

**CHAPTER 7
TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS**

Section 7.01 **Definitions.** The definitions of terms used in this Chapter shall be those definitions set forth in Minn. Stat. § 168.011, as amended, and Minn. Stat. § 169.011, as amended, as well as those definitions contained herein.

Subd. 1. Recreational vehicle.

A. "Recreational vehicle" means travel trailers including those that telescope or fold down, chassis-mounted campers, motor homes, tent trailers, and converted buses that provide temporary human living quarters.

B. "Recreational vehicle" is a vehicle that:

1. is not used as the residence of the owner or occupant;

2. is used while engaged in recreational or vacation activities; and

3. is either self-propelled or towed on the highways incidental to the recreational or vacation activities.
(Source: Minnesota Statutes 2006, 168.011)

Subd. 2. Trailer. "Trailer" means any vehicle designed for carrying property or passengers on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle but does not include a trailer drawn by a truck-tractor semitrailer combination or an auxiliary axle on a motor vehicle which carries a portion of the weight of the motor vehicle to which it is attached.

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Section 7.02. **Unreasonable Acceleration of a Motor Vehicle.**
No person shall start or accelerate any motor vehicle with an unnecessary exhibition of speed on any public or private way within the city limits. Prima-facie evidence of such unnecessary exhibition of speed shall be unreasonable squealing or screeching sounds emitted by the tires of the throwing of sand or gravel by the tires of said vehicle, or both. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

Section 7.03. **Through Streets.**

Subd. 1. The council may designate "through streets" by erecting stop signs or yield signs at entrances thereto or may designate any intersection as a stop or yield intersection by erecting like signs at one or more entrances to such intersection; provided, that with reference to State trunk highways, the consent of the Commissioner shall first be obtained.

Subd. 2. Each driver of a vehicle shall stop at a stop sign or at a clearly marked stop line before entering the intersection, except when directed to proceed by a police officer or traffic control signal.

Subd. 3. Specifically included in this section shall be "fold down" type of stop and yield signs, designed for use at critical periods during heavy traffic at specified intersections.

Section 7.04 **Presumption.** As to any vehicle parked in violation of Chapters 6 and 7, when the driver thereof is not present, it shall be assumed that the owner parked the same, or that the driver as acting as the agent of the owner.

Section 7.05 **General Parking Prohibitions.** It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the specific directions of a police officer or traffic control device in any of the following places: (1) on a sidewalk; (2) in front of a public or private driveway; (3) within an intersection; (4) within ten feet of a fire hydrant; (5) on a crosswalk; (6) within twenty feet of a crosswalk at any intersection; (7) within thirty feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway; (8) within fifty feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing; (9) within twenty feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station; (10) alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic; (11) in the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge of a curb of a street; (12) upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a street; or, (13) at any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

Section 7.06. **Unauthorized Removal.** It is unlawful for any person to move a vehicle not owned by such person into any prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful.

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Section 7.07. **Recreational Vehicle Parking and Trailer Parking.** It is unlawful for any person to leave or park any recreational vehicle, as defined herein, on or within the limits of any street or right of way, except where signs are erected designating the place as a campsite, for more than twenty-four (24) hours. It is unlawful for any person to leave or park any trailer, detached from its towing vehicle, on or within the limits of any street or right of way or within any municipal parking lot or ramp.

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Effective Date: 10/09/18

Source: Ord. 926-2nd Series
Effective Date: 5/12/2025

Section 7.08. **Direction to proceed.** It is unlawful for any person to stop or park a vehicle on a street when directed or ordered to proceed by any police officer invested by law with authority to direct, control or regulate traffic.

Section 7.09. **Parallel Parking.** Except where angle parking is specifically allowed and indicated by curb marking or sign-posting, or not, each vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way road where there is an adjacent curb shall be stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with, and within twelve (12) inches of the right-hand curb, where painted markings appear on the curb or the street such vehicle shall be within such markings, front and rear, provided that upon a one-way roadway all vehicles shall be so parked, except that the left-hand wheels of the vehicle may be parallel with and within twelve (12) inches from the left-hand curb, by the front of the vehicle in any event and with respect to the remainder of the vehicle, shall be in the direction of the flow of traffic upon such one-way street; and it is unlawful to park in violation of this Section.

