

**FRIDLEY CITY CODE**  
**CHAPTER 506. VEHICLE PARKING**

(Ref. 221, 275, 379, 552, 583, 741, 869, 1043, 1127, 1162, 1167, 1257, 1280)

**506.01. STATE LAW COMPLIANCE**

No person shall drive, operate or be in actual physical control of any vehicle contrary to state law; nor shall any owner or person having custody or control of any vehicle knowingly allow any other person to drive, operate or be in actual physical control of a vehicle contrary to state law. (Ref. 221, 552)

**506.02. DEFINITIONS (Ref. 1043)**

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and application of this Chapter and the following words and terms, wherever they occur in this Chapter, are defined as follows:

1. Bus.

"Bus" means every motor vehicle designed for carrying more than 15 passengers including the driver, and used for transporting persons.

2. Large Commercial Vehicle.

A truck, truck-tractor, tractor, semi-trailer, van, or bus as defined herein having a licensed gross vehicle weight over 12,000 pounds.

3. Manufactured Home; Park Trailer; Travel Trailer.

A. "Manufactured home" has the meaning given it in Minnesota State Statute Section 327.31, subdivision 6.

B. "Park trailer" means a trailer that:

(1) exceeds eight feet in width but is no larger than 400 square feet when the collapsible components are fully extended or at maximum horizontal width, and

(2) is used as temporary living quarters. "Park trailer" does not include a manufactured home.

C. "Travel trailer" means a trailer, mounted on wheels, that:

(1) is designed to provide temporary living quarters during recreation, camping or travel;

(2) does not require a special highway movement permit based on its size or weight when towed by a motor vehicle; and

(3) complies with Minnesota State Statute Sections 169.80, subdivision 2, and 169.81, subdivision 2.

4. Motor Home

“Motor home” means any vehicle designed as an enclosed piece of equipment dually used as both a vehicle and a temporary travel home. They are also called motor caravan. (Ref 1257)

5. Motor Vehicle

“Motor vehicle” means every vehicle which is self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires. Motor vehicle does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device or a vehicle moved solely by human power. (Ref 1257)

6. Passenger Automobile.

"Passenger automobile" means any motor vehicle designed and used for the carrying of not more than 15 persons including the driver, and does not include motorcycles, motor scooters, and buses as defined herein.

7. Pickup Truck.

"Pickup truck" means any truck with a manufacturer's nominal rated carrying capacity of three-fourths ton or less and commonly known as a pickup truck.

8. Residential District.

Means and includes those areas zoned single family dwelling areas, two family areas, and general multiple family areas (Ref. 552).

9. Semi-trailer.

"Semi- trailer" means a vehicle of the trailer type so designed and used in conjunction with a truck-tractor that a considerable part of its own weight or that of its load rests upon and is carried by the truck-tractor and shall include a trailer drawn by a truck-tractor semitrailer combination.

10. Tractor.

"Tractor" means any motor vehicle designed or used for drawing other vehicles but having no provision for carrying loads independently.

11. Trailer.

"Trailer" means any vehicle designed for carrying property or passengers on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle but shall not include a trailer drawn by a truck-tractor semitrailer combination, or an auxiliary axle on a motor vehicle which carries a portion of the weight of the motor vehicle to which it is attached.

## 12. Truck.

"Truck" means any motor vehicle designed and used for carrying things other than passengers, except pickup trucks and vans as defined herein.

## 13. Truck-tractor.

"Truck-tractor" means:

- A. A motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not constructed to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load drawn; and
- B. A motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles used exclusively for transporting motor vehicles and capable of carrying motor vehicles on its own structure.

