



Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 157, Traffic Code, General Parking Restrictions, to restore no-parking zone and limited-term parking zone violation language to the Code, which language was inadvertently deleted from the September 28, 2011 revisions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1

Chapter 157 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 157.01. - Stopping, standing and parking.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle on any street or highway so as to interfere with or interrupt the passage of other vehicles unless otherwise provided by state law.

(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

Sec. 157.02. - Removal of illegally stopped vehicles.

(a) Whenever any police officer finds a vehicle standing upon a street or highway in violation of any law, such officer is hereby authorized to move such vehicle or require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move the same to a position off the main traveled part of such street or highway.

(b) When any police officer finds a vehicle unattended upon any street or highway or upon any bridge or causeway or in any tunnel where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, such officer is hereby authorized to provide for the removal of such vehicle and remove the same to a place of safekeeping established by law.

(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

Sec. 157.03. - Stopping or parking prohibited in certain places.

(a) 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 other recognized emergency authority or in obedience to a traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

(1) Across any curb, on a sidewalk or boulevard, lawn or grass plot except as provided in section 157.04, state fair parking district, or section 157.05, parking or stopping on a public way;

(2) In front of or within five (5) feet, of the throat of any public or private driveway or alley, or in such a manner as to block such driveway or alley;

(3) On that portion of a private road or driveway lying between the public right of way line and the curb line of the adjacent street or if no curb the edge of pavement.

(4) Within an intersection;

(5) Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant;

(6) On a crosswalk;

(7) Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;

(8) Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, sign indicating direction of travel, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;

- (9) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (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;
- (10) Within an area designated as a bus stop for a length of eighty (80) feet or as signed;
- (11) Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
- (12) Within twenty (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 seventy-five (75) feet of said entrance when properly signed;
- (13) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;
- (14) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge of the curb of a street;
- (15) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel, except as otherwise provided by ordinance;
- (16) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping;
- (17) On private property of any person without consent of such property owner;
- (18) Any place on public property which is not at the time open for the use of vehicular traffic;
- (19) At any place on any pathway, sidewalk area for pedestrians or other portion of any public property which is not intended for the use of vehicles;
- (20) On any street or alley, at the same location, for more than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours;
- (21) In the front or rear entrance to any building so as to block a fire escape or exit from any building.
- (22) In any no-parking zone now or hereafter established;
- (23) For any time period longer than the time allowed as indicated by the signage in limited-time parking areas now or hereafter established.
- (b) No person, firm or corporation operating any business or parking facility shall park vehicles on the streets or alleys adjacent to or in the vicinity of such business or parking facility for longer than ninety (90) minutes.
- (c) 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.
- (d) No person shall, for camping purposes, leave or park a travel trailer on or within the limits of any street or highway or on any street or highway right-of-way, except where signs are erected designating the place as a camp site.
- (e) 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.
- (f) No person shall park any vehicle or allow any vehicle to remain parked or standing upon any street or alley within one hundred (100) feet of any place where tree trimming is being performed by the division of parks and recreation or a designee; and the director of the department of parks and recreation is hereby authorized to procure signs of such size as to be easily legible indicating that tree trimming work is in progress and that parking is banned within one hundred (100) feet of the location of such work; and the director or his/her designee is further authorized to place or cause to be placed a sufficient number of such signs in each and every location where tree trimming is being or is about to be carried out so as to inform the public of the parking restriction in the area.
- (g) No vehicle shall be parked in any alley in the congested district, as the term "congested district" is defined in section 151.02(5), except to load and unload only, but shall leave such space promptly upon completion of that operation and shall not park for more than thirty (30) minutes at any one time.
- (h) No vehicle or any part of a vehicle shall be parked in any alley outside the congested district, as the term "congested district" is defined in section 151.02(5), or load and unload in the alley, unless at least ten (10) feet of the alley is left available for the free movement of traffic and the vehicle is five (5) feet or more from any driveway or garage entrance and, on the side of the alley opposite to said driveway, also maintains twenty (20) feet or more from said driveway or garage entrance.
- (Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

Sec. 157.04. - State fair parking district.

