

603. Parking

§603.010 PARKING; DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this chapter, certain words and phrases are defined as follows:

Subd. 1. Municipal Parking Lots. The areas owned or designated by the City of White Bear Lake and used for the public parking, loading and unloading of vehicles.

Subd. 2. Operator. Includes every individual who shall operate a vehicle as the owner thereof, or as the agent, employee or permittee of the owner or any individual who is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

Subd. 3. Park or Parking. The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a street or in a Municipal Parking Lot otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, receiving or discharging passengers or loading or unloading merchandise, or in obedience to traffic regulations, signs or signals or an involuntary stopping of the vehicle by reason of causes beyond the control of the operator of the vehicle.

Subd. 4. Street or Highway. Any public street, avenue, road, alley or highway located in the City which is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular traffic. The terms "street" and "highway" are used interchangeably herein.

Subd. 5. Vehicle. Any device in, or upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a public highway. (Ref. §502.010, Code 1966; Ord. Nos. 439, 12/13/66; 574, 6/24/75)

§603.020 PARKING; POWERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER. The City Council is authorized to designate parking meter zones and restrict the length of time parking shall be permitted at any place within the City. In establishing or changing parking meter zones or parking restrictions, the Council shall pass a resolution at a regular or special meeting adequately describing and defining said parking meter zones or parking restrictions. Said resolution shall be published once in a local newspaper after which said resolution shall be in force and effect.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to forbid parking of all vehicles for temporary periods in case of emergency at any place within the City. (Ref. §502.020, Code 1966)

§603.030 PARKING; DESIGNATION OF PARKING SPACES. The City Manager is hereby authorized to mark off individual parking spaces. Parking spaces are to be designated by lines painted or durably marked on the curbing or surface of the street. At each space so marked off it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in such a way that said vehicle shall not be entirely within the limits of the space so designated. (Ref. §502.030, Code 1966)

§603.040 PARKING; BACKING TO CURB PROHIBITED. In areas where angle parking is permitted, no person shall park any vehicle in any manner other than so that the front of vehicle faces the adjacent curb. (Ref. §502.040, Code 1966)

§603.050 PARKING; BACKING TO CURB RESTRICTED. No owner or driver of any vehicle shall at any time between the hours of eight (8:00) o'clock A.M. and six (6:00) o'clock P.M. permit the same to be backed into or up to the curb of any street or highway for the purpose of loading or unloading or any other purpose whatsoever, unless allowed by permission of the Police Department. When taking on or discharging freight or passengers, vehicles shall be headed in the direction of traffic on the right of the roadway. So far as practicable, freight, coal and vehicles carrying other heavy commodities shall be unloaded from the right side and not from the end of the vehicle, and shall be drawn in close to the curb. (Ref. Ord. No. 439, 12/13/66)

§603.060 PARKING; WINTER PARKING. No owner of a motor vehicle shall leave, park or permit the same to stand on any City street, alley or in a Municipal Parking Lot for more than twenty-four (24) hours during the period from November First (1st) through April First (1st) of each year. (Ref. §502.050, Code 1966; Ord. Nos. 439, 12/13/66; 574 6/13/75)

§603.070 PARKING; PARKING AFTER SNOWFALL. No owner of a vehicle shall leave, park or permit same to stand on any City street, alley or in a Municipal Parking Lot, except in compliance with the direction of a police officer, for a period of time commencing immediately after the accumulation thereon of three (3) inches or more of snow, and continuing until the snow has been removed to the full width of the street, alley or parking lot. (Ref. §502.060, Code 1966; Ord. No. 439, 12/13/66; 574, 6/24/75; 714, 3/12/86)

§603.080 PARKING; TOWING AND STORAGE, LIEN. The City Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to have removed any vehicle on any street, alley or in a Municipal Parking Lot in violation of Sections 603.060 and 603.070 of the Code or stalled thereon and to have such vehicle removed and stored in a secure indoor or outdoor facility within 15 miles of the Police Station. Such vehicle shall not be removed therefrom until reasonable costs of storing and towing same have been fully paid. The City Manager shall have the further authority to direct employees of the City to remove any such vehicle and in that event the City Manager may impose a charge to be paid to the City Clerk before said vehicle may be taken or recovered by the owner thereof.

