.
 - (2) Any activity which reasonably could result in an unsafe condition.
 - (3) Any activity which causes another person to have to quickly react to the actions of the non-motorized vehicle to avoid an accident.
- (B) The use of skate boards, bicycles or skate type shoes, or other similar devices, on any sidewalk in the business district, unless designated as a bikeway, is prohibited. The business district is the area along Rum River Drive for its entire length from Smith Systems Road to TH 95. The area also includes 1st Street (CSAH 31) from 4th Avenue to 7th Avenue.

740.04 Marking.

- (A) The Public Works Director shall mark the bikeway by causing diamond shaped markings on the pavement to be affixed to the pavement at regular intervals not more than 100 feet apart. The markings shall be at least 12 inches in diameter and of a uniform color and design.
- (B) The Public Works Director shall cause signs to be erected along the bikeway indicating that it is a bikeway, indicating the pavement diamond markings, indicating the route may be used by skate boards, bicycles and skate-type shoes, and indicating that all non-motorized vehicle uses must yield to pedestrians.

740.99 Penalty.

- (A) Violation of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor and punishable as provided for in Minnesota State Statutes.

- (B) In addition, a police officer may impound the non-motorized vehicle used at the time of the violation and hold the vehicle until the payment of an impound fee as set from time to time by the City Council. Initially, the fee shall be \$25.00, plus the cost of storage.
- (C) If the operator causing the violation is under 18 years of age at the time of the violation, the operator's parent(s) or guardian must retrieve the impounded vehicle.

Chapter 750 – Recreational Motor Vehicles (Snowmobiles and ATVs)

750.01 Definitions. The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, have the meanings as set out herein:

- (A) “Recreational Motor Vehicle” (RMV) means a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow, ice or natural terrain steered by wheels, skis or runners. Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) are RMVs.
- (B) “Operate” means to ride in or on and control the operation of an RMV.
- (C) “Operator” means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of an RMV.
- (D) “Owner” means a person, other than a person with a security interest, having a property interest in or title to an RMV and entitled to the use and possession of the vehicle.
- (E) “Person” includes an individual, partnership, corporation, the state and its agencies and subdivisions and any body of persons, whether incorporated or not.
- (F) “Public road right-of-way” means the entire right-of-way of a public road, including the traveled portions, banks, ditches, shoulders and medians of a roadway that is not privately owned.
- (G) “Register” means the act of assigning a registration number to an RMV.
- (H) “Snowmobile Trails” mean the property designated and posted for use by RMVs.
- (I) “Street” means any public roadway, including streets, highways and alleys.

750.02 Intent. It is the intent of this ordinance to limit the use of snowmobiles and ATVs within the city of Princeton. Persons riding snowmobiles and ATVs may travel only the most direct route to travel to and from recreational trails outside the city but may not use city streets for excursion driving.

750.03 Operation on Street.

- (A) (1) All provisions of this code as to traffic regulation and parking shall apply to the operation of RMVs upon the streets and other public property of this municipality, except for those relating to required equipment and except those which by their nature have no application.
- (2) All provisions of the Highway Traffic Regulations Act, M.S. Ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, and all ordinances of the city regulating traffic shall apply to the operation of RMVs upon streets and highways, except those which by their nature have no application.
- (B) When operating an RMV upon a street, all such operation shall be at the extreme right of the street as near to the curb or shoulder thereof as practical under the circumstances.
- (C) No person shall operate an RMV upon the roadway, shoulder or inside bank or slope of any trunk, county state aid or county highway in the city.
- (D) An RMV may make a direct crossing of a street or highway at any hour of the day, provided:
 - (1) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;
 - (2) The RMV is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main traveled way of the highway;
 - (3) The driver yields the right-of-way to all on-coming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard;
 - (4) If the crossing is made between the hours of one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or in conditions of reduced visibility, only if both front and rear lights are on.
- (E) No person shall operate an RMV within the corporate limits of this municipality between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and sunrise, except that occasional operation upon a public street or a city approved trail or path after said hour shall be permitted when the operator is proceeding directly to his or her home from outside the municipality.
- (F) When two or more RMVs shall be operated together or as a group, they shall stay in single file while operating upon any street and not more than three RMVs shall proceed in any single group.