Section 7.10. **Angle Parking.** Where angle parking has been established and is allowed, as shown by curb marking or sign-posting, or both, each vehicle stopped or parked shall be at an angle of approximately forty-five to sixty degrees with the front wheel touching the curb and within any parking lines painted on the curb or street, provided that the front wheel not touching the curb shall be the portion of the vehicle furthest in the direction of one-way traffic; and it is unlawful to park in violation of this Section.

Section 7.11. **Streets Without Curbs.** Upon streets not having a curb each vehicle shall be stopped if parked parallel and to the right of the paving, improved or main traveled part of the street; and it is unlawful to park in violation of this Section.

Section 7.12. **Controlled Parking Hours and Penalties for Violation.** Parking on the streets shall be limited as follows:

Subd. 1. It is unlawful for any person to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle upon any street for a continuous period in excess of twenty-four (24) hours.

Source: Ord. 335-2nd Series
Effective Date: 12/28/98

Subd. 2. The Chief of Police may, when authorized by the Council, designate certain streets, blocks or portions of streets or blocks, as five (5) minute, ten (10) minute, fifteen (15) minute, thirty (30) minute, one (1) hour, two (2) hour, three (3) hour, four (4) hour, six (6) hour, or eight (8) hour limited parking zones and shall mark by appropriate signs any zones so established. Such zones shall be established whenever necessary for the convenience of the public or to minimize traffic hazards and preserve a free flow of traffic. It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle in any limited parking zone between the

hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m., and 6:00 o'clock p.m., of any day for a longer period than is specified in the sign-posting of such zone.

Source: Ord. 413-2nd Series
Effective Date: 5/11/98

Subd. 3. It shall be unlawful to park a vehicle on a street against the flow of traffic, within a limited parking area or so as to block or infringe upon a cross-walk, sidewalk, driveway or upon a boulevard adjacent to a City street.

Subd. 4. **Penalties.** Violation of the restrictions placed on permitted parking, as defined in Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 of this section, shall be defined as class A Violation and be a petty misdemeanor and the penalty for a violation thereof shall be:

A. If paid within 48 hours of the violation, a fine of \$10.00.

B. If such a fine is not paid within 48 hours of the violation and is not paid within 10 days thereof, the fine shall be \$20.00.

C. If such fine is not paid within 10 days of the violation, any person found guilty of such violation shall be punished as for any misdemeanor.

D. If a fine is paid within 10 days of the violation, as specified herein, it may be paid by depositing the same in a courtesy box provided for that purpose and at such convenient locations as maybe designated by the Chief of Police.

Source: Ord. 615-2nd Series
Effective Date: 1/11/08

Subd. 5. It is unlawful for any person to stop, park or leave standing any vehicle on a street in a traffic lane, within a loading zone while not actually unloading or within an otherwise designated no parking zone.

Subd. 6. **Penalties.** Violation of the restrictions paced on permitted parking, as defined in Subdivision 5 of this section, shall be defined as class C Violation and be a petty misdemeanor and the penalty for a violation thereof shall be:

A. If paid within 48 hours of the violation, a fine of \$25.00.

B. If such a fine is not paid within 48 hours of the violation, and is not paid within 10 days thereof, the fine shall be \$50.00.

C. If such fine is not paid within 10 days of the

violation, any person found guilty of such violation shall be punished as for any misdemeanor. Failure to pay the fine as set forth above may also cause suspension of the person's driver's license pursuant to state law.

D. If a fine is paid within 10 days of violation, as specified herein, it may be paid by depositing the same in a courtesy box provided for that purpose and at such convenient locations as may be designated by the Chief of Police.

Source: Ord. 615-2nd Series
Effective Date: 01/11/08

Section 7.13. **Emergency and Street Cleaning Parking Restrictions.** In order to facilitate movement of traffic and promote public convenience in times of emergency and street cleaning, the following additional parking restrictions shall be in effect:

Subd. 1. **"Emergency" Defined.** An emergency means a condition created on City streets because of the presence of snow, freezing rain, sleet, ice or snow drifts thereon, or other natural phenomenon which create or are likely to create hazardous road conditions or impede or likely to impede the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic when the same shall have been duly declared by the Public Works Director or their designee, or in their absence, the Chief of Police.

Subd. 2. **Declaration of Emergency; Procedure and Effective Time.** Whenever an emergency has been declared by the Public Works Director, their designee, or the Chief of Police, they shall notify local news media and request them to cooperate in giving notice to the community and its motorists of any parking or other restrictions that will apply during the emergency. Any such restrictions shall go into effect two hours after notice to the news media is given, and they shall remain in effect for a period of seventy-two (72) hours unless lifted sooner. The emergency may be extended for subsequent seventy-two (72) hour periods if notice is given as herein required for the initial declaration and notice.

