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ARTICLE 1 – Definitions

9.0101 Definitions

Words and phrases used in this chapter shall have the meaning and be defined as provided in Title 39 of the North Dakota Century Code, and North Dakota Century Code section 39-01-01 and all subsequent amendments are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance.

ARTICLE 2 – Adoption of Amendments

9.0201 Adoption of Amendments by Reference

The adoption of Title 39 by reference shall be construed to incorporate such amendments as may be made therein from time to time, and such copy of the adopted Title 39 filed as required shall at all times be kept current in the office of the city auditor.

ARTICLE 3 – Traffic Control Devices

9.0301 Authority to Install

The city engineer or any person authorized by the City governing body shall place and maintain traffic-control signs, signals, and devices when and as required under the traffic ordinances of this City to make effective the provisions of said ordinances, and may place and maintain such additional traffic-control devices as necessary to regulate traffic under the traffic ordinances of this City or under state law, or to guide or warn traffic.

9.0302 Specifications for

All traffic-control signs, signals, and devices shall conform to the specifications approved by the director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation pursuant to North Dakota Century Code section 39-13-06. All signs and signals required hereunder for a particular purpose shall so far as practicable be uniform as to type and location throughout the City. All traffic-control devices so erected and not inconsistent with the provisions of state law or this article shall be official traffic-control devices.

9.0303 Obedience to Traffic-Control Devices

The provisions of North Dakota Century Code section 39-10-04 and all subsequent amendments are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance.

1. The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any official traffic-control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, unless otherwise directed by a traffic or police officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in this chapter.
2. No provision of this chapter for which traffic-control devices are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official device is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a state statute does not state that devices are required, such statute shall be effective even though no devices are erected or in place.
3. Whenever official traffic-control devices are placed in position approximately conforming to the requirements of state law, such devices shall be presumed to have been so placed by the official act or direction of lawful authority unless the contrary shall be established by competent evidence.

4. Any official traffic-control device placed pursuant to the provisions of state law and purporting to conform to the lawful requirements pertaining to such devices shall be presumed to comply with the requirements of the chapter, unless the contrary shall be established by competent evidence.

9.0304 Unauthorized Signs

The provisions of North Dakota Century Code section 39-10-07.2 and all subsequent amendments are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance.

1. No person may place, maintain, or display upon or in view of any highway, any unauthorized sign, signal, marking, or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of an official traffic-control device or any railroad sign or signal.
2. No person may place or maintain nor shall any public authority permit upon any highway any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising.
3. This section may not be deemed to prohibit the erection upon private property adjacent to highways of signs giving useful directional information and of a type that cannot be mistaken for official signs.
4. Every such prohibited sign, signal, or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and the authority having jurisdiction over the highway is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice when located on highway right of way.
5. No person may place, maintain, or display upon or within the right of way of any highway any sign, post, pole, mailbox, or signal which has a red lamp or red reflector visible to traffic. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to official traffic devices, lamps, or reflectors on motor vehicles or bicycles, or railroad signals or signs.
6. This section does not prohibit the use of portable battery-powered warning devices emitting a flashing red light placed upon a highway to alert oncoming traffic to a disabled or stopped motor vehicle.

9.0305 Interference with Official Traffic Control Device or Sign

The provision of North Dakota Century Code section 39-10-07.3 and all subsequent amendments are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance.

A person may not, without lawful authority, attempt to or in fact alter, deface, injure, knock down, remove, or interfere with the operation of any official traffic-control device or any railroad sign or signal or any inscription, shield, or insignia thereon, or any other part thereof.

9.0306 Designation of Walks, Lanes, etc.

The city engineer or any person authorized by the City governing body shall:

1. Designate and maintain, by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and at such other places as directed by the City governing body.
2. Establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places as may be deemed necessary for the protection of pedestrians as determined by the City governing body.
3. Mark traffic lanes upon the roadway of any street or highway where a regular alignment of traffic is necessary. Where such traffic lanes have been marked, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail or refuse to keep such vehicle within the boundaries of any such lane except when lawfully passing another vehicle or preparatory to making a lawful turning movement or performing other lawful traffic movements.

