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SECTION 700. STATE HIGHWAY CODE.

Section 700.00. Traffic Regulations Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes.

Subd. 1. State Highway Code Adopted. The City of Greenwood hereby adopts and incorporates in this code as if set out hereat in full the provisions of the Minnesota highway code, as amended.

Subd. 2. Enforcement. A violation of any of the provisions in the Minnesota highway code may be cited by a police officer or prosecutor acting on behalf of the city by making citation to section 700 followed by the chapter and subsection followed of the applicable statute.

Subd. 3. Penalty. Violations of any provision of the foregoing codes shall constitute a petty misdemeanor or a misdemeanor as defined by Minnesota statutes for the similar offense.

SECTION 710. PARKING AND DRIVING REGULATION.

Section 710.00. No-Parking and Limited-Parking Zones.

The city council may, from time to time, by motion or resolution designate portions of the highways and streets within the city as no-parking zones or limited-parking zones and shall cause such zones to be marked by appropriate signs. The location of such signs limiting parking shall be prima facie evidence that the city council has by proper resolution or motion authorized the establishment of such no-parking or limited-parking zones. The council shall make a determination of such no-parking zones or limited-parking zones on the basis of convenience to the public and traffic hazards. No person shall park any vehicle in a no-parking zone or any limited-parking zone for a longer period than is specified on the signs posted in such zones.

710.05. Temporary Parking Permits.

Upon the request of a resident holding a social event, the city clerk may issue a permit for the parking of vehicles in a no-parking zone for a limited time period during the event if no other feasible alternative exists. Permits may be issued for a maximum of 24 hours and no more than 2 permits may be issued to the same property per year. Persons requesting a permit shall submit the following to the city clerk:

- (a) Written statement that includes the reason for the request and lists the date and time period vehicles will be parked in the no-parking zone.
- (b) A map indicating the area and number of parking spaces that will be utilized.
- (c) Payment of the permit fee set forth in chapter 5.

The city clerk may deny the permit request or revoke an approved permit if it is found there is endangerment to public safety or if inclement weather such as a heavy snowfall makes roadside parking unsafe. If the city clerk approves the request, a hard copy or electronic copy of the permit will be issued. The permit holder may make copies of the permit

as needed. Permits must be displayed on the driver's side dash of each vehicle during the time permitted. Vehicles must be parked in a manner that allows space for the unimpeded passage of emergency vehicles. The city clerk shall notify the fire chief and police chief regarding the date, location, and duration of approved temporary parking permits. (SECTION 710.05 ADDED MARCH 2012, ORD. 208)

Section 710.10. Stopping or Parking on Park or Public Lands.

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle or operate any vehicle, or ride any horse, except in compliance with the directions of a police officer, on any park property or other public grounds within the limits of the city, except when such areas are designated for any of such uses, and signs prohibiting any of such uses on any park property or public grounds shall be complied with.

Section 710.15. Careless Driving Off Highways.

Any person who drives any vehicle in such a manner on any public or private grounds or parking lot or on the frozen surface of any body of water within the limits or the harbor limits of or adjacent to the limits of the city, so as to indicate a disregard for the safety of persons or property, shall be guilty of careless driving and punishable as a penal offense.

Section 710.20. General Parking Restrictions.

No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or improved or main travelled part of any street or highway in this municipality when it is practical to stop, park or so leave such vehicle off such part of the street or highway, but in every event a clear and unobstructed width of at least 20 feet of such part of the street or highway shall be left for the free passage of other vehicles, and a clear view of such stopped vehicle shall be available for a distance of 200 feet in each direction upon such street or highway. No vehicle shall be parked continuously at any place in any public street for a period of more than 72 consecutive hours.

Section 710.25. Snow Removal Parking Restrictions.

The city agent in charge of city streets is hereby authorized to post no parking signs for snow removal along public streets of the municipality where snow removal operations will require the use of the entire width of the street by snow plowing and removing equipment. Such signs shall be posted at frequent intervals at least 6 hours prior to the time when snow removal commences on the street so posted, and such signs shall be removed promptly after completion of the snow removal operation. Snow removal shall be done on any street so posted as soon as possible following a lapse of six 6 hours after posting the signs. No person shall park any vehicle, nor leave any vehicle which was parked at the time of posting for a period of more than 2 hours thereafter, in any block on any street so posted during the time the said signs are posted thereon, and it shall be unlawful for any person other than an authorized representative of the superintendent of the street department or police department of the city to remove said signs.

