



Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 157.11 of the Legislative Code to clarify regulations for vehicles containing recyclable materials.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1

Chapter 157.03 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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 of 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.

(i) No vehicle containing scrap materials or recyclable materials in an amount that fills a space of four square feet or more shall be parked or left standing on any street in an R1 through R4, RT1, RT2, RM1 through RM3, T1, T2, T3 or T4 Zoning District for more than thirty (30) minutes. It shall not be a violation of this section if the recyclable materials are fully enclosed within the structure of the vehicle. Recyclable materials shall have the definition found in Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 408.02. Scrap materials shall be defined as recyclable materials left over from product manufacturing and consumption, such as parts of vehicles, building supplies, and surplus materials.

SECTION 2

Chapter 157.11 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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, or recycling trucks.* No vehicle designed, used or maintained for the transportation of garbage or rubbish, or recyclable material as defined in St. Paul Leg. Code Chapter 408, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall be parked or left standing on any private property, street or alley in any R1, R2, R3, R4, RT1, RT2, RM1, RM2, RM3, T1, T2, T3, or T4 Zoning District for more than thirty (30) minutes.

(c) ~~*Vehicles containing recyclable material collected for processing.* No vehicle containing recyclable material collected for processing as described in Legislative Code chapter 408 whether licensed or unlicensed, shall be parked or left standing on any street in an R1 through R4, RT1, RT2, RM1 through RM3, T1, T2, T3 or T4 Zoning District for more than thirty (30) minutes.~~

(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, other than an agricultural vehicle permitted under chapter 165, shall be permitted to stop, stand, or park on any street in an R1 through R4, RT1, RT2, RM1 through

RM3, T1, T2, T3 or T4 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.

SECTION 3

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