

Section 1320 - Traffic Control: Miscellaneous Provisions

1320.01. Truck routes. The manager, with the approval of the council, may establish truck traffic routes to be identified by signs and markings erected and maintained by the city. When a truck traffic route has been established and identified, any person driving a truck having a capacity of two tons or more shall drive such truck on such route or routes and none other, except when it is impracticable to do so or where necessary to traverse another street or streets to a destination for the purpose of loading or unloading commodities and then only by such deviation from the nearest truck traffic route as is reasonably necessary.

1320.03. Through and one way streets and stop intersections. The manager, with the approval of the council, may designate any street or highway as a through street or highway or as a one-way street or highway and any intersection as a stop intersection where necessary to preserve the free flow of traffic and to prevent accidents. The manager shall post appropriate signs at the entrance to such streets or highways or intersections; but no trunk highway shall be designated as a through or one-way highway and no intersection on a trunk highway shall be designated as a stop intersection unless the consent of the commissioner or highways to such designation is first secured. The driver of a vehicle shall bring his vehicle to a full stop before entering any stop street or highway or intersection properly designated and posted as such by the commissioner or highways or the city manager, or before entering upon any grade crossing of any railroad, which grade crossing has been designated as a stop crossing.

1320.05. Turning and lane designations. The manager, with the approval of the council, may, whenever necessary to preserve a free flow of traffic or to prevent accidents, designate any intersection as one where the turning of vehicles to the left or to the right, or both, or the turning of a vehicle so as to reverse its direction, is to be restricted or prohibited and shall mark by appropriate signs any intersection so designated; but no intersection on a trunk highway shall be so designated until the consent of the State commissioner of highways to such designation is obtained. No person shall turn a vehicle at any such intersection contrary to the directions on such signs.

1320.09. Police officers to direct traffic. A police officer in case of the necessity or emergency, or of congestion of traffic, may make such special orders to pedestrians or to drivers of vehicles as may be necessary to meet the emergency or to relieve the congestion.

1320.11. Unauthorized persons directing traffic. No unauthorized person shall regulate or attempt to regulate traffic upon the highways of this city.

1320.13. Unauthorized signs. No unauthorized person shall erect or maintain upon any highway any warning or direction sign, marker, signal or light imitation of any official sign, marker, signal or light erected under the provisions of this section.

1320.15. Deface signs. No person shall deface, injure, knock down, or remove any sign posted as provided in this section.

1320.17. Permit to have radio speaker on vehicle. No person shall operate any radio or other speaking equipment attached to any motor vehicle for the purpose of advertising or any other purpose upon any street or highway within the city, without first obtaining a special permit for the operation of such equipment from the manager. This subsection does not apply to radio receiving apparatus attached to vehicles, and not equipped for broadcasting by the driver of such vehicle.

1320.19. Traffic signs, city, county, state and railroads. No driver of a vehicle or motorman of a street car or pedestrian, or persons driving an animal or riding a bicycle, shall disobey the instructions of any official traffic control device placed by the city or Hennepin County, or the commissioner of highways or by any railway company under the authority and direction of the state railroad and warehouse commission, unless at the time otherwise directed by a police officer or employee of a railway company.

1320.21. Glass and other injurious substance on highways. No person shall throw or deposit glass, metal, garbage, tin cans, or any other similar substance upon any highway, and anyone who drops or throws, or permits to be dropped or thrown any destructive or injurious substance shall immediately cause the same to be removed. Wrecked or damaged vehicle on a street shall be removed therefrom without unreasonable delay, and pending removal shall be guarded during the period when lights are required on vehicles with proper lights, equal in intensity to ordinary parking lights, or by red flares; and when removed, no glass or injurious substance shall be left upon the street or roadway by the person removing the vehicle.

1320.23. Street markings, observance. The manager, with the approval of the council, may mark on the streets, highways and curbs in the city spaces and methods of parking or standing vehicles other than parallel with and alongside of the curb. Wherever and whenever such spaces are so marked, the driver or person in charge of any vehicle shall not park or stand the vehicle in any other manner than that indicated by such markings.

1320.25. Unreasonable acceleration. Subdivision 1. Definitions. For the purpose of this subsection, the terms defined in this subdivision have the meanings given them:

- a) "vehicle" means any and every mechanism, machine or device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a road or highway except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks;

- b) "motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled and not deriving power from overhead or undersurface wires or other conduits;
- c) "unreasonable acceleration" means acceleration of a motor vehicle which unnecessarily breaks or interrupts traction between a tire or tires and the driving surface thereby causing a prolonged screeching sound, or the hurling of sand or gravel by the tire or tires of such vehicle, or both;
- d) "erratic driving" means the operation of a motor vehicle in an irregular, unconventional, queer or eccentric manner, or in the screeching of tires, grinding of gears, backfiring, or the production of loud explosions or noises or other noise pollution in any manner whatsoever by or with a non-emergency vehicle.

Subd. 2. Unreasonable acceleration and erratic driving prohibited. Unreasonable acceleration or any erratic driving by the driver of any motor vehicle upon any public or private street, road, parking lot, alley, driveway or other thoroughfare within the city in an erratic manner is prohibited.

1320.27. Unattended motor vehicles. Subdivision 1. General rule. No person shall leave a motor vehicle unattended anywhere within the city without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition and removing all keys therefrom; provided that any violation of these provisions shall not be used to affect a recovery in a civil action for theft or unlawful possession of such motor vehicle, or any insurances thereon or be cited or in any way considered to have any other bearing in any civil action involving such vehicle. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit the operator of any unattended motor vehicle from leaving such keys therein if the operation of the engine is necessitated or occasioned by weather or other similar conditions or emergencies and if all vehicle doors and windows are locked.

Subd. 2. Police duties. When a police officer finds a motor vehicle standing in violation of this subsection, the officer shall tag such vehicle for the violation and shall remove all the keys therefrom left therein and deliver them to the police station. Prior to leaving such vehicle, the officer shall note upon the violation tag the disposition of the vehicle's keys. The officer in charge of the police station may return the key to the owner or driver of such vehicle upon proper proof of identity and a signed receipt for such keys.