## 14. Van.

"Van" means any motor vehicle of box like design with no barrier or separation between the operator's area, and the remainder of the cargo carrying area, and with a manufacturer's nominal rating capacity of three-fourths ton or less. (Ref 1257)

## 15. Vehicle.

"Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, excepting devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks. (Ref 1257)

### **506.03. OFF PAVEMENT**

No person shall stop, leave standing or park a vehicle whether attended or unattended, upon the paved, improved or main traveled portion of a highway or street when it is practical to stop, park or leave such vehicle off such portion of said highway or street. In every such event, a clear and unobstructed width of at least fifteen (15) feet of such highway or street opposite such standing vehicle shall be left for the free passage of other vehicles.

### **506.04. UNATTENDED VEHICLES**

1. No person shall stop, park or leave a vehicle unattended upon a street or highway in the City for a period in excess of 24 hours.
2. No person shall stop, park or leave a vehicle unattended upon a street or highway in the City between the hours of 2:00 o'clock a.m. and 6:00 o'clock a.m. between the first day of November of any year, to and including the first day of April of the following year. (Ref Ord 1162)

**506.05. SNOW REMOVAL - VIOLATION AND TOWING**

1. During the winter months, commencing on the first day of November of any year, to and including the first day of April of the following year, it shall be a violation for any person to stop, park or leave standing a vehicle on any street or highway in such a manner as to impede the plowing and/or removal of any snow, ice, or waste on such street or highway.
2. Whenever it shall be found necessary to the proper direction control, regulation of traffic, plowing and/or the removal of snow, ice or waste, or maintenance or improvement of any highway or street to remove any vehicle standing on a highway or street in the City, then any police officer is authorized to provide for the removal of such vehicle and have the same removed to the nearest convenient garage or other place of safety. Any vehicle stopped, parked or left standing on any highway or street in violation of law and removed as provided therein above, may be removed upon order of a police officer and the cost of removal and storage of the same charged to the owner of the vehicle, as well as the person causing such violation. (Ref. 583)

**506.06. SCHOOLS**

Whenever any public school lands or the lands and areas of any public governing body or authority customarily or usually open to traffic by the public are posted by order of the school board or other governing body or authority in control of such lands, then it shall be unlawful to drive, operate, stop, leave standing or-park any vehicle on such lands contrary to such posting.

**506.07. OBEDIENCE TO MARKINGS**

1. No person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at the curb or edge of the roadway or within designated spaces on those streets which have been signed or marked for parking by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.
2. When official signs prohibiting parking are erected as authorized herein, no person shall park a vehicle upon any such street in violation of any such sign.
3. In the event a highway includes two (2) or more separate roadways and traffic is restricted to one (1) direction upon any such roadway, no person shall stand or park a vehicle upon the left-hand side of such one-way roadway unless signs are erected to permit such standing or parking.

**506.08. STOPPING AND STANDING PROHIBITED**

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the 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 or directly across therefrom in such a manner as to impede the access to said driveway;

3. Within an intersection;
4. Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant;
5. On a crosswalk;
6. Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection or within 20 feet of a mid-block crosswalk properly marked;
7. Within 30 feet upon the approaching side of any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of the roadway;
8. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the City has indicated a different length by signs or markings;
9. Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
10. Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station or within 75 feet of said entrance when properly posted
11. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
12. On a 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 underpass;
14. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping;
15. On any boulevards;
16. In areas reserved for the handicapped; (Cross Ref. Chapter 511.03)
17. Fire Lanes. (Cross Ref. Chapter 108.06)
18. Where parking obstructs or interferes with the delivery or pick-up of United States mail between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Saturday, excluding federal holidays and/or other days designated as non-delivery days by the United States Post Office. (Ref 1280)

#### **506.09. ALLEYS**

No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than 10 feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic and no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within an al in such position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property.

