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SECTION 8.01. CERTAIN STATUTES ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

Subd. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, or in Chapters 7 and 9 of this Code, the regulatory and procedural provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169, commonly referred to as the Highway Traffic Regulation Act, as amended through Laws of 1983, is hereby incorporated herein and adopted by reference, including the penalty provisions thereof.

Subd. 2. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, or in Chapters 7 and 9 of this Code, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 171.01, 171.02, 171.08, 171.22, 171.23 and 171.24, as amended through Laws of 1983, are hereby incorporated herein and adopted by reference, including the penalty provisions thereof.

SECTION 8.02. BICYCLES.

Subd. 1. Traffic Laws Apply. Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this Chapter, except as to special regulations in this Chapter and except as to those provisions of this Chapter which by their nature can have no application.

Subd. 2. Manner and Number Riding.

A. It is unlawful for any person propelling a bicycle to ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

B. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, except on a baby seat attached to the bicycle, provided that such seat is equipped with a harness to hold the child securely in the seat and that protection is provided against the child's feet hitting the spokes of the wheel or in a seat attached to the bicycle operator.

Subd. 3. Hitching Rides. It is unlawful for any person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle to attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

Subd. 4. Where to Ride.

A. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

B. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

C. Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.

Subd. 5. Right of Way - Sidewalks. Whenever a person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

Subd. 6. Carrying Articles. It is unlawful for any person operating a bicycle to carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

Subd. 7. Lighting and Brake Equipment.

A. No person may, at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance of 500 feet ahead, operate a bicycle unless the bicycle or its operator is equipped with reflective surfaces that shall be visible during the hours of darkness from 600 feet when viewed in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. The reflective surfaces shall include reflective materials on each side of each pedal to indicate their presence from the front or the rear and with a minimum of 20 square inches on each side of the bicycle or its operator, of white reflective material. All reflective materials used in compliance with this Subdivision shall meet the requirements as prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

B. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

Subd. 8. Sale With Reflectors. It is unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any new bicycle unless it is equipped with such reflectors as are prescribed in Subdivision 7.

SECTION 8.03. U-TURNS. It is unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle by turning so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any street except at a street intersection, and then only if the street intersection is not sign-posted prohibiting a U-turn or otherwise controlled by a traffic signal; provided, that any person, making a permitted U-turn shall yield the right of way to all other vehicles.

SECTION 8.04. EXHIBITION DRIVING.

Subd. 1. Prima Facie Evidence. It is prima facie evidence of exhibition driving when a motor vehicle stops, starts, accelerates, decelerates, or turns at an unnecessary rate of speed so as to cause tires to squeal, gears to grind, soil to be thrown, engine backfire, fishtailing or skidding,

no for cycles, ATVs or any motor vehicle

any motor vehicle

or, as to two-wheeled or three-wheeled motor vehicles, the front wheel to lose contact with the ground or roadway surface. ^{cause}

Subd. 2. Unlawful Act. It is a petty-misdemeanor for any person to do any exhibition driving on any street, parking lot, or other public or private property, except when an emergency creates necessity for such operation to prevent injury to persons or damage to property; provided, that this Section shall not apply to driving on a racetrack. For purposes of this Section, a "racetrack" means any track or premises whereon motorized vehicles, horses, dogs, or other animals or fowl legally compete in a race or timed contest for an audience, the members of which have directly or indirectly paid a consideration for admission.

SECTION 8.05. HOSPITAL ZONES. It is unlawful for any person to make any unnecessary noise by fast driving or riding, ringing bells, blowing horns, whistles, or other devices or instruments under his control in any area duly sign-posted with the words "Hospital - Quiet".

SECTION 8.06. OBSTRUCTIONS TO VISIBILITY. It is unlawful to erect or maintain any structure or vegetation within a radius of 20 feet from the corner created by the projections of the curb lines at intersecting streets. Trees are not obstructions to vision if branches are trimmed to the trunks and to a height of 8 feet above the curb level. Nor shall traffic control signs or signals be considered obstructions. This Section shall not apply to that portion of the City zoned Commercial.