Vehicles shall not be parked across any curb, on a sidewalk, nor upon any boulevard, lawn or grass plot; except parking on lawns in required setbacks for side and front yards as defined in the zoning code, sections

66.231 and 60.226(1), (3) shall be permitted if such parking occurs within the special overlay zoning district known as "State Fair Parking District," as established by section 67.101..
(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

Sec. 157.05. - Parking or stopping on public way.

The following provisions shall apply to parking or stopping on public ways:

(a) No person shall stop, park or drive an automobile, motorcycle, motorized bicycle, truck, tractor, construction equipment, house moving equipment or vehicular equipment of any kind on, along or across any public curb, boulevard or sidewalk within the limits of the City of Saint Paul, other than where regular or authorized driveways or crossings are provided for that purpose.

(b) The following are exceptions to the above restrictions:

(1) State fair parking (as defined in section 65.740) and which occurs within the special overlay zoning district known as "State Fair Parking District" as established in section 67.101. State fair parking shall not be permitted along any Minnesota state trunk highway.

(2) Vehicles equipped with rubber tires may be used on those sidewalks not having areaways or other substructures between November 15 and April 1 for the purpose of plowing and removing snow where such equipment does not exceed a total weight of four thousand (4,000) pounds and the axle weight does not exceed two thousand (2,000) pounds.

(3) When necessary and provided a permit has been obtained from the traffic engineer under Chapter 135. Any permit granted shall be with the condition that suitable precautions are taken to prevent any unnecessary damage to the curb, boulevard or sidewalk. The permittee shall bear the cost of repairing or installing curb, boulevard or sidewalk damaged by him or her, or his or her agents or employees.

(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

Sec. 157.06. - Manner of parking.

(a) *Parallel to curb, except where marked.* No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway, headed in the direction of traffic, with the curbside wheels of the vehicle within twelve (12) inches of the edge of the roadway, and in a manner that does not block another vehicle from entering or exiting a legal parking spot, except where marks or signs on the streets indicate that cars shall be parked at an angle.

(b) *Backing to curb restricted.* No vehicle shall be backed into or up to the curb at any time for the purpose of loading or unloading or any other purpose whatsoever, unless a permit has been obtained in accordance with Chapter 135 of this code. When taking on or discharging freight or passengers, vehicles shall be headed in the direction of traffic on the right of the roadway.

(c) *Parking space about to be vacated.* The driver of a vehicle intending to park at the curb of any street or highway at a place about to be vacated by another vehicle shall stop back of said parking space and wait until said vehicle has vacated said parking space. The person so desiring to park shall then move his or her vehicle to a place immediately in front of said parking space and back into it, and the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall yield the right-of-way to such person for the purpose of parking at said parking space. In case there is no one in position immediately in front of said parking space preparing to back into it, and said space is large enough to permit it, the driver of an approaching vehicle may head into said parking space without backing.

(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

Sec. 157.07. - Duty to lock ignition, remove key.

(a) Every person when leaving a motor vehicle, except a commercial motor vehicle, unattended on any street, alley, or parking lot in the city shall lock the ignition, remove the key and take it with him or her. Any violation of these provisions shall not (1) mitigate the offense of stealing such motor vehicle, nor (2) be used to affect a recovery in any civil action for theft of such motor vehicle, or the insurance thereon, or (3) have any other

bearing in any civil action.

(b) Any police officer who finds a motor vehicle standing in violation of the foregoing provisions, is authorized and directed to remove the keys and to deliver them to the desk officer at the city's central police station.
(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

Sec. 157.08. - Parking on one-way streets.

In the event a street or highway includes two (2) or more separate roadways and traffic is restricted to one 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. The traffic engineer is authorized to determine when standing or parking may be permitted upon the left-hand side of any such one-way roadway and to cause signs to be erected giving notice thereof.

(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

Sec. 157.09. - Double parking.

