

CHAPTER SIX: PARKING REGULATIONS

601 Parking Regulations; In General. Except as specifically provided herein, no person shall stop, park or permit any vehicle to stand upon streets or highways, portions of streets or highways or land dedicated to street or highway purposes in the City of Minnetonka Beach, whether the vehicle shall be attended or unattended, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device, but, in every event, there shall remain a clear, unobstructed width of at least twenty (20) feet in each direction upon such street or highway. No parking zones may be designated by posted signs or curbs painted yellow. In no event shall any vehicle be parked continuously at any place in any public street for a period of more than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours. Regarding streets or highways or portions thereof which the City Council has designated permitted parking areas, the following shall apply:

- (1) **Parallel Parking.** No person shall stop, park or permit a vehicle to stand in a roadway in any position other than parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of traffic, except that upon those streets which have been marked or signed for angle or vertical parking, vehicles shall be parked at the angle to the curb or other edge of the improved roadway which is indicated by such marks or signs.
- (2) **Precautionary Measures Regarding Parked Vehicles.** No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing all ignition keys from the vehicle, setting the brake thereon, and taking such other precautionary measures as to prevent the vehicle from starting in motion while attended. Whenever any police officer finds any motor vehicle standing in violation of this provision, he shall remove the keys from the vehicle and deliver them to police headquarters.
- (3) **Parking in Alleys.** Vehicles, other than trucks, shall not be parked in public alleys and trucks shall not be so parked for a longer period of time than is necessary to load or unload commodities, and then not to exceed thirty (30) minutes.
- (4) **Prohibited Parking Areas.** No person shall stop, park or permit a vehicle to stand in any of the following places, whether attended or unattended, unless it shall be in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device:
 - (A) In front of a public or private driveway and within five (5) feet of the intersection of any public or private alley with a street or highway.
 - (B) Within an intersection.

- (C) Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant.
 - (D) Within thirty (30) feet of any flashing beacon, stop sign, traffic control signal or school sign.
 - (E) Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection or within the crosswalk.
 - (F) Upon any bridge or approach or other elevated structure upon any street.
 - (G) At any place designated as a “no parking” zone, or for longer than the time permitted in a “limited time parking” zone, where signs are posted by authority of the City Council which indicate the parking restriction.
 - (H) In a private driveway or on private property without the permission of the owner.
- (5) **“Limited Time Parking” and “Permit Parking Only” Zones.** The City Council may designate “limited time parking” zones by a resolution setting forth the location of the zone and the time limit imposed in each such zone so designated. The City Council may designate “permit parking only” zones by resolution setting forth the location of the zone. The City Council shall cause such “limited time parking” and “permit parking only” zones so designated to be posted with signs which shall indicate the time limited for parking therein. The restriction against parking shall be effective from the time upon which the signs shall be in place.
- (6) **Impoundment.** Any police officer may remove a vehicle from a street to a garage or other place of safety when the vehicle is left unattended and constitutes an obstruction to traffic or hinders snow removal or street improvement or maintenance operations. A person who is entitled to possession of an impounded vehicle shall have the right to post-impoundment hearing to determine probable cause to impound the vehicle under this subdivision if such person files a written demand for the hearing within five days after impounding, excluding, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. The demand shall be made to the Clerk of the City, who shall serve as the hearing officer for such purposes. The hearing shall be conducted within 24 hours of the written demand therefor unless such person agrees to a later hearing. Not more than 72 hours after impoundment of a vehicle which has not been redeemed, the Clerk of the City shall mail a notice to the registered owner of the vehicle, if such may be secured through the license number, at the address provided by the motor vehicle license agency of the state or province in which the vehicle is registered. The notice shall contain the full particulars about the impoundment, the procedure for redemption, and the opportunity for a hearing to test the propriety of the

impoundment. A similar notice shall be available at the police department and shall be conspicuously posted at the place of impoundment. If the hearing officer determines that there is no probable cause for the impoundment under the ordinance, the city shall pay the towing and storage charges and the vehicle shall be released forthwith to the person entitled to possession. In every other case, the vehicle shall be released only when the fees for towing and storage are paid by the person recovering possession.

- (7) **Presumption of Violation.** 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 commission of the violation.
- (8) **Snow Removal Parking Restrictions.** The City Council may by resolution authorize the posting of “no parking” signs for the purpose of snow removal along public streets and highways of the City of Minnetonka Beach where snow removal operations will require the use of the entire width of the street by snow plowing and removal equipment. Such signs shall be posted at frequent intervals giving timely notice of the snow removal operation but, in no event, shall the signs be posted less than four (4) hours prior to the time when snow removal commences on the street so posted. Such signs shall be removed promptly after completion of the snow removal operation. No person shall park any vehicle nor leave any vehicle which was parked at the time of posting in the posted zone during the time after which the signs have been erected. It shall be unlawful for any person other than an authorized representative of the City of Minnetonka Beach to remove said signs.