

# SAINT PAUL LEGISLATIVE CODE SECTIONS PERTAINING TO PARKING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

## Chapter 151. – Traffic Code – General Provisions

### Sec. 151.02. - Definitions.

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following terms shall, for the purpose of this Traffic Code, or for the enforcement of the Highway Traffic Regulation Act, Chapter 169 of Minnesota Statutes, have the meanings indicated in this section.

Where terms are not defined in this section and are defined in the Highway Traffic Regulation Act, Chapter 169 of Minnesota Statutes, they shall have the meanings ascribed to them therein.

Where terms are not defined in this chapter or in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169, they shall have ascribed to them their ordinarily accepted meanings and/or such as the context herein may imply.

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(6) *Commercial vehicle* shall include any bus or commercial truck, as herein defined, or any vehicle designed or modified to serve purposes other than the transportation of persons or as licensed under Chapter 158. A commercial vehicle shall not include public utility vehicles, authorized emergency vehicles and/or those vehicles currently owned and operated by federal, state and local governmental subdivisions.

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(8) *Commercial truck* shall include a motor vehicle designed and registered as a truck and licensed under the motor carrier laws of the State of Minnesota for the transportation of property but not persons, or a motor vehicle designed and registered as a truck and used exclusively in the transportation of property in commerce but not for the transportation of persons at any time. A commercial truck shall not include station-wagon-type vehicles, utility class vehicles, pickup trucks, any vehicle in which the cargo space is enlarged by the removal or folding down of seats, vans with more seats than for a driver and helper or any vehicle originally designed as a passenger-type vehicle.

(9) *Overweight vehicle*. Any vehicle, with or without load, which weighs more than six thousand (6,000) pounds or is registered for a gross weight of more than nine thousand (9,000) pounds or is greater than twenty-two (22) feet in length and/or seven and one-half (7½) feet in height. This definition includes but is not limited to semi-trailers, tow trucks, buses, limousines, tractors, construction equipment or similar vehicles. This definition excludes licensed, operable recreational vehicles (RV's).

(Code 1956, § 130.02; Ord. No. 17711, § 1, 2-6-90; Ord. No. 11-77, § 1, 9-28-11)

## Chapter 157. – General Parking Restrictions

### Sec. 157.11. - Parking for larger vehicles.

(a) *Recreational vehicles*. No vehicle or combination of vehicles except those licensed under chapter 331A.04(d)(17) as a mobile food vehicle, or those registered as recreational vehicles pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 168.013, subdivision 1g or as amended, 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.

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(d) **Commercial vehicles.**

(1) For the purposes of this section, "commercial" and "overweight" vehicles are defined under Legislative Code section 151.02

(2) No commercial or overweight vehicle shall be parked overnight or stored on property zoned residential or occupied exclusively as residential.

(3) No commercial or overweight vehicle shall be permitted to stop, stand, or park on any street in an R1 through R4, RT1, RT2, or RM1 through RM3 Zoning District unless such vehicle is actually engaged in the loading or unloading of passengers or materials from the vehicle or is actually engaged in the providing of services at that location, or in compliance with official traffic-control devices, the direction of a police officer, or unless otherwise provided by law.

(4) Exception for school bus. A school bus driver may park a school bus at the curb abutting the driver's residential property or on the driver's residential property, said property being the address on the driver's Minnesota driver license, for up to a maximum four-hour period, which is within or abutting, including across a street or alley, from an R-1 through R-4, RT-1, RT-2, or RM-1 through RM-3 Zoning District.

(5) Tow and impound authorized. Commercial and overweight vehicles parked in violation of this ordinance are illegally parked and unauthorized, and may be immediately towed and impounded pursuant to the written report of a peace officer or parking enforcement officer.

(e) No person may leave or park a trailer, including cargo or utility trailers, campers, and boat trailers, on any street or alley unless connected to a motor vehicle capable of drawing or transporting the trailer on the same block for more than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours. Unattached trailers parked in violation of this provision are illegally parked and unauthorized, and may be towed and impounded pursuant to the written report of a peace officer or parking enforcement officer.

(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11; Ord. No. 12-8, § 1, 3-14-12; Ord 14-25, § 1, 7-16-14; Ord 14-44, § 1, 12-3-14; Ord 15-53, 12-2-15)

## Chapter 146. - Truck Routes

### Sec. 146.01. - Definitions.

The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the meanings ascribed to them herein:

**Commercial vehicle** means every self-propelled motor vehicle other than a passenger vehicle or a vehicle used for the purpose of transporting passengers for hire, and shall include every truck, truck tractor or road tractor or combination of truck or road tractor and trailer or semitrailer designed primarily for carrying commodities other than people, whether laden or unladen.

**Gross weight** and **gross vehicle weight** mean the actual unloaded weight of the vehicle, either a single unit truck or tractor-trailer combination, plus the weight of the maximum load for which such vehicle is actually or fully loaded. Any commercial vehicle operated or driven in the City of Saint Paul on streets other than state trunk highways or trucks routes shall have stenciled in a conspicuous place on each side of the cab of the vehicle the gross weight of the vehicle or combined vehicles as herein defined.

*Passenger automobile* means any motor vehicle designed and used for the carrying of not more than eight (8) persons, including vehicles known as station wagons, but excluding motorcycles.