750.04 Unlawful Operation. Unless otherwise noted, it is unlawful for any person to operate an RMV:

- (A) At any place while under the influence of alcohol or of a controlled substance, as defined in or referred to in M.S. §169.121, as it may be amended from time to time, which statutes are hereby incorporated herein by reference;
- (B) At any rate of speed greater than 20 miles per hour on city streets;
- (C) In a careless, reckless or negligent manner or heedlessly in disregard of the rights or safety of others, or in a manner so as to endanger, or be likely to endanger, or cause injury or damage to any person or property;
- (D) So as to tow any person or thing on a public street or highway;
- (E) In a manner so as to create loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons;
- (F) Unless the RMV has been registered or licensed as required by State Statutes
- (G) Unless the driver is in possession of a valid Driver's License (not required for snowmobile use);
- (H) On airport property;
- (I) Without fully complying with the provisions of M.S. §84.81 through 84.915, inclusive, and M.S. §84.92 through 84.929, inclusive, and as may be amended from time to time, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and all other state statutes regulating such activities, which statutes and rules and regulations are hereby adopted and made a part hereof.

750.05 Unlawful Operation on Streets and the Like. Except as herein permitted, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate an RMV in the city under the following circumstances:

- (A) On private property without the express permission to do so by the owner and occupant of the property;
- (B) On public school grounds, park property, playgrounds, winter recreational areas, golf courses, cemeteries or any other public places, except on posted "Snowmobile Trail" locations, unless the operator has the express permission by the proper public authority;
- (C) No RMV shall be operated on public sidewalks or boulevards;
- (D) On the portion of any public road right-of-way used for motor vehicle travel or the roadway of a state, trunk, county state aid or county highway, except that a city street may be used only to gain access to and from those areas not restricted by this chapter.

Except where prohibited by state statutes or other provisions of this chapter, RMVs may also be operated upon the ditch bottom or outside of trunk, county state aid and county highways where such highways lie within the corporate limits of the city;

- (E) No RMV shall enter any intersection without yielding the right-of-way to any vehicles or pedestrians at the intersection or so close to the intersection as to constitute an immediate hazard;
- (F) The operator of an RMV shall make every effort to be visible to oncoming traffic from any direction.
- (G) Only the operator of the RMV shall be on the vehicle. No RMV shall be operated with any additional passengers except, as provided by State Statutes, a parent or guardian may operate an ATV carrying one (1) passenger who is under 16 years of age and who wears a safety helmet approved by the Minnesota Commissioner of Public Safety..

750.06 Equipment. No RMV shall be operated within the city unless it shall have the following equipment:

- (A) Mufflers which are properly attached, which are in good working order and which blends the exhaust noise into the overall RMV noise, is in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise as is required by law and the rules and regulations of the State of Minnesota pertaining thereto, and no person shall use a muffler cut-out, by-pass, straight pipe or any similar device on a snowmobile;
- (B) At least one headlamp, one tail lamp, each a minimum candle power as prescribed by regulations of the State of Minnesota, reflector material of a minimum area of 16 square inches mounted on each side forward of the handlebars;
- (C) Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the RMV under any condition of operation;
- (D) A safety or so-called “dead-man” throttle in operating condition; a safety or “dead-man” throttle is defined as a device which, when pressure is removed from the accelerator or throttle, causes the RMV to come to a stop.

750.07 Age Restrictions. No person shall operate an RMV in violation of the age requirements established by Minnesota State Statutes.

750.08 Emergency Operation. Notwithstanding any prohibitions in this chapter, an RMV may be operated on a public thoroughfare in an emergency during the periods of time when, and at all locations where, snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.

750.09 Organized RMV Events. In accordance with M.S. §84.87, Subd. 1a., as it may be amended from time to time, and M.S. §84.87, Subd. 3, nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the use of RMVs within the city in organized events or contests, provided the organized events or contests are conducted as hereinafter set forth.

- (A) **Authorization.** Any incorporated veterans' organization and/or club, incorporated religious corporation or non-profit corporations may organize and conduct within the incorporated limits of the city an organized RMV event or RMV contest, provided the organization shall first apply to the city for and obtain a permit authorizing such organized RMV event or RMV contest.
- (B) **Term.** The permits issued for said organized RMV event or contest may be for one, two, but not more than three consecutive days.
- (C) **Permit required.** No organized RMV event or RMV contest shall be conducted within the city unless the sponsoring organization shall have first obtained from the city a permit therefore as provided herein, which the organizing corporation shall comply with all terms and conditions of this chapter and of the permit issued pursuant hereto.
- (D) **Application.** Any corporation as herein defined desiring to obtain a permit to give or hold or conduct an organized RMV event or RMV contest shall make verified application to City Hall upon blanks to be furnished by the City Administrator. The application shall set forth in reasonable detail the dates, hours, place or places, description of event or contest to be conducted, description of security facilities and personnel, if any, and information as the Chief of Police of the city may thereafter demand. The application shall also be accompanied by acceptable documentary evidence that the applicant has or will have in force public liability insurance which will protect both the city and all members of the public who might attend the organized event and which insurance shall be in a minimum of \$600,000.00. The applicant shall pay to the city at the time of application a fee in an amount as the Council of this city shall set from time to time hereafter. The Chief of Police shall thereupon investigate the applying organization, the application for permit and all related fact-statements made therein and make a report to the City Council recommending either issuance or rejection of the application for permit.
- (E) **Issuance of permit.** The Administrator of this city, upon approval by the City Council, may issue a permit authorizing the applicant to organize and conduct such RMV organized event or RMV contest within the city for a period not to exceed three consecutive days.
- (1) The Administrator is hereby authorized, upon recommendation of the Chief of Police, to suspend and/or alter and change existing city ordinance and regulations regulating the operation of snowmobiles within the city so as to permit the operation thereof, under different terms and conditions, in said RMV organized events.
 - (2) The Administrator may authorize operating a RMV during said organized RMV event on any public property and/or city-owned property, not including the municipal airport, and, further, may establish minimum required safety regulations and provisions to govern the operation of RMV during such RMV organized events.