Section 710.30. Regulation of Fire Lane Use.

The city council may, from time to time, by resolution designate such portions of the highways and streets within the city which dead end at the waters edge of public waters as no parking zones, parking by permit only zones, limited parking zones, no trailer parking zones, no boat launching, no lake access zones, restricted lake access zones, and may prohibit or restrict the use and operation of motor vehicles (as defined by Minnesota statutes) including boats, trailers, snowmobiles, and all terrain vehicles thereon by vehicle type, purpose, season, permit, dates, times and such other restrictions as deemed necessary, including the installation of seasonal or permanent barriers within the public right of way. The city council shall cause such zones to be marked by appropriate signs. The location of such signs and the restrictions stated thereon shall be prima facie evidence that the city council has by proper resolution authorized the establishment of such no parking zones, parking by permit only zones, limited parking zones, no trailer parking zones, no boat launching, no lake access zones, restricted lake access zones or other restricted use zones. The city council shall make a determination of such use restriction zones on the basis of necessity in the interest of the public health safety and welfare. No person shall park or perform an act in contravention of the posted restriction.

SECTION 715. PARKING, SNOW OR OTHER EMERGENCIES.

Section 715.00. Definitions.

See chapter 12 for definitions.

Section 715.05. Authority to Declare Emergency.

Whenever in the opinion of the mayor, city clerk, city agent in charge of streets, or chief of police an emergency exists in this municipality, or in a section or sections thereof, because of snow, freezing rain, sleet, ice, snowdrifts or other phenomena which create, or are likely to create, hazardous road conditions impeding, or likely to impede, the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic, or the safety and welfare of the community, the mayor, city clerk, city agent in charge of streets, or the chief of police may declare an emergency to exist for a period of 72 hours and notice thereof shall be given by whatever means are available, such as posting signs or by word of mouth.

Section 715.10. Emergency Declared, Parking Prohibited.

Upon the declaration of a state of emergency, the mayor, city clerk, city agent in charge of streets, or the chief of police may prohibit the parking, standing or leaving of any vehicles upon any or all streets. Parking may be resumed on individual streets as soon as plowing has been completed on that street, or said street becomes passable.

Section 715.12. Parking Prohibited After a Snowfall.

No person may park or leave unattended any vehicle on any city street after two inches or more snow has fallen until the traveled portion of the roadway or street is plowed its full width.

(THIS SECTION ADDED MARCH 2011, ORD. 192)

Section 715.15. Removal of Vehicles.

If any vehicle is parked, abandoned or left standing in violation of the terms of this ordinance, the same may be moved by the city at the cost and expense of the owner thereof.

Section 715.20. Violations.

In addition to the foregoing penalty, the owner or driver of any vehicle violating the provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction therefor, shall be guilty of a penal offense.

SECTION 720. SNOWMOBILE REGULATION.**Section 720.00. Snowmobile Regulation.**

Snowmobiles operated within the city shall comply with the Department of Natural Resources regulations except as herein modified:

Subd. 1. All snowmobiles operated within the city including harbor areas of the city as defined in section 1010 of this code shall be so equipped that the overall noise emission does not exceed 73 decibels on the A scale at 50 feet.

SECTION 722. ELECTRIC BICYCLE REGULATION.**Section 722.00. Electric Bicycle Regulation.**

Electric bicycles operated within the city shall comply with the Minnesota State Statutes and the following additional requirements:

Subd. 1. Any person under the age of 18 operating or riding on an electric bicycle shall wear a helmet or other protective headgear approved for bicycle riding by the United States Department of Transportation or American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

Subd. 2. No person shall operate an electric bicycle upon a sidewalk at any time, except when such operation is necessary for the most direct access to a roadway from a driveway, alley, or building.

(THIS SECTION ADDED JUNE 2024, ORD 341)

SECTION 725. WEIGHT STENCIL REQUIRED.

Section 725.00. Gross Weight Stencil Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a truck within the limits of this municipality without having the gross weight of the vehicle for which the license tax is paid stenciled in a conspicuous place on each side of the vehicle by the owner thereof in letters not less than 2-1/2 inches high and 3/8 inch stroke, and shall be in a color giving a marked contrast with that of the part of the vehicle on which it is placed, and shall be done with a good quality paint that will endure throughout the term of the registration. The stenciling must be on a part of the vehicle itself and not on a removable plate or placard of any kind, and shall be kept clean and visible at all times.

