

ORDINANCE RELATING TO TRAFFIC REGULATION  
AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE MINNESOTA  
HIGHWAY TRAFFIC REGULATION,  
MINNESOTA STATUTES CHAPTER 169 (1977)

The city Council of Moose Lake, County of Carlton, State of Minnesota, ordains:

Section 1. Traffic Regulations. The Minnesota Highway Traffic Regulation, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 169 (1977), one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, is hereby adopted as the traffic regulation of the City. Every provision contained in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 169 (1977), is hereby adopted and a part of the ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Definitions. Any term used in this ordinance in defining Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.01, has the meaning given by that section.

Section 3. Turning--Restrictions on Turns. The Chief of Police, may, whenever necessary to preserve the free flow of traffic or to prevent accident, designate any intersection as one where the turning of vehicles to the left or the right, or both, is to be restricted at all times or during specified hours. The Chief of Police shall cause to be marked by appropriate signs any intersections so designated. No intersection on a trunk Highway shall be so designated until the consent of the Commissioner of Transportation to such designation is first obtained. No person shall turn a vehicle at any such intersection contrary to the directions on such signs.

Section 4. Through Streets; One Way Streets. The Chief of Police may designate any street or portion of street as a through highway or a one way roadway where necessary to preserve the free flow of traffic or to prevent accidents. The Chief of Police shall cause to be posted appropriate signs at the entrance to such street. No trunk highway shall be designated unless the consent of the Commissioner of Transportation to such designation is first secured.

Section 5. Speed Limit in School Zones. School speed limit zones may be established by the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police shall cause to be erected appropriate signs designating the beginning and the ending of such speed limit zones, and upon the erection of appropriate signs, no person shall drive a vehicle within the zones designated by this section in excess of the speed so designated by the Chief of Police or when children are present, going or leaving school during opening or closing hours or during school recess periods.

Section 6. Truck Restrictions. The City Council resolution may designate streets on which travel by commercial vehicles in excess of a gross weight to be determined is prohibited. The City Engineer shall erect appropriate sign on such streets. No person shall operate a commercial vehicle on such posted streets in violation of restricted stated. Said restrictions shall be in addition to and not lieu of those established by Minnesota Statutes and the Commissioner of Transportation.

Section 7. Seasonal Weight Restrictions. The City Engineer may prohibit the operation of vehicles upon any street under his jurisdiction or impose weight restrictions on vehicles to be operated on such street whenever the street, by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions, will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless use of vehicles on the street is prohibited for the permissible weights thereof reduced. He shall erect and maintain signs plainly indicating the prohibition or restrictions at each end of the portion of the street affected. No person shall operate vehicle on a posted street in violation of the prohibition or restriction.

Section 8. Parking Regulations. Subdivision 1 -- Angle and Parallel Parking. Angle parking may be established by the City Engineer. On any such street where angle parking is established, every vehicle parked shall be parked with the front of the vehicle facing the curb or the edge of the traveled portion of the street at any angle of approximately 45 degrees and facing between the painted or other markings on the curb or street indicating the parking space. On all other streets, cars shall be parked parallel to the curb or the edge of roadway in accordance with the law.

Subdivision 2 -- No Parking, Stopping or Standing Zones. The Chief of Police may designate certain street or portion of streets as no parking or no stopping or standing zones or as zones for parking by physically handicapped persons and may limit the hours in which the restrictions apply. The Chief of Police shall be caused to be marked by appropriate signs use zones so designated. Except where necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device, no person shall stop or park a vehicle in an established no stopping or standing is prohibited except as permitted by State Law and except that a vehicle may be parked temporarily in such zone for the purpose of loading or unloading procession and a truck be parked temporarily between the hours of A.M. and P.M. of any business day for the purpose of loading or unloading where access to the premises is not otherwise available.

Subdivision 3 -- Time limit Parking Zones. The Chief of Police may designate certain areas where the right to park is limited during the hours specified. The Chief of Police shall cause to be marked by appropriate signs each zone so designated. During the hours specified on the sign, no person shall park a vehicle in any limited parking zone for a longer period than is so specified.

Subdivision 4 -- Impoundment. Any Police Officer may remove a vehicle from a street to a garage or other place of safety when the vehicle is unattended and constitutes an obstruction of traffic or hinders snow removal or street improvement or maintenance operations. Such vehicles shall not be released until the fees for towing are paid in addition to any fine imposed for violation of this ordinance.

Subdivision 5 -- The presence of any motor vehicle on any street when standing or parked in violation of this ordinance is prima facie evidence that the registered owner of the vehicle committed or authorized the violation.