Subd. 3. **Unlawful Acts.**

A. It is unlawful, during a snow emergency declared pursuant this section, to park any vehicle on any City street in violation of the restrictions imposed during the declared emergency.

B. A violation of this section shall be a petty misdemeanor penalized in accordance with Section 7.12, Subd. 6, of this Chapter 7. In addition to the penalty provision imposed for a violation of this section, vehicles parked on a public street in violation of any provision of this section may be towed and impounded at the owner's expense.

Source: Ord. 914-2nd Series
Effective Date: 11/12/2024

Section 7.14. **Truck Parking.**

Subd. 1. It is unlawful to park a detached semi-trailer upon any street, municipally owned parking lot, or other public property.

Subd. 2. **Semi-Trailer Parking.** It is unlawful to park a semi-trailer, whether or not attached to a truck tractor, within the City outside of a designated trucking terminal unless the semi-trailer meets all of the following conditions:

A. The semi-trailer is located in an area zoned commercial or industrial and,

B. The semi-trailer is located entirely on private property and placed in a designated trailer parking area and,

C. The semi-trailer does not obstruct or limit access to or traffic flow on any public street and,

D. The semi-trailer is loaded or unloaded during a period not exceeding ten (10) days unless

1. The semi-trailer is used to store materials for manufacture or resale for an interim period of not more than 60 days, or

2. The semi-trailer is used as a construction site office or a construction site storage facility provided the name of the construction firm is identified on the semi-trailer, and the semi-trailer is located on the construction site or at the construction company's permanent place of business, and

E. The semi-trailer is located not closer than twenty (20) feet from any building.

Subd. 3. It is unlawful to park a semi-trailer attached to a truck-tractor on Broadway Street in the area bounded by Third Avenue to the north and Fifteenth Avenue to the south, between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on any weekday within any parking space. Parking of such vehicle for a period of not more than thirty (30) minutes shall be permitted in such space between 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any weekday for the purpose of necessary access to abutting property for loading or unloading when such access cannot reasonably be secured from an alley or adjacent street where truck parking is not so restricted.

Source: Ord. 740-2nd Series
Effective Date: 12/14/15

Subd. 4. **Bus Parking.** It is unlawful to park a bus upon any public street in the City of Alexandria except when engaged in loading and unloading operations, which operations shall not exceed eight consecutive hours.

Subd. 5. **Semitrailer Parking.** It is unlawful to park a semitrailer upon any public right-of-way, alley, or street except when engaged in loading and unloading operations.

Source: Ord. 773-2nd Series
Effective Date: 10/09/17

Subd. 6. **Penalty.** Violations of the restrictions as defined in Subdivisions 1 to 5 of this section shall be defined as a petty misdemeanor and subject to the same penalties as defined in Section 7.12, Subdivision 6.

Source: Ord. 740-2nd Series
Effective Date: 12/14/15

Section 7.15. **Parking Restrictions in Municipal Parking Lots and Ramps.** In municipally owned parking lots and ramps, the Council may limit the sizes and types of motor vehicles to be parked thereon, hours of parking, and prescribed method of parking, provided that such limitations and restrictions are signposted or meter-posted thereon. In such lots allowing angle parking, it is unlawful to park any such vehicle across any parking stall line or marking, or to park a vehicle in such a position that it shall be not entirely within the space designated by such lines or markings. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in any municipally owned parking lot and/or ramp contrary to the restrictions or limitations so sign-posted or meter-posted, or as otherwise enunciated herein.

Source: Ord. 926-2nd Series
Effective Date: 5/12/2025

Source: Ord. 931-2nd Series
Effective Date: 7/28/2025

Section 7.16. **Impounding and Removing Vehicles.** When any police officer finds a vehicle standing upon a street or municipally owned parking lot in violation of any parking regulation such officer is hereby authorized to require the driver or other person in charge of such vehicle to remove the same to a position in compliance with this Chapter. When any police officer finds a vehicle unattended upon any street or municipally owned parking lot in violation of any parking regulation, such officer is hereby authorized to impound such unlawfully parked vehicle and to provide for the removal thereof and to remove the same to a convenient garage or other facility or place of safety; provided, that if any charge shall be placed against such vehicle for cost of removal or storage, or both, by anyone called upon to assist therewith, the same shall be paid prior to removal from such place of storage or safekeeping.

