

CHAPTER VII

Section 700 - Traffic and Parking Regulations

Section 700:00. Definitions.

Subd. 1. Alley or Alleyway. An alley or alleyway is a travelway that is used primarily for vehicle service access to the back or the side of properties abutting on a street.

Subd. 2. Bus Stop, Taxi Stand or Passenger Curb Loading Zone. A Bus Stop, Taxi Stand or Passenger Curb Loading Zone is that space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers.

Subd. 3. Curb Loading Zone. Curb Loading Zone is a space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers or materials.

Subd. 4. Delivery Vehicle. Delivery Vehicle means a vehicle used by a business enterprise for the purpose of loading or unloading merchandise. A delivery vehicle must be identified by permanent lettering or by signs displayed on both sides of the vehicle indicating the name of the business and the words delivery vehicle.

Subd. 5. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Space. An Electric Vehicle Charging Station Space is a designated stall to accommodate charging of an electric vehicle.

Subd. 6. Enforcement Software. Enforcement software is a system of electronic devices used by parking enforcement staff to regulate, track, and issue parking tickets.

Subd. 7. Fire Lane. A Fire Lane is any roadway and adjacent land, necessarily required to be kept clear to permit unimpeded access by Fire Department personnel, equipment and vehicles to exits, entrances, hydrants, stand pipes and other facilities, when duly designated and signs posted.

Subd. 8. Metered Lot. A Metered Lot is a municipal parking lot on which parking meters have been placed.

Subd. 9. Meters or Metered. Meters or Metered means the use of a Parking Meter or Multi-Space Meter for the purpose of regulating parking.

Subd. 10. Mobile Parking App. A Mobile Parking App is a cellular based platform available where posted to process an electronic parking fee transaction.

Subd. 11. Multi-Space Meter. A Multi-Space Meter is a device installed in locations authorized by the Public Services Director or designee in which a fee is collected for the purpose of regulating parking.

Subd. 12. Municipal Parking Lot. Municipal Parking Lot is an off-street parking lot owned or operated by the City of St. Cloud as part of the municipal parking system and established

for the parking of vehicles for a fee.

Subd. 13. Municipal Parking Ramp. A Municipal Parking Ramp is an off-street multileveled parking facility owned or operated by the City of St. Cloud as part of the municipal parking system and established for the parking of vehicles for a fee.

Subd. 14. Operator. An Operator is an individual who operates a vehicle as the owner, or as the agent, employee or permittee of the owner.

Subd. 15. Park or Parking. Park or Parking means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other than temporarily for the purpose of or while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

Subd. 16. Parking Meter. A Parking Meter is a device installed in locations authorized by the Public Services Director or designee for the purpose of regulating parking.

Subd. 17. Parking Meter Space. A Parking Meter Space is the space for the parking of vehicles which will be indicated by painted lines, or otherwise, and to which a parking meter or meters are available for the regulation of parking within a space.

Subd. 18. Parking Officer. A Parking Officer is a designated employee of the City whose duties are to enforce the provisions of this section relating to parking violations.

Subd. 19. Private Parking Lot. A Private Parking Lot is an area that is not dedicated to municipal or public use which is made available and equipped by the owner for the parking of motor vehicles by the public or by persons visiting or having business on the owner's premises.

Subd. 20. Recreational Equipment. Recreational Equipment” is defined as:

- (a) Travel trailers including those that fold down, chassis, campers, tent trailers and slip in campers.
- (b) A non-motorized utility trailer intended and generally used for transporting other recreational equipment.
- (c) Snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles, boats and any type of watercraft. Recreational equipment placed on a utility trailer is, together with the trailer, considered to be one vehicle.

Subd. 21. Special Parking Zone. A Special Parking Zone means a parking restriction applying to an on-street parking area for the purpose of accommodating the special needs of adjacent properties, and which is not in conformance with the parking regulations which are prevalent in the neighborhood in question. Normally, a special parking zone is for the benefit of only one property and will occupy an area less than one block in length.

Subd. 22. Street. A Street is any public street, alley, road, boulevard, highway or other public place located in the City of St. Cloud and established for use of vehicles.

Subd. 23. Trailer. A Trailer is a vehicle designed for carrying property or passengers on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle. Any space occupied in the parking

meter zone by a trailer or the tow vehicle will require payment when zone is enforced.