Section 9. Truck Zones, Loading Zones, Ect. Subdivision 1 -- The Chief of Police may establish spaces in streets as loading zones or truck zones. The Chief of police shall cause to be marked each such zone by appropriate signs.

Subdivision 2 -- During truck zone hours, no person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle except a truck in a truck zone. No person shall stop, stand or park a truck in a truck zone during truck zone hours except to receive or discharge passengers or freight and only then for a period of no longer than is necessary for the purpose.

Subdivision 3 -- During loading zone hours, no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle in a loading zone except to receive or discharge passengers or freight and then only for a period no longer than is necessary for the purpose. No person shall occupy a loading zone with a vehicle other than a truck for more than five minutes during such hours.

Subdivision 4 -- Any Person desiring the establishment of a loading zone or truck zone abutting the premises occupied by him shall make written application

therefor to the City Council. If the City Council grants the request, the proper city officer shall bill the applicant for the estimated cost of placing signs and of painting the curb. When the amount is paid the City Treasurer, the Chief of Police shall cause to be installed the necessary signs and paint the curb.

Subdivision 5--no person shall allow a semi-trailer to stand or be parked unattached from a tractor unit for any length of time on any street in the City except in an emergency in order to change tractors.

Subdivision 6-- The Chief of Police may establish "No Truck Parking" zones in the business district and the Chief of Police shall cause to be marked by appropriate signs any such zones so established. such zones shall be established in the business district where heavy traffic by trucks or other traffic congestion makes parking of trucks a hazard to the safety of vehicle or pedestrians. No persons shall park a truck of more than 1-ton capacity between 9A.M. and 4:30 A.M. for a period of not more than thirty minutes shall be permitted in such zone for the purpose of having access to an abutting property when such access cannot conveniently be secured otherwise.

Section 10. Winter Parking. No person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle or permit to stand on any street for forty-eight hours following a snow storm, so that all streets may be cleared of vehicles for snow plowing and snow removal from said streets.

Section 11. Establishment of Safety Zones, Lanes of Traffic, Ect.. To assist in the direction and control of traffic, to improve safe driving conditions at any intersection or dangerous location, and to warrant pedestrians or drivers of motor vehicles of dangerous conditions or hazards, the Chief of Police may establish safety zones, lanes of traffic, and stop intersection, and he may order installation by the City Engineer of stop signs, yield signs, warning signs signals, pavement markings or other devices. No regulation may be established on a truck highway unless the consent of the Commissioner of Transportation is first secured.

Section 12. Removing Keys. No person shall leave a motor vehicle, except a truck which is engaged in loading or unloading, unattended on any street, used car lot, or unattended parking lot without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, and removing all ignition key from the vehicle. Whenever a police officer finds any motor vehicle standing in violation of this provision, he shall remove the keys from the vehicle and deliver them to the Municipal Power Plant within the City.

Section 13. Exhibition Driving Prohibited. It shall be a misdemeanor for a person to turn, accelerate, decelerate, or otherwise operate a motor vehicle within the City in a manner which causes unnecessary engine noise or backfire, squealing tires, skidding, sliding, swaying, throwing of sand and gravel, or in any manner simulating a race. Unreasonable squealing or screeching sounds emitted by tires, or unreasonable throwing of sand or gravel by the tires is prima facie evidence of violation of this section.

Section 14. Police Duties. The Police Department shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance and the state traffic laws. The police officers are authorized to direct all traffic within the City, either in person or by means of visible or audible signal, in conformity within this ordinance and the State traffic laws. During a fire or other emergency, or to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, officers of the Police Department may direct traffic as conditions require notwithstanding the provisions of this ordinance and the State traffic laws. Officers of the Fire Department may direct or assist policeman in directing traffic at the scene of a fire or in the immediate vicinity.

Section 15. Penalty. Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.89 (1977), as incorporated, shall determine all penalties for violation of any section of this ordinance.

Section 16. Repeal. Ordinance No. 34 entitled "An Ordinance Relating to the use of Highways Within the Village of Moose Lake, Carlton County, Minnesota, Imposing Penalties for the Violation Thereof", Ordinance No. 42 entitled "An Ordinance Regulating the Parking of Automobiles on Streets after a Snow Storm" and Ordinance No. 82 entitled "An Ordinance Regulating the Use of Motor Vehicles in the City of Moose Lake", are hereby repealed, but any prosecutions already commenced for violation of any such ordinance provision may be completed as if this section had not been adopted.

Section 17. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon publication.

Passed this 13th day of December, 1977.

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Clarence Folz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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