Section 7.17. Parking Privileges for Physically Handicapped.

Subd. 1. **Scope of Privilege.** Any physically handicapped person who displays prominently upon the automobile parked by said person or under said person's direction and for said person's use, the distinguishing certificate or insignia specified in this Section shall be entitled to courtesy in the parking of such automobile and be relieved of any liability with respect to parking except as provided in Section 7.05.

Subd. 2. **Definition of Physically Handicapped.** "Physically handicapped" as employed herein shall include any person who has sustained an amputation or permanent material disability of either or both arms or legs, or who has been otherwise permanently disabled in any manner rendering it difficult and burdensome for said person to walk.

Subd. 3. **Identifying Certificate.** The identifying certificate or insignia provided for herein shall be such as is issued by the Motor Vehicle Division in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Secretary of State, and upon application certified to by a qualified physician.

Subd. 4. **Revocation.** If the Police of this City shall find that such certificate or insignia is being used improperly, they shall report the same to their superior who shall report such improper use to the Chief of Police, and the Chief of Police shall, in turn, report such improper use to the Motor Vehicles Division in the Department of Public Safety of the State of Minnesota, and the Commissioner of Public Safety may, in said person's discretion, remove the privilege.

Subd. 5. **Penalty.** Any person who is not physically handicapped and who exercises the privilege granted a physically handicapped under Subdivision 1 is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and the penalty therefor, if paid within 48 hours of the violation, shall be a fine of \$50.00. If such fine is not paid within 48 hours of the violation, but is paid within 10 days thereof, the fine shall be \$100.00. If such fine shall not be paid within 10 days of the violation, any person found guilty of such violation shall be punished as for any misdemeanor. If a fine is paid within 10 days of the violation, as specified herein, it may be paid by depositing the same in a courtesy box provided for that purpose and at such convenient locations as may be designated by the Chief of Police.

Source: Ord. 615-2nd Series
Effective Date: 1/11/08

Section 7.18. **Loading Zones.**

Subd. 1. In controlled street parking areas in the City of Alexandria loading zone permits may be granted by the City Council for an annual term commencing January 1 of each year. Loading zones shall be marked by approved signs and it shall be unlawful to park or leave a motor vehicle unattended in a loading zone.

Subd. 2. Prior to the issuance of any loading zone permit the City council shall refer the application to the Police Department of the City of Alexandria for an evaluation as to potential safety and traffic hazards created by the issuance of the permits as applied for.

Source: Ord. 335-2nd Series
Effective Date: 12/28/92

Subd. 3. The annual fee for each loading zone permit shall be \$180.00. Each annual loading zone permit shall be issued for a calendar year, and permits issued for less than a calendar year shall be assessed a prorated fee for that remaining portion of the calendar year at the time of the issuance of the permit.

Source: Ord. 839-2nd Series
Effective Date: 10/26/2020

Subd. 4. The City Clerk shall determine dates of payment, permit forms and loading zone signs.

Subd. 5. For purposes of this ordinance the term loading zone shall be construed as being one parking space as designated in the City of Alexandria.

Subd. 6. The policy of the City of Alexandria shall be to issue one loading zone permit per applicant, however, upon special request and for good cause shown, two loading zone permits may be issued to the same applicant.

Subd. 7. Loading zone permits may be revoked or suspended by the City Council with our without cause at any time. Upon a revocation without cause the permit fee shall be refunded on a pro rata basis.

Source: Ord. 335-2nd Series
Effective Date: 12/28/92

Section 7.19. **Reserved Parking - Off Street Parking Lots.**

Subd. 1. On city-owned off-street parking lots, the City of Alexandria may issue reserved parking permits for individual parking spaces on an annual basis. The issuance of permits and identification of reserved parking spaces shall be determined by the City Administrator. Reserved spaces shall be used only in conformance with the provisions of Sections 7.07 and 7.15 herein, marked by appropriate signs, and the application for such a parking space shall identify by vehicle the designated occupant of the reserved parking space.

Source: Ord. 926-2nd Series
Effective Date: 5/12/2025

Subd. 2. The annual fee for each reserved parking space shall be \$180.00. Each annual reserved parking permit shall be issued for a calendar year and permits issued for less than a calendar year shall be assessed a prorata fee for that remaining portion of the calendar year at the time of issuance of the permit.