In the event that any vehicle held or stored by the direction of the City Manager, upon which there are charges for storage or towing or both, shall not be reclaimed, recovered or taken by the owner thereof, there shall be deemed to be imposed upon such vehicle a possessory lien in the amount so charged and unpaid and should the owner thereof fail to pay the same then the possessory lien may be foreclosed in the manner provided for by law. (Ref. §502.070, Code 1966; Ord. No. 439, 12/13/66; 574, 6/24/75; 2039, 12/10/2019)

§603.090 PARKING; GENERAL RESTRICTIONS. No vehicle shall be parked in violation of any of the following provisions;

Subd. 1. No person, firm or corporation operating any public garage shall park vehicles on the streets adjacent to or in the vicinity of such public garage for a longer period than ninety (90) minutes.

Subd. 2. No vehicle shall be parked within eighty (80') feet of the point where the property line projected would intersect a street upon which buses are operated, where the corner where such intersection takes place is used as a bus stop.

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Subd. 3. No vehicle shall be parked within thirty (30') feet of any arterial, stop sign or sign

indicating the direction for travel.

Subd. 4. No vehicle shall be parked on the approaches to any bridge, nor upon any boulevard, lawn or grass plot.

Subd. 5. No vehicle shall be parked in a loading zone of a Municipal Parking Lot except for purposes of loading and unloading and then only for the length of time reasonably necessary therefor.

Subd. 6. No vehicle shall be parked in any alley except for purposes of loading and unloading unless at least ten (10') feet of the alley is left available for the free movement of traffic.

Subd. 7. No vehicle shall be parked or left standing upon the private property of any person without the consent of such property owner.

Subd. 8. No vehicle or combination of vehicles over twenty-two (22') feet or more in length, and seven (7') feet or more in width, measured between the two (2) most widely separated points or proportions on either side of such vehicle or combination of vehicles, shall be parked on any street or alley for more than thirty (30) minutes, or for a time reasonably necessary to load or unload such vehicle or combination of vehicles. (Ref. Ord. Nos. 439, 12/13/66; 574, 6/24/75)

§603.100 PARKING; PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN PLACES. 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:

Subd. 1. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

Subd. 2. On Fourth (4th) Street between Highway 61 and Washington Avenue in the City. (Ref. Ord. No. 439, 12/13/66)

§603.110 PARKING; ONE-WAY STREETS. Vehicles parked on one-way streets shall face in the same direction in which traffic is permitted to move on said streets. Vehicles when so parked may be placed with either the right-hand or left-hand wheels parallel to the curb, but not more than twelve (12") inches therefrom, with at least four (4') feet between parked vehicles.

In the event a highway includes two (2) or more separate roadways and traffic is restricted to one (1) direction upon any such roadway, no person shall stand or park a vehicle upon the left-hand side of such one-way roadway unless signs are erected to permit such standing or parking. (Ref. Ord. No. 439, 12/13/66)

§603.120 PARKING; DOUBLE PARKING. Vehicles shall not stand two (2) or more abreast in any street except as follows:

Subd. 1. Commercial vehicles, when calling for or delivering parcels or merchandise, may double park for the length of time absolutely and reasonably necessary to load or unload when access to the curb is blocked by other vehicles at the place of delivery. (Ref. Ord. No. 439, 12/13/66)

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§603.130 PARKING; BLOCKING TRAFFIC. No vehicle shall occupy any street or highway so as to interfere with or interrupt the passage of other vehicles.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to enter a street intersection or a marked crosswalk area unless there is sufficient space beyond the intersection in the right half of the roadway to accommodate the vehicle without obstructing the passage of other vehicles, notwithstanding any traffic control signal to proceed, except that on a one-way street, drivers shall not be restricted to the use of the right half of the road, but may have access to the entire width thereof beyond the intersection, provided sufficient space be available.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to drive across a sidewalk in entering a garage or parking lot unless there is sufficient space beyond the crosswalk in the garage or on the parking lot to accommodate the vehicle without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians. (Ref. Ord. No. 439, 12/13/66)

§603.140 PARKING; BLOCKING ENTRIES. No person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand whether attended or unattended upon a highway in front of or within ten (10') feet on either side of the entrance to any depot, theater, hotel, club or other building designated by official no-parking signs: or within fifteen (15') feet on either side of the rear entrance to any theater, except when taking on or discharging freight or passengers, and then only for such length of time as is reasonably necessary for such purpose. At theaters, hotels, clubs, depots or public gatherings, or under unusual circumstances, vehicles must move or park as directed by Police Officers or Police orders. (Ref. Ord. No. 439, 12/13/66)