Vehicles shall not stand two (2) or more abreast in any street except as follows: Commercial vehicles, when clearly so designated, and when calling for or delivering merchandise may double park at the place of delivery when access to the curb immediately adjacent to the place of delivery is occupied, including on streets where parking meters are in operation, but shall leave such space promptly upon completion of that operation and shall not park for more than thirty (30) minutes at any one time. If requested the commercial driver shall allow any blocked vehicle to move. A clearly designated vehicle shall meet the requirements of section 151.02 or 158.01.

(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

Sec. 157.10. - Physically disabled parking.

(a) *Designated parking areas.* No person shall park a motor vehicle in or obstruct the access aisle to a designated physically disabled parking space unless:

- (1) That person is a physically disabled person as defined by the law or the person is transporting or parking a motor vehicle for a physically disabled person; and
- (2) The motor vehicle is displaying a disability plate, or a valid identifying certificate or permit issued by the State of Minnesota, or another state, for the physically disabled.

(b) *Parking privileges.* A person exercising disabled parking privileges may park in a designated spot with appropriate identification:

- (1) In a metered parking space without obligation to pay the meter fee in Saint Paul but must follow the time restrictions officially posted for the physically disabled, section 160.09.
- (2) Without time restrictions in a non-metered parking space where parking is otherwise allowed for passenger vehicles but restricted to a maximum period of time and that does not specifically prohibit the exercise of disabled parking privileges in that space.

(c) *Disabled parking privileges.* Disabled parking privileges do not permit parking in areas designated as no parking spaces or in parking spaces reserved for specified purposes or vehicles.

(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

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.

(b) *Garbage or rubbish trucks.* No vehicle designed, used or maintained for the transportation of garbage or rubbish, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall be parked or left standing on any private property, street or alley in any Class R-1, 2, 3, or 4, RT-1, 2, or RM-1, 2, or 3 District for more than thirty (30) minutes.

(c) *Commercial vehicles.* No vehicle defined herein as commercial or overweight shall be parked overnight or stored on property zoned residential or occupied exclusively as residential nor shall any such vehicle, excluding a school bus where its driver parks the 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, shall be permitted to stop, stand or park on any street 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.

(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

Sec. 157.12. - Taxi parking at taxi stands.

(a) No taxicab shall be permitted to stand on any public street or alley while in service except on taxicab stands which shall be designated and plainly marked by the department of public works. The parking of any vehicle not a taxicab on such designated stands is hereby prohibited. Whenever a taxicab is on a designated cab stand and blocks the delivery entrance to any building, the driver of such cab 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 driver's seat at all times, except when necessary to open or close the door of his or her cab, to assist a passenger to enter or leave, or to answer his or her call signal. No taxicab shall stand for a period longer than one-half an hour; at the end of such time the taxicab heading the line shall move off the stand and the remaining cabs 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 driver's seat of his or her 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.

(b) Nothing in the foregoing provision of this section, however, shall prohibit the driver of any taxicab from parking in any legal parking space in keeping with all parking regulations during which time said driver is taking his or her meals or is on an errand of personal business. During such periods, however, solicitation of patronage by said drivers is expressly prohibited.

(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

Sec. 157.13. - Display of vehicle sale.

No more than one vehicle displaying a for sale or exchange sign or notice shall be parked on the street in front of a person's residence. Any such vehicle found parked in front of a residence which is different from the vehicle's registration address shall be in violation of this section. Such vehicle must be parked in full compliance of all other provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

Sec. 157.14. - Saint Paul secondary schools-Parking restrictions.

(a) No person shall stop, stand or park any motor vehicle on the land or premises of any public high school at any time, except parking of designated vehicles shall be permitted on those portions of said premises within and in accordance with regulations as indicated by appropriate signs and markings, and only after obtaining a permit to do so from the principal of each respective school or institute and displaying said permit on the motor vehicle.

(b) Appropriate signs shall be erected and the parking areas suitably marked so as to clearly designate the restrictions set forth in this section.

(Ord. No. 11-84, § 1, 9-28-11)

SECTION 2

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days following its passage, approval and publication.