Source: Ord. 840-2nd Series
Effective Date: 10/26/2020

Subd. 3. The City Administrator shall determine the dates of payment, permit forms and appropriate signs.

Subd. 4. Reserved parking permits may be revoked or suspended by the City Council, with or without cause, at any time. Upon revocation without cause, the permit fee shall be refunded on a pro rata basis.

Source: Ord. 335-2nd Series
Effective Date: 12/28/92

Section 7.20. **Special Use Vehicles: Motorized Golf Carts, Utility Task Vehicles, Class 1 All-Terrain Vehicles, and Mini-Trucks.**

Subd. 1. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide reasonable regulations for the use of special vehicles on streets and public property in the City of Alexandria. This ordinance is not intended to allow what Minnesota law prohibits or to prohibit what Minnesota law expressly allows. This ordinance is not intended to regulate special vehicles used exclusively on private property provided, however, any special vehicle making any use of public property or streets are still subject to the requirements of this ordinance.

Subd. 2. A. No person shall operate a motorized golf cart, utility task vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck on streets, alleys, sidewalks or other public property without obtaining a permit as provided herein. The permit must be in the operator's possession at all times while operating the vehicle and shall be produced on demand of a peace officer. An electronic copy or photograph of a permit is sufficient so long as the original has not been revoked or suspended under subdivision 2.L. No permit shall be granted for the operation of a class 1 all-terrain vehicle as defined by Minn. Stat. § 84.92, Subd. 9 (commonly referred to as a "four-wheeler" with a seat that is straddled by the operator).

B. Application. Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the city and shall contain all of the following information:

1. The name and address of the applicant.
2. Current valid driver's license or reason for not having a current license.
3. Proof of insurance as required by this ordinance.
4. Other information as the City Council may require.

C. Application Fee. The permit fee shall be set by ordinance of the City Council.

D. Length of Permit. Permits shall be granted for a period of three years and may be renewed.

E. No permit shall be granted or renewed unless the following conditions are met:

1. The applicant must demonstrate that he or she currently holds a valid Minnesota driver's license to

operate a mini-truck.

2. The applicant must be at least 16 years of age.

3. The applicant may be required to submit a certificate signed by a physician that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart, utility task vehicle or all-terrain vehicle on the roadways designated. Physician certification may be required for applicants without a valid driver's license or with medical restrictions on their driver's license.

4. The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes concerning insurance coverage for the golf cart, utility task vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck.

5. The applicant has not had his or her driver's license revoked, suspended, or canceled as the result of criminal proceedings.

F. Designated Roadways. Motorized golf carts, utility task vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, and mini-trucks may be operated by a permit holder on city streets, county highways, and county state-aid highways within city limits. Motorized golf carts, utility task vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, and mini-trucks are not permitted to operate on state or federal highways within the city, except to cross at designated intersections.

G. Crossing prohibited roadways. The operator of a motorized golf cart, utility task vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck may cross any state or federal highway intersecting city streets, county highways, and county state-aid highways within city limits. Any such crossing must be made perpendicular to the street or highway being crossed.

H. Times of Operation. Motorized golf carts, utility task vehicles and all-terrain vehicles may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset, unless equipped with original equipment headlights, taillights, and rear-facing brake lights. They shall not be operated in inclement weather conditions or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

I. Slow-moving Vehicle Emblem. Motorized golf carts shall display the slow-moving vehicle emblem provided for in Minn. Stat. § 169.045, as it may be amended from time to time, when operated on designated roadways.

J. Permit Exceptions.

1. Special events conducted by individuals or organizations are exempt from the requirements of Subdivision 2 if a Special Event Permit has been issued for the event by the City Council and the application for the event permit indicates the special vehicles that will be used during the event.

2. Authorized city staff may operate city owned motorized golf carts, all terrain vehicles, utility task vehicles, and mini-trucks without obtaining a permit within the city on city streets, sidewalks, trails, rights-of-way, and public property when conducting city business.

K. Application of Traffic Laws. Every person operating a motorized golf cart, a utility task vehicle, an all-terrain vehicle, or a mini-truck under permit on designated roadways has all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of Minn. Stat. ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, except when these provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts or mini-trucks and except as otherwise specifically provided in Minn. Stat. § 169.045, subd.7, as it may be amended from time to time.

L. Revocation of Permit. The City Council may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any of the provisions of this section or Minn. Stat. ch. 169, as they may be amended from time to time, or if there is evidence that the permit holder cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart, utility task vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck on the designated roadways.

