

Section 130 - Use of Motor Vehicles
on Public Property Prohibited

Section 130:00. Definitions.

Subd. 1. The word "vehicle" as used in this ordinance means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn, except devices moved by human power.

Subd. 2. Publicly owned land will include all lands owned or leased by the City of St. Cloud or by any other public agency within the City limits, including parks, playgrounds, and golf courses.

Section 130:05. Prohibited Operation; Exceptions. It will be unlawful and a penal offense for any person to use, operate or park any vehicle on publicly owned land in the City of St. Cloud, except:

- (1) Upon streets, highways or alleys designated as such for the purpose of vehicular travel or parking; or
- (2) Upon any land designated by the Mayor for vehicular use for special events or programs recommended by the Park and Recreation Board.
- (3) Upon public parking lots or parking structures designated as such by the Director of Public Works or the City Council.

Section 130:10. Towing Cars in Violation. The City may tow away or cause to be towed away by its employees or any other person, any vehicle found upon publicly owned land in violation of this ordinance. The vehicle will be impounded in accordance with this ordinance.

Section 130:15. Procedure for Impounding Cars in Violation. If any vehicle is found unlawfully parked, or left parked, such vehicle may be towed away or caused to be towed away by the City and impounded until the owner pays the towing costs, and the required fees for storage and other expense (in accordance with M.S. §169.041 and §168B.04). Any person removing or tampering with an impounded vehicle without the permission of the City or of the employee of the City in charge of the impounded vehicle will be guilty of a penal offense. Any person desiring to release any impounded vehicle must produce evidence showing him to be the owner of the impounded vehicle.

Section 130:20. Owner Identification. Upon the impounding of any vehicle hereunder, the person in charge of such vehicle will immediately notify the Chief of Police of the impoundment, who will make every reasonable effort to ascertain the name and address of the person owning the vehicle, and, if ascertained, the Chief will immediately advise the owner by letter, duly addressed to the owner, and deposited in the United States Post Office of St. Cloud. In the letter, the Chief will:

- (1) Give the general description of the vehicle, and the license number thereon if there be one.
- (2) Give the approximate time of its removal and the reason therefor, and the place where it is stored.
- (3) State the towing charge and the daily storage charge in those instances where the vehicle has been towed and impounded by the City or its employees.
- (4) Advise the owner that to release the vehicle, the owner must produce reasonably satisfactory evidence showing that person to be the owner of the vehicle.

Section 130:25. Money to be Delivered to Treasurer. Any employee receiving any money for the release of an impounded vehicle will within 24 hours deliver such money to the City Treasurer, together with a statement identifying the released vehicle and the amount of money required.