SECTION 730. WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS.

Section 730.00. Weight Restrictions.

Subd. 1. Axle Weight Restrictions. No motor vehicle, truck or commercial vehicle with weight on any single axle in excess of 7 tons may be operated on posted weight restricted streets.

Subd. 2. Signs. The city shall erect and maintain signs plainly indicating the prohibition or restriction set out in this section by placing signs at the main entry points to the city and at such other points as recommended by the city engineer. (THIS PARAGRAPH UPDATED JUNE 2011, ORD. 194)

Subd. 3. Designated Streets. All streets or roads in the city are designated as weight restricted with the exception of Highway 7.

Subd. 4. Seasonal Load Restriction. The city engineer shall determine the timing of spring season load restrictions each year and the load limit signs shall be "flagged" to indicate the weight on any single axle shall not exceed 5 tons on any city street or road. The gross weight on consecutive axles shall not exceed the gross weight allowed in Minnesota statutes. The city's Administrative Committee is authorized to approve emergency load limit waivers during spring season load restrictions. The emergency load limit waiver fee shall be set forth in Chapter 5. (THIS PARAGRAPH UPDATED JULY 2015, ORD 243 & MAY 2023, ORD 331)

Subd. 5. Exempt vehicles. The restrictions in this section do not apply to the following vehicles:

- A. School buses when engaged in the act of transporting pupils to or from school;
- B. Transit buses and intercity buses for hire;
- C. Emergency vehicles;
- D. Trucks belonging to the city or its service providers;
- E. Trucks belonging to utility companies when actually engaged in the construction or repair of utility company facilities;
- F. Moving and furniture trucks;
- G. Package delivery trucks (FedEx, UPS, etc.);
- H. Trucks with a special operating permit to travel on city streets from the city clerk as provided in subdivision 8, below.

Subd. 6. Per Trip Special Operating Permit. The city council or its designated agent may on application thereto, and a finding of undue hardship, grant a per trip special operating permit for operation of a vehicle in excess of the stated weight restriction. The per trip special operating permit fee shall be set forth in chapter 5.

Subd 7. Blanket Special Operating Permit. The city council or its designated agent may on application thereto and a finding of undue hardship grant a blanket special operating permit for operation of vehicles in excess of the stated weight restriction for a building project or building moving project for which a permit is being issued. A blanket special operating permit is required for any building project exceeding the value set forth in chapter 5 of this code book. The blanket special operating permit fee is determined by the city council and set forth in chapter 5 of this code book. The blanket special operating permit does not cover operation of vehicles for landscaping related work as part of a building project. (THIS PARAGRAPH UPDATED APRIL 2022, ORD 322)

Subd. 8. Special Operating Permit Procedures. Per trip and blanket special operating permits may be obtained from the city clerk by persons for travel on city streets by prohibited vehicles. The applicant must be the owner or a person with written authorization to act as agent for the owner in making the application. The owner or its agent must submit to the city clerk an application containing the following information:

1. Name and address of the person who owns and/or operates (if lessee) the truck;
2. Vehicle description and license plate number of the truck including gross weight of the (loaded) truck;
3. Street or streets (including address of destination) for which the permit is desired; and
4. Time and dates on which the desired trip(s) are to be made.

Upon submission of:

1. A completed application;
2. Payment of the fee / bond (as set by the city council and set forth in chapter 5 of this code book); and
3. A signed agreement between the owner of the truck and the city (by which the owner of the truck agrees to pay for any damage caused to the city street by the truck's operation);

The city clerk may issue a "Per Trip Special Operating Permit" when the total round trips of the given truck are not more than 1 in any 1-week period.

In the event the total number of trips to be undertaken by a given truck or trucks is:

- (a) Greater than 1 round trip in any 1-week period;
- (b) In conjunction with a duly authorized building permit;

the city may require the truck owner post a bond in an amount to be determined by the city clerk after the city has been fully advised, in writing, the nature, and type of loads to be carried, the total number of loads anticipated, the proposed route, and loaded weights for all vehicles including but not limited to, concrete trucks, lumber delivery trucks, supply trucks, specialty construction equipment, cranes, excavation hauling and/or soil delivery or other related construction traffic. The city clerk shall set the bond in an amount necessary to fully indemnify the city, and ensure monies necessary to rebuild any damaged portion of public streets will be available. In lieu of a bond, a cash deposit with the city clerk may be made. In no event, however, shall the city be obligated to pay interest thereon. All bonds and/or cash deposits shall remain on deposit with the city and be effective or held for a term of not less than 2 years from the date of the certificate of occupancy, if the permit has been issued in relation to a construction project for which a building permit was issued, or not less than 2 years from the last date of travel authorized by the permit. (THIS PARAGRAPH UPDATED APRIL 2022, ORD 322)