§603.150 PARKING; TRANSFER OF GOODS RESTRICTED. No person shall transfer goods, wares or merchandise from one (1) vehicle to another while on any arterial highway: provided, that this section shall not be construed to apply where the vehicle from which the transfer is being made is incapable of being moved by its own power. (Ref. Ord. No. 439, 12/13/66)

§603.160 PARKING; MOVING PARKED VEHICLES. No person shall move a vehicle not owned by such person into any prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful. (Ref. Ord. No. 439, 12/13/66)

§603.170 PARKING; TRUCK PARKING RESTRICTED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. No motor vehicle over one (1) ton capacity or over twelve thousand (12,000) pounds gross vehicle weight, whichever is less, and no commercially licensed trailer shall be parked or stored in a platted residential district except when loading, unloading or rendering a service. School buses may be parked on-street for up to 90 minutes provided they are set back at least fifty (50) feet from any intersection. (Ref. §408.050, Code 1966; Ord. No. 456, 4/9/68; 838, 06/11/91, 989, 03/12/02)

§603.180 PARKING; OTHER PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. Off-street and on-street parking in residential areas for periods over six (6) hours shall be limited to the residents of those homes and their guests unless otherwise regulated by other codes and ordinances. Moreover, except for short-term parking of six (6) hours or less, the number of vehicles parked on or in front of a residential lot shall not exceed the number of persons residing on the premises and having automobile drivers licenses, plus one. (Ref §408.060 Code 1966. Ord. No. 456, 4/9/68)

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§603.190 PARKING; PRESUMPTION IN REFERENCE TO ILLEGAL PARKING. In any prosecution charging a violation of any law or regulation governing the standing or parking of a vehicle, proof that the particular vehicle described in the complaint was parked in violation of any such law or regulation, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time of such parking the registered owner of such vehicle, shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the

registered owner of such vehicle was the person who parked or placed such vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which, such violation occurred. (Ref. Ord. No. 561, 5/14/74)

§603.200 PARKING; TAXI PARKING. No taxicab shall be permitted to stand on any public street or alley except on taxicab stands which shall be designated and plainly marked by the Police Department, and the parking of any vehicle not a taxicab, on such designated stands is hereby prohibited; except, that whenever a taxicab is on a designated cab stand and blocks the delivery entrance to any building, the drivers of such taxicabs shall make an opening to the curb so as to permit a commercial vehicle to load or unload. The driver of any taxicab occupying a designated stand must remain on the drivers seat at all times, except when necessary to open or close the door of his taxicab, to assist a passenger to enter or leave or to answer his call signal. No taxicab shall stand for a period longer than one-half (1/2) hour; at the end of such time the taxicab heading the line shall move off the stand and the remaining taxicabs will then move forward. No person shall solicit passengers for a taxicab upon the streets and highways of the City, except the driver of a taxicab when sitting upon the drivers seat of his vehicle, but the fact that such taxicab displays a device to indicate that such vehicle is not engaged shall not be considered as soliciting patronage.

Nothing in the foregoing provision of this section, however, shall prohibit the driver of any taxicab from parking in a legal parking space or at a parking meter, provided the proper payment is made therefore for reasonable periods of time during which said driver is taking his meals or is on an errand of personal business. During such periods, however, solicitation of patronage by said drivers is expressly prohibited. (Ref. Ord. No. 439, 12/13/66)

§603.300 DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The Council of the City of White Bear Lake finds that the residential area adjacent to or near the White Bear Lake High School South Campus, does not have sufficient on-street parking to safely accommodate the residential parking needs of the residents, and the parking needs of non-residents. The Council further finds the frequent parking of vehicles in this residential area by non-residential users has created residential problems of safety, environmental and aesthetic nature.

§603.310 RESTRICTED RESIDENTIAL PARKING AREAS. The following parking regulations shall be in effect for all residential areas as described in Resolution No. 6178 and any additional areas as designated by the City Council. Parking in the above described areas is prohibited where posted except by permit as herein prescribed.

§603.320 PARKING PERMITS; ELIGIBILITY; ISSUANCE

- a) Application. Annual application for one or more parking permits authorized under Section 163.300 shall be made on a form provided by the City Clerk of the License Bureau hereinafter referred to as "clerk," which form may require the applicant to furnish his or her name and address, the owners name and address, make, model and license number of his or her vehicles, and any additional information which will aid the clerk in the enforcement of these provisions.