(Sections 8.07 through 8.19, inclusive, reserved for future expansion.)

SECTION 8.20. SNOWMOBILE REGULATION AND CONTROL.

Subd. 1. Intent. It is the intent of this Section to supplement Minnesota Statutes, Sections 84.81 through 84.88 as amended and Minnesota Statutes Chapter 169, with respect to the operation of snowmobiles. Such Statutes are incorporated herein by reference.

Subd. 2. Definitions. The following terms, as used in this Section, shall have the meanings stated:

A. "Person" includes an individual, partnership, corporation, the state and its agencies and subdivisions, and any body of persons, whether incorporated or not.

B. "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice steered by skis or runners.

C. "Owner" means a person, other than a lien holder having the property in or title to a snowmobile entitled to the use or possession thereof.

D. "Operate" means to ride in or on and control the operation of a snowmobile.

E. "Operator" means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile.

F. "Roadway" means that portion of a highway or street improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

G. "Street" means a public thoroughfare, roadway, alley, or trail used for motor vehicular traffic which is not an interstate, trunk, county state-aid or county highway.

H. "Right-of-way" means the entire strip of land traversed by a highway or street in which the public owns the fee or an easement for roadway purposes.

I. "Deadman throttle" or "safety throttle" means a device which when pressure is removed from the engine accelerator or throttle, causes the motor to be disengaged from the driving mechanism.

Subd. 3. Except as herein specifically permitted and authorized, it is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile within the limits of the City of Hallock:

A. On the roadway of any street, except the most right-hand lane then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand lane, curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle stopped in that lane or proceeding in the same direction, or in making a left turn. Snowmobiles may also be operated upon the outside slope of trunk, county state-aid and county highways where such highways are so configured within the corporate limits.

B. On a public sidewalk provided for pedestrian travel.

C. On boulevards within any public right-of-way.

D. On private property of another without specific permission of the owner or person in control of said property.

E. Upon any school grounds except as permission is expressly obtained from responsible school authorities.

F. On any other public place or grounds except as may be specifically permitted by other provisions of this Section.

G. On streets as permitted by this Section at a speed exceeding 15 miles per hour.

H. During the hours from 12:00 o'clock p.m. to 7:00 o'clock a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 2:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock a.m. on other days closer than thirty (30) feet from any residence.

Subd. 4. City traffic ordinances shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles upon streets and highways, except for those relating to required equipment, and except those which by their nature have no application.

Subd. 5. No snowmobile shall enter any uncontrolled intersection without making a complete stop. The operator shall then yield the right-of-way to any vehicle or pedestrians at the intersection, or so close to the intersection as to constitute an immediate hazard.

Subd. 6. Persons under 18.

A. No person under 14 years of age shall operate on streets or make a direct crossing of a city or village street as the operator of a snowmobile. A person 16 years of age or older, but less than 18 years of age, may operate a snowmobile on streets as permitted under this Section and make a direct crossing of such streets only if he has in his immediate possession a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by the Commissioner of Natural Resources as provided by M.S.A. §84.86.

B. No person between the ages of 14 and 16 years inclusive, shall operate on streets between the hours from 7:00 o'clock p.m. to 6:00 o'clock a.m. daily.

C. It is unlawful for the owner of a snowmobile to permit the snowmobile to be operated contrary to the provisions of this Section.

Subd. 7. It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile within the limits of the City of Hallock:

A. So as to tow any person or thing in a public street or highway except through use of a rigid tow bar attached to the rear of the snowmobile.

B. Within 30 feet of any fisherman, pedestrian, skating rink or sliding area where the operation would conflict with use or endanger other persons or operation.

Subd. 8. It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile any place within the limits of the City of Hallock unless it is equipped with the following:

A. Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the snowmobile under any condition of operation.