M. The number of occupants on the golf cart, utility task vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck may not exceed the manufacturer's design occupant load.

N. Any person whose application for a permit hereunder has been denied or whose permit issued hereunder has been revoked or suspended may appeal said denial, revocation, or suspension to the Alexandria City Council pursuant to City Code § 2.36.

Subd. 3. For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

A. **Driver.** The person driving and having physical control over the motorized golf cart, utility task vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck and being the licensee.

B. **Motorized Golf Cart.** Any passenger conveyance being driven with four wheels with four low-pressure tires that is limited in engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters and total dry weight less than 800 pounds.

C. **All-Terrain Vehicle.** As defined by Minn. Stat. § 84.92, Subd. 8, a motorized vehicle with:

1. not less than three, but not more than six low pressure or non-pneumatic tires;

2. a total dry weight of 2,000 pounds or less; and (3) a total width from outside of tire rim to outside of tire rim that is over 50 inches but no more than 65 inches. "All-Terrain Vehicle" does not include a class 1 all-terrain vehicle as defined by Minn. Stat. § 84.92, Subd. 9 (commonly referred to as a "four-wheeler" with a seat that is straddled by the operator); an electric-assisted bicycle as defined in Minn. Stat. § 169.011, Subd. 27; golf cart; mini-truck; dune buggy; go-cart; or a vehicle designed and used specifically for lawn maintenance, agriculture, logging, or mining purposes.

D. **Utility Task Vehicle.** As defined by Minn. Stat. § 169.045, subd. 1 (3), a side-by-side, four-wheel drive, off-road vehicle that has four wheels, is propelled by an internal combustion engine with a piston displacement capacity of 1,200 cubic centimeters or less, and has a total dry weight of 1,800 but less than 2,600 pounds.

E. **Mini-Truck.** As defined in Minn. Stat. § 169.011, subd. 40(a), a motor vehicle that has four wheels; is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of 7,500 watts or less or an internal combustion engine with a piston displacement capacity of 660 cubic centimeters or less; has a total dry weight of 900 to 2,200 pounds; contains an enclosed cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator; commonly resembles a pickup truck or van, including a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the vehicle; and was not originally manufactured to meet federal motor vehicle safety standards required of motor vehicles in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, sections 571.101 to 571.404, and successor requirements. A mini-truck does not include: a neighborhood electric vehicle or a medium-speed electric vehicle; or a motor vehicle that meets or exceeds the regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 571.500, as it may be amended from time to time.

Subd. 4. Helmet and Seatbelts Required.

A. A person less than 18 years of age shall not ride as a passenger or as an operator of an all-terrain vehicle or utility task vehicle regulated herein unless wearing a safety helmet approved by Minnesota's Commissioner of Public Safety.

B. A person less than 18 years of age shall not ride as a passenger or as an operator of an all-terrain vehicle or utility task vehicle regulated herein without wearing a seat belt when such seat belt has been provided by the manufacturer.

Subd. 5. Passengers. No person under 18 years of age shall operate an all-terrain vehicle or utility task vehicle while carrying a passenger. This prohibition applies to all all-terrain vehicles regardless of class. A person 18 years of age or older may operate a class 2 all-terrain vehicle while carrying one or more passengers provided, however, that there shall be no more passengers than the vehicle was designed to carry.

Subd. 6. Required Equipment

A. **Rear View Mirror.** Motorized golf carts, utility task vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, and mini-trucks shall be equipped with a rear-view mirror to provide the driver with adequate vision from behind as required by Minn. Stat. § 169.70.

B. **Mini-truck equipment requirements:**

1. A mini-truck may be operated under permit on designated roadways if it is equipped with all of the following:

- a. At least two headlamps.
- b. At least two tail lamps.
- c. Front and rear turn-signal lamps.
- d. An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror.
- e. A windshield.
- f. A seat belt for the driver and front passenger.
- g. A parking brake.

Subd. 7. Insurance. At all times when operating a vehicle subject to this ordinance, the driver must have in possession evidence of insurance complying with the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 65B.48, subdivision 5.

Subd. 8. False/Fictitious/Altered Documents. Any driver of a vehicle regulated by this ordinance who, upon demand by a law enforcement officer, provides a false, fictitious or altered permit; false, fictitious or altered proof of insurance; or who provides a permit or an electronic copy of a permit after the City has sent notice of cancellation or suspension of the permit under Subd. 2.L shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 9. Penalty. Any person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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