**506.10. FOR SALE OR WASHING**

1. In order to preserve civic beauty, to assure public health, safety, and welfare by preventing congestion and traffic hazards, to prevent unauthorized use and trespass on vacant property, and to prevent damage and erosion problems associated with off-road vehicle travel on unimproved surfaces, it is necessary to regulate the individual sales of vehicles within the city. No person, business, association or corporation shall store, display or park, or allow the storage, display or parking of an individual vehicle for the purpose of displaying on or near it a sign indicating a phone number, address, or other identifying information, or a sign indicating that the vehicle is for sale, consignment, lease, trade or exchange:

- A. Upon any public property including public right-of-way and easements; or
- B. Upon any private property, unless the vehicle is stored displayed, or parked on an improved hard surface designed and improved for vehicle travel and only if the vehicle is registered to the property owner or occupant of the property upon which it is stored, displayed, or parked, unless the property owners or occupants have a current license to sell vehicles on the property.
- C. No person shall park a vehicle upon any roadway for the purpose of: washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency. (Ref. 869)

**506.11. NARROW STREETS**

The City Manager or the City Manager's designee is hereby authorized to erect signs indicating no parking upon any street when the width of the roadway does not exceed 20 feet or upon one side of a street as indicated by such signs when the width of the roadway does not exceed 30 feet.

**506.12. CONGESTED PLACES**

1 The City Manager or the City Manager's designee 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.

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

**506.13. PARKING REQUIREMENTS**

1 One large commercial vehicle having a licensed gross vehicle weight over 12,000 pounds may be parked on property in any residential district provided it meets the following requirements. In no circumstances may more than one large commercial vehicle be parked on residentially zoned property.

- A. The owner or operator of the vehicle must reside on the property.

- B. The vehicle shall be parked on a hardsurface driveway in compliance with the applicable zoning district requirements.
  - C. Noise from idling the engine shall not exceed the L50 standards provided for in Chapter 124.03.02 of the Fridley City Code. The vehicles' engine must not be idled for more than thirty (30) minutes in any one (1) hour period. In no circumstances may the engine idle for more than two periods, lasting thirty (30) minutes each, in one twenty-four (24) hour period. For purposes of this section, idling shall mean running the vehicle engine for more than three (3) minutes.
  - D. The permitted vehicle shall be parked at least ten (10) feet from the front property line.
2. Recreational vehicles as defined in Minnesota State Statutes 168.011, Subdivision 25, boats and boat trailers are exempt from the provisions of Section 506.13.01.
  3. School buses which are parked or stored on church properties and used in conjunction with church related activities are exempt from the provisions of Section 506.13.01.
  4. Large commercial vehicles parked at hotels and motels as defined in Chapter 205 of the Fridley Zoning Code are exempt from, the provisions of this Section 506.13.01.
  5. Owners or operators of large commercial vehicles shall comply with the provisions of this chapter by March 1, 1995. All large commercial vehicles not in compliance with Section 506.13.01.A., C, and D, must be removed by March 1, 1995. Owners or operators who need to install a hardsurface driveway as required in Section 506.13.01.B shall install the driveway no later than July 1, 1995. Large commercial vehicles in violation of this chapter shall be considered a public nuisance and may be abated as provided in Chapter 128.
  6. No person shall park or leave standing a truck tractor, semitrailer, bus (except for school buses during normal operation of their weekday routes), truck having a licensed gross weight over 12,000 pounds, manufactured home, park trailer, travel trailer, trailer, or motor home, whether attended or unattended, upon the public streets in any zoning district unless in the process of loading or unloading. Motor homes and travel trailers may remain parked on a public street for loading and unloading purposes no more than two nonconsecutive 24 hour time periods in a seven (7) day time period. (Ref. 552, 741, 1257).

#### **506.14. ILLEGAL PARKING**

In any prosecution charging a violation of any law or regulation governing the standing or parking of a vehicle, proof that the particular vehicle described in the complaint was parked in violation of any such law or regulation together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time of such parking the registered owner of such vehicle shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of such vehicle was the person who parked or placed such vehicle at the point where and for the time during which such violation occurred.

**506.15. PENALTIES**

Any violation of this Chapter is a misdemeanor and is subject to all penalties provided for such violations under the provisions of Chapter 901 of this Code.