B. A safety or so-called "deadman" throttle in operating condition.

C. When operated between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or at times of reduced visibility, at least one clear lamp attached to the front, with sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead during the hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions. Such head lamp shall be so aimed that glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of oncoming snowmobile operator. It shall also be equipped with at least one red tail lamp having a minimum candle power of sufficient intensity to exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear during the hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions.

D. Reflective material at least 16 square inches on each side, forward of the handlebars, so as to reflect lights at a ninety degree angle.

Subd. 9. Every person leaving a snowmobile on a public place shall lock the ignition, remove the key and take the same with him.

Subd. 10. Penalties. Every person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this Section shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). ?

Subd. 11. Severability. Should any subdivision, clause or other provision of this Section be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Section as a whole, or of any part thereof, other than the part held to be invalid.

Source: Ordinance No. 134
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(Sections 8.21 through 8.98, inclusive, reserved for future expansion.)

SECTION 8.21. - SPECIAL VEHICLES, MOTORIZED GOLF CARS, CLASS 1 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND MINI-TRUCKS.

Subd. 1. Definitions. The following terms, as used in this Section, shall have the meanings stated:

A. Scope. The definitions in this Subdivision apply only to Chapter 8, Section 8.21.

B. Person. An individual or an organization as defined in section 336.1-201(b)(27).

C. All-Terrain Vehicle. As defined in Min Stat. § 169.045, subd. 1, a four-wheel motorized flotation-tired vehicle with four low pressure tires that is limited in engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters and total dry weight less than 600 pounds.

D. Applicant. Any owner of a golf cart, all-terrain vehicle or mini-truck requesting authorization to operate said golf cart, all-terrain vehicle or mini-truck within the city limits of the City of Hallock.

E. Motorized Golf Cart. Any passenger conveyance being driven with four wheels with four low-pressure tires that is limited in engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters and total dry weight less than 800 pounds.

F. Mini-Truck. As defined in Minn. Stat. § 169.01, subd. 40(a), a motor vehicle that has four wheels; is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of 7,500 watts or less or an internal combustion engine with a piston displacement capacity of 660 cubic centimeters or less; has a total dry weight of 900 to 2,200 pounds; contains an enclosed cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator; commonly resembles a pickup truck or van, including a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the vehicle; and was not originally manufactured to meet federal motor vehicle safety standards required of motor vehicles in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, sections 571.101 to 571.404, and successor requirements. A mini-truck does not include: a neighborhood electric vehicle or a medium-speed electric vehicle as defined by § 73.11; or a motor vehicle that meets or exceeds the regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 571.500, as it may be amended from time to time.

G. Owner. A person, other than person with security interest, having a property interest in or title to a golf cart, all-terrain vehicle or mini-truck and entitled to use and possession of the vehicle.

H. Designated Roadways. All roadways under the jurisdiction of the City of Hallock.

Subd. 2. Permit. No person shall operate a motorized golf cart, all-terrain vehicle or mini-truck on streets, alleys, sidewalks or other public property without obtaining a permit

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as provided herein. The following provisions apply to the permit process

A. Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the city and shall contain all of the following information:

- a. The name and address of the applicant.
- b. Model name, make, year and serial number of the motorized golf cart, all-terrain vehicle or mini-truck.
- c. Current driver's license number (mini trucks only)
- d. Other information as the city may require

B. The permit application shall include a permit fee, an amount to be set by city council resolution.

C. Permits shall be granted and renewed for a period of not to exceed one year. All permits shall expire on December 31 of each year

D. No permit shall be granted or renewed unless the following conditions are met:

- a. The applicant must demonstrate that he or she currently holds or has a Minnesota driver's license to operate a mini-truck.
- b. The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes concerning insurance coverage for the golf cart, all-terrain vehicle or mini-truck.
- c. The applicant has not had his or her driver's license revoked as the result of criminal proceedings.
- d. The applicant may be required to submit a certificate signed by a physician that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart or all-terrain vehicle on the roadways designated.