- (a) These regulations and provisions may include authorizing persons 12 years of age or older to so operate, providing that each such snowmobile operator shall have in his or her immediate possession a valid State of Minnesota snowmobile safety certificate.
- (b) The said terms, regulations and provisions may also require the wearing by all RMV operators at all times of State of Minnesota-approved safety helmets.

750.99 Penalties. Any person violating the terms of this chapter shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, be as provided in §100.99.

Chapter 760 - Motorized Golf Carts

760.01 Use of City Streets.

- (A) Motorized golf carts shall only be operated on city streets which the Council shall by resolution designate as cart routes.
- (B) Only persons who have a valid permit issued by the city under the conditions in §760.02.
- (C) When a person holding a valid permit does not reside on a designated cart route, the permit holder may use the most direct route available to reach a designated route from the residence, but shall not operate the cart on any other street not designated as a cart route. Where the permit holder's destination is not on a designated route, the permit holder may use the most direct route between the destination and the nearest designated route.
- (D) Motorized golf carts may only be operated on designated routes from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons in vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.
- (E) Motorized golf carts 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 designated routes.
- (F) Every person operating a motorized golf cart under permit on designated routes has all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of M.S. Ch. 169, as amended from time to time, except when those provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts and except as otherwise specifically provided in M.S. § 169.045, Subd. 7, as amended from time to time.

760.02 Requirement for Permit.

- (A) Each person desiring a permit for the operation of a motorized golf cart must submit an application provided by the city accompanied by an application fee as established by the City Council by resolution.
- (B) Each application shall show evidence of the name and address of the applicant, evidence of insurance which meets the requirements of M.S. § 65B.48, Subd. 5, as amended from time to time, and such other information as the city may require.
- (C) Each permit must be renewed annually and each renewal must meet the requirements set forth in this section.
- (D) A permit may be revoked at any time if it is shown the permittee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart on the designated routes or if the person has had a valid driver's license revoked for traffic violations.

760.03 Liability. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as an assumption of liability by the city for any injuries to persons on property which may result from the operation of a motorized golf cart by a permit holder or the failure by the city to revoke the permit.

760.99 Penalty. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as provided in § 100.99.

Chapter 770 – Unauthorized Vehicles

Added 2-13-14, Ord #703

770.01 Definitions: The following words and phrases, when used in Chapter 770, have the meanings set out herein:

“Vehicle” includes all self-propelled devices such as automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motor scooters, mini-bikes, dune buggies, trail bikes, go-carts, golf carts, any vehicle designed for travel on snow, ice or natural terrain steered by wheels, skis or runners, including snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and recreational motor vehicles.

770.02 Intent: It is the intent of this ordinance to prohibit vehicular travel on certain streets, parking lots and other public places in order to preserve their use for public safety vehicles, vehicles engaged in public safety functions, and other vehicle usage by the City, as determined by the City Council.

770.03 Streets And Places Designated: The City Council shall by resolution designate streets, parking lots and other places at which the driving, operating or physical control of an unauthorized Vehicle as defined herein, is prohibited, and shall authorize the placement of signs which clearly prohibit the presence of an unauthorized Vehicle.

770.04 Authorization For Certain Public Functions: The City Council shall by resolution designate the public functions and public officers and employees performing such public functions, which are authorized to drive, operate or be in physical control of a vehicle on the

streets, parking lots and other places designated in Section 770.03.

770.05 Violations: It shall be unlawful and punishable as a misdemeanor for any person to drive, operate or be in physical control of an unauthorized Vehicle on a street or other place where unauthorized Vehicles are prohibited by resolution of the City Council and signs have been placed which clearly prohibit the presence of unauthorized Vehicles.