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- b) Annual Permit Application. Parking permits will be issued, at no charge, upon application for a twelve (12) month period from January 1, through December 31 of each year.
- c) Number of Permits. The number of school zone parking permits available to the residents of said residence or dwelling shall be limited on the basis of one permit for each vehicle owned by the resident. **IN NO WAY SHALL THE NUMBER OF PERMITS EXCEED THE NUMBER OF PERSONS HAVING AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS LICENSES FOR EACH RESIDENCE.**
- d) Visitor Permits. Unlimited non-transferrable Special Parking Permits, shall be made available, at

no charge, to each residence or dwelling unit. Special Permits shall be issued by the City Clerk upon written application from the resident. Special Permits shall be issued upon need for a period up to a maximum of fourteen (14) days. Special Permits must be displayed during the entire time the vehicle is parked in the school zone restricted parking area by attaching the permit to the vehicles rear view mirror. It is intended that no resident may use a visitor permit to park a car owned or controlled by him or her in the restricted area, it being the intent of Section 603.300 that such visitor permits shall be made available and used by people not residing in but visiting a resident of the restricted area.

- e) Residents, Special Event Permits. Residents within the restricted area, at no charge, may obtain from the clerk non-transferrable Special Circumstance permits provided that said permits are required for medical purposes, home health care, or other therapeutic reasons. Special event permits shall be issued annually, consistent with the regular resident permits.
- f) Schools, Special Event Permits; Residents, Exceptions; Notice. Schools within the restricted area, at a cost of one dollar (\$1.00) for each permit, may acquire from the clerk, dated Special Events Permits, provided that such permits shall be used only in conjunction with events sponsored by the applicant school. The clerk shall determine the number of and effective period of the permits to be issued. Such permits shall not be required, upon minimum twenty-four hour (24) advance notice to the Police Department, for extraordinary events such as funerals, weddings or festivals, where issuance of such permits would be impracticable.
- g) Placement of Permit Stickers or Tickets. Residential parking permit stickers shall be permanently affixed to the vehicle on the back of the rear view mirror positioned closest to the driver's side so as to be clearly visible from the front of the vehicle. Visitor and Special Event Permit stickers shall be placed over the rear view mirror post or some other conspicuous place on the front of the vehicle which is visible to the front of the vehicle.
- h) Permit Does Not Reserve Parking Space. No permit issued under Sections 603.300 shall guarantee or reserve to the holder a particular position or parking space within the restricted area but shall provide general parking in said area during the time specified in §603.300 and so posted as required by §603.300. (Ref. Ord. 801, 2/14/90)
- i) Lost Permits; Duplicates. In the event any permit is lost, duplicates shall be obtained from the clerk at a cost of one dollar (\$1.00) per permit; provided that no such duplicate shall be issued unless and until the applicant has furnished to the clerk a written statement that he or she has lost the original permit. No person shall apply for a duplicate permit unless the original permit has in fact been lost.

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§603.330 SERVICES, REPAIR AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. Vehicles used in the performance of commercial services, repairs or emergency assistance for any resident living in the residential area are exempt from restrictions imposed under Sections 603.300 provided, that such persons are then performing or the vehicles in fact are then being used in such services or assistance; and provided further, that the exemption granted hereunder shall terminate immediately upon completion of the necessary services or assistance.

§603.340 STREET MAINTENANCE, SNOW EMERGENCY. No exemptions or other permits granted herein shall abrogate the scope of parking restrictions imposed as such restrictions relate to street maintenance, parking in one location beyond twenty-four (24) hours, or emergencies.

§603.350 HANDICAPPED PARKING. Nothing herein provided shall abrogate the scope of parking privileges granted handicapped persons as established pursuant to this code or statutes enacted by this state.

§603.360 PENALTIES. It shall be unlawful for any person to submit false information in any application for a parking permit issued pursuant to §603.300. Violation of any application requirement shall be grounds for denial or revocation of the permit and shall be punishable as a misdemeanor. It shall also be unlawful for any vehicle to be stopped, parked or abandoned in violation of these provisions. Any such violation is hereby declared a misdemeanor.

Obstruction of public streets shall be punishable as a misdemeanor and may subject the vehicle to be moved or impounded at the cost and expense of the owner in accordance with the terms of Chapter 603.

(Ref. Ord. 801, 2/14/90)