E. The City may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder, pending a hearing, upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any of the provisions of this section or Minn. Stat., ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, or if there is evidence that the permit holder cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck on the designated roadways.

Subd. 3 Operations. Additional conditions:

A. Motorized golf carts shall display the slow-moving vehicle emblem provided for in Minn. Stat. § 169.045, as it may be amended from time to time, when operated on designated roadways.

B. Motorized golf carts and all-terrain vehicles may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather conditions or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

C. No person under 16 years of age shall operate a motorized golf cart or all-terrain vehicle in the City of Hallock.

D. Motorized golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, and mini-trucks shall be equipped with a rear-view mirror to provide the driver with adequate vision from behind as required by Minn. Stat. § 169.70.

E. Motorized golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, and mini-trucks shall be equipped with a muffler or other device that effectively prevents the discharge of loud or explosive exhaust noises.

F. Prima Facie Evidence. It is prima facie evidence of exhibition driving when a motorized golf cart, all-terrain vehicle or mini-truck starts, accelerates, decelerates, or turns at an unnecessary rate of speed so as to cause tires to squeal, gears to grind, soil to be thrown, engine backfire, fishtailing or skidding, or, as to any motorized golf cart, all-terrain vehicle or mini-truck, cause the front wheels to lose contact with the ground or roadway surface.

G. Motorized golf carts, all-terrain vehicles and mini-trucks are permitted to operate only on city streets, not state or federal highways, except to cross such state or federal highways, but only at approximately a 90 degree angle.

H. Every person operating a motorized golf cart, an all-terrain vehicle, or a mini-truck under permit on designated roadways has all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of Minn. Stat., ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, except when these provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts or mini-trucks and except as otherwise specifically provided in Minn. Stat. § 169.045(7), as it may be amended from time to

I. The number of occupants on the golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, or mini-truck may not exceed the design occupant load.

J. Authorized city staff may operate city owned motorized golf carts and mini-trucks without obtaining a permit within the city on city streets, sidewalks, trails, rights-of-way, and public property when conducting city business.

Subd. 4 Mini-trucks. Additional equipment requirements.

A. Notwithstanding sections 169.48 to 169.68, or any other law, a mini truck may be operated under permit on designated roadways if it is equipped with:

- a. At least two headlamps.
- b. At least two tail lamps.
- c. Front and rear turn-signal lamps.
- d. A windshield.
- e. A seat belt for the driver and front passenger.
- f. A parking brake
- g. An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle.
- h.. An exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror.

Subd. 5. Other Statutory Authority. This ordinance does not restrict any allowable uses provided in Minnesota Statute relating to any state or county roadways within the city limits.

Subd. 6 Violations. Unless otherwise set forth by State Statute or rule, any violation of this Section shall be a petty misdemeanor

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(Sections 8.22 through 8.98, inclusive, reserved for future expansion).

SECTION 8.99. VIOLATION A MISDEMEANOR OR PETTY MISDEMEANOR. Every person violates a section, subdivision, paragraph or provision of this Chapter when he performs an act thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, or fails to act when such failure is thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:

Subd. 1. Where the specific section, subdivision, paragraph or provision specifically makes violation a misdemeanor, he shall be punished as for a misdemeanor; where a violation is committed in a manner or under circumstances so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property, he shall be punished as for a misdemeanor; where he stands convicted of violation of any provision of this Chapter, exclusive of violations relating to the standing or parking of an unattended vehicle, within the immediate preceding 12-month period for the third or subsequent time, he shall be punished as for a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. As to any violations not constituting a misdemeanor under the provisions of Subdivision 1 hereof, he shall be punished as for a petty misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. As to any violation of a provision adopted by reference, he shall be punished as specified in such provision, so adopted.