A general contractor may make application on behalf of the homeowner for a general project related blanket special operating permit and may post the necessary bond and / or cash deposit in accordance with the terms of this ordinance without need for each individual trucking firm / owner servicing a construction site to make individual separate applications. The general contractor shall identify all trucks, their owners (name, address, phone), type of truck, and type of loads.

Subd. 9. Hours of Operation. Special operating permits issued by the city clerk are valid for the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

Subd. 10. City Engineer Designation of Streets. The city engineer shall define the load limits of city streets and, in cooperation with the public works department, cause signs as necessary to designate the established truck routes and otherwise give notice of load limitations on city streets.

Subd. 11. Enforcement. The operation of a vehicle without a duly authorized and valid special operating permit to travel on city streets shall constitute a misdemeanor for each unauthorized trip. Violation of subdivision 9, Hours of Operation, shall constitute a misdemeanor.

SECTION 735. PARK TRAIL REGULATIONS.

Section 735.00. Purpose.

The city council of the city finds that there is need for regulation of the use of public right-of-way commonly known as Hennepin County Regional Railroad Corridor as it traverses the city. These regulations are supplemental to any regulations that may be imposed by the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority or Three Rivers Park District from time to time.

Section 735.05. Definitions.

See chapter 12 for definitions.

Section 735.10. Motor Vehicles Prohibited.

No person shall stop, stand, park or otherwise operate a motorized vehicle within the recreational corridor, except as necessary to cross the recreational corridor at intersections with public streets or highways or as may be necessary to enter an existing driveway for a private residence.

Section 735.15. Parking Restrictions.

No person shall park any motorized vehicle in the recreational corridor. No persons shall park any motor vehicle in any manner as to encroach or otherwise cause a nuisance or hazard to the general public's use of the recreational corridor.

Section 735.20. Pets.

No person shall allow a dog or other pet that they own or which is presently under their control to deposit excrement in the recreational corridor without immediately attending to its cleanup and removal to a proper disposal site outside of the recreational corridor.

Section 735.25. Waste / Refuse.

No person shall deposit yard waste, milfoil, nuisance weeds, yard trimmings, grass clippings, tree trimmings, brush or any other flora nor deposit any garbage, refuse, debris, building materials, derelict or abandoned property upon or within the recreational corridor.

Section 735.30. Right-of-Way of Pedestrians.

Pedestrians within the recreational corridor shall have right-of-way at all times over all other persons including but not limited to in-line skaters, roller skaters and cyclists. When approaching and/or meeting on-coming traffic, all persons shall keep to the right side of the recreational corridor. All in-line skaters, roller skaters and cyclists shall travel in single file except for passing. Passing shall only be made after the person making the pass has determined that is safe to do so and in all cases they shall yield to on-coming traffic. Maximum speed for all permitted vehicles shall be 10 miles per hour. No persons shall conduct a race or otherwise hold a competitive event within the recreational corridor.

Section 735.35. Commercial Signs, Policy for Advertising.

No person shall post a commercial sign nor distribute or offer, to the public, commercial advertising, notices, flyers, brochures or other printed material intended to promote or advertise any commercial activity within the recreational corridor or upon any R-1 or R-2 property in the city which abuts the recreational corridor. Realtor and house for sale by owner signs are excepted. All provisions of section 1140.40 subdivision 1 and 2 also shall apply to signs within or abutting the recreational corridor.

Section 735.40. Signage.

The city council may from time to time by resolution establish the placement of signs advising the public of regulations of this ordinance or other applicable regulations as deemed necessary.

Section 735.45. Intersecting Right-of-Ways.

All persons traveling within the recreational corridor either by foot or vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to cross traffic on the public streets that intersect the recreational corridor. All persons shall stop in obedience to a posted stop sign at intersections of the recreational corridor with public streets.

Section 735.55. Penalty.

Violations of section 735 et. seq. are petty offenses subject to the procedure outlined in chapter 12 of this code book.