ARTICLE 4 – Speed Regulations and Signs

9.0401 When Local Authorities May or Shall Alter Maximum Speed – Limits – Signs Posted

The provisions of North Dakota Century Code section 39-09-03 and all subsequent amendments are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance.

1. Whenever the City, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, determines that the maximum speed permitted under this title is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist upon a highway or part of a highway, the City may determine and declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon which:
 - a. Decreases the limit at intersections;
 - b. Increases the limit within an urban district but not to more than fifty-five (55) miles per hour; or
 - c. Decreases the limit outside an urban district.
2. The City shall determine by an engineering and traffic investigation the proper maximum speed for arterial streets and shall declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon which may be greater or less than the minimum speed permitted under this chapter for an urban district.
3. Any altered limit established as hereinabove authorized shall be effective at all times or during hours of darkness or at other times as may be determined when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon such street or highway.
4. Any alteration of maximum limits on state highways or extensions thereof in the City may not be effective until such alteration has been approved by the director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation.
5. Not more than six such alterations as hereinabove authorized shall be made per mile along a street or highway except in the case of reduced limits at intersections, and the difference between adjacent limits shall not be more than ten (10) miles per hour.

9.0402 Signs

All traffic control devices shall conform to state specifications.

ARTICLE 5 – Parking

9.0501 Time Limit Parking Zones

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person, firm or corporation shall park or leave standing, either attended or unattended any motor vehicle for more than the amount of time posted.

The city engineer or authorized person may establish time parking zones from time to time in such places as they determine, or as the governing body shall specifically designate, to promote the greatest benefit and convenience to the public and the best use of the street areas.

9.0502 Reserved Parking Areas

No person, firm or corporation shall, when signs are erected giving notice thereof, park or leave standing, either attended or unattended, any motor vehicle on street areas which are reserved for the following temporary uses: loading and unloading, bus parking, guest parking, taxi parking, emergency parking, no parking, police or fire use.

The City may establish from time to time areas for loading and unloading, bus parking, guest parking, taxi parking, emergency parking, no parking or police and fire use on such public streets in such places and in such number as the chief shall determine or as the governing body may specifically designate to be of greatest benefit and convenience to the public. These areas shall be designated by appropriate signs.

9.0503 Angle Parking

The city engineer or other authorized city official may mark or sign streets upon which angle parking will be permitted (other than federal aid or state highways). Upon those streets which have been signed or marked for angle

parking, no person may park or stand a vehicle other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings.

9.0504 Angle Parking – Where

Angle parking shall also be permitted on the following streets:

9.0505 Close to Curb

No person may stand or park a vehicle in a street other than on the roadway and parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with the right hand wheels of the vehicle within eighteen (18) inches of the curb or edge of the roadway except as otherwise provided in this article.

9.506 Method of Parking – Penalty **(Amended 07/17/19)**

1. A violation of the provisions of this article in respect to the method of parking is punishable by a fine of not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). If not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of the violation, the penalty shall increase to forty dollars (\$40.00).

2. Severability - In the event any section of this Ordinance is held invalid by court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall extend to the section affected, and other sections of this Chapter shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 6 – Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited in Specific Places

9.0601 Parking Prohibited – Times

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to park or leave standing either attended or unattended, any motor vehicle in or upon the streets or alleys of the City.

9.0602 Stopping, Standing or Parking Outside of Business or Residence Districts

The provisions of North Dakota Century Code section 39-10-47 and all subsequent amendments are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance.

1. Upon any highway outside of a business or residence district no person may stop, park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or main-traveled part of the highway when it is practicable to stop, park or so leave such vehicle off such part of said highway, but in every event an unobstructed width of the highway of not less than twelve (12) feet opposite a standing vehicle shall be left for the free passage of other vehicles and a clear view of such stopped vehicles shall be available from a distance of two hundred feet in each direction upon such highway.
2. Sections 9.0502 and 9.0503 do not apply to the driver of any vehicle which is disabled while on the paved or main-traveled portion of a highway in such manner and to such extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving such disabled vehicle in such position.

9.0603 Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited in Specified Places

The provisions of North Dakota Century Code section 39-10-49 and all subsequent amendments are hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance.

No person may stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

1. On a sidewalk;
2. In front of a public or private driveway;
3. Within an intersection;
4. Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant;
5. On a crosswalk;
6. Within ten (10) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
7. Within fifteen (15) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;
8. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within fifteen (15) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the North Dakota Department of Transportation or the City indicates a different length by signs or markings;
9. Within fifteen (15) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
10. Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of said entrance when properly signposted;
11. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
12. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
13. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel; or
14. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under the person's control into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful.

9.0604 Stopping – Parking – Certain Purposes Prohibited

No person may park a vehicle upon any roadway for the principal purpose of:

1. Displaying such vehicle for sale;
2. Washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle except when repairing such vehicle is necessitated by an emergency.

9.0605 Stopping – Parking – Congested – Hazardous Places

The city engineer or other person designated by the City governing body is hereby authorized to determine and designate by proper signs, places in which the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles would create an especially hazardous condition or would cause unusual delay to traffic.

When official signs are erected at hazardous or congested places as authorized herein, no person may stop, stand or park a vehicle in any such designated place.

9.0606 Stopping – Parking – In Alleys

No person may park a vehicle within an alley, nor shall any person stop a commercial vehicle so as to leave available less than twelve (12) feet of the width thereof for free movement of vehicular traffic, nor shall any person stop in such a position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property.

9.0607 Parking Adjacent to Schools

1. The city traffic engineer or authorized person may erect signs indicating no parking upon either or both sides of any street adjacent to any school property when such parking would, in the traffic engineer's or other authorized person's opinion, interfere with traffic or create a hazardous situation.

2. When official signs are erected indicating no parking upon either side of a street adjacent to any school property as authorized herein, no person may park a vehicle in any such designated place.

9.0608 Stopping – Parking – Over 48 Hours

It shall be unlawful for anyone to park or leave standing on any public street or highway in the City any vehicle for a period longer than forty-eight (48) hours consecutively, provided this section shall not include any area where a shorter time is provided for parking.

ARTICLE 7 – Regulating the Kinds and Classes of Traffic on Certain Roads

9.0701 Load Restrictions Upon Vehicles Using Certain Roadways

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person may operate any vehicle with a gross weight in excess of the maximum indicated weight at any time upon any street or part of a street so designated.

9.0702 Commercial Vehicles Prohibited from Using Certain Streets

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person may operate any commercial vehicle exceeding the maximum indicated gross weight at any time upon any street or part of a street so designated except that such vehicles may be operated thereon for the purpose of delivering or picking up materials or merchandise and then only by entering such street at the intersection nearest the designation of the vehicle and proceeding thereon no farther than the nearest intersection thereafter.

9.0703 Size Restrictions Upon Vehicles Using Certain Highways

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person may operate any vehicle exceeding the dimensions specified by such sign or signs at any time upon any street or part of a street so designated.

9.0704 Restrictions Upon Use of Streets by Certain Vehicles

1. The city traffic engineer or authorized person may determine and designate those streets upon which shall be prohibited the use of the roadway by off-highway vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, bicycles, horse-drawn vehicles or other types of traffic and shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof.
2. When signs are so erected giving notice thereof, no person may disobey the restrictions stated on such signs.

ARTICLE 8 – Severability Clause

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person, or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

ARTICLE 9 – Penalties

Any person who is convicted of violating or of failing to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance may be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both.