Section 700:05. Prohibited Parking and Stopping. No person will stop, stand, or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with directions of a police officer or traffic control device, in any of the following places:

Subd. 1. Sidewalk. No person will park any vehicle on a sidewalk.

Subd. 2. Driveway. No person will park any vehicle in front of a public or private driveway.

Subd. 3. Intersection. No person will park any vehicle within an intersection.

Subd. 4. Fire Hydrant. No person will park any vehicle within ten feet of a fire hydrant.

Subd. 5. Crosswalk. No person will park any vehicle on a crosswalk or within 20 feet of a crosswalk.

Subd. 6. Signs. No person will park any vehicle within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway.

Subd. 7. Railroad Crossing. No person will park any vehicle within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing.

Subd. 8. Fire Station. No person will park any vehicle within 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 75 feet of said entrance when properly sign posted.

Subd. 9. Street Obstruction. No person will park any vehicle alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic.

Subd. 10. Parked Vehicle. No person will park any vehicle on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.

Subd. 11. Bridge. No person will park any vehicle upon any bridge, or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel, except as otherwise provided by ordinance.

Subd. 12. Stopping Prohibited. No person will park any vehicle at any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

Subd. 13. Fire Escape. No person will park a vehicle so as to block a fire escape or the exit from any building, whether on public or private property.

Subd. 14. Police Order. No person will park any vehicle where temporary signs are posted reading "No Parking - Police Order", as long as such signs are in place.

Subd. 15. Fire Lane. No person will park in any area designated as a fire lane.

Subd. 16. Snow Removal Parking Restrictions. No person will park any vehicle nor leave any vehicle which was parked at the time of posting, for a period of more than two hours thereafter, in any block on any street, municipal parking ramp, or in a municipal parking lot posted by the Public Services Director or designee in accordance with this subdivision. The Public Services Director or designee is authorized to post no parking signs for snow removal (a) along streets where snow removal operations will require the use of the entire width of the street by snow plowing and removing equipment, (b) municipal parking ramps and (c) on municipal parking lots. Such signs will be posted at frequent intervals at least four (4) hours prior to the time when snow removal commences on the street, municipal parking ramp, or municipal parking lot so posted and such signs will be removed promptly after completion of the snow removal operation. Snow removal will be done on any street, municipal parking ramp, or municipal parking lot so posted as soon as possible following a lapse of four (4) hours after posting the signs.

Subd. 17. Seasonal/Calendar Parking In Effect.

(a) Definitions.

1. Even Side of the Street. That side of all public streets or avenues whose addresses end with an even number.
2. Odd Side of the Street. That side of all public streets or avenues whose addresses end with an odd number.

(b) Prohibitions. No person will park any motor vehicle nor leave any motor vehicle parked upon the even side of the street on even calendar days between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. from November 1 of one year to April 1 of the following year. No person will park any motor vehicle nor leave any motor vehicle parked upon the odd side of the street on odd calendar days between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. from November 1 of one year to April 1 of the following year.

(c) Exceptions. This subdivision will not apply to any of the streets or avenues within the areas:

1. The area having boundaries from 4th Street South to 16th Street South inclusive, and from the east boundary of 9th Avenue South/Clearwater Road to the Mississippi River, and including 1st and 2nd Avenues South from 4th Street South north to the end of the cul-de-sacs, and including 3rd Avenue South from 16th Street South south to the end of the cul-de-sac.
2. The areas listed under the following Subdivision 18. Seasonal Parking Ban.
3. The area bounded on the south by State Trunk Highway 23, bounded on the west by 12th Avenue, bounded on the north by BNSF railroad tracks and 2nd Street North and bounded on the east by the Mississippi River.
4. The area bounded on the south by 4th Street South; bounded on the west by 9th Avenue South; bounded on the north by 2nd Street South (State Trunk Highway 23); and bounded on the east by the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of 2nd Street South and 5th Avenue

South; thence southerly on 5th Avenue South to Ramsey Place; thence easterly on Ramsey Place to 4th Avenue South; thence southerly on 4th Avenue South to 4th Street South.

Subd. 18. Seasonal Parking Ban

(a) Effective Area of Parking Ban. The seasonal parking ban described applies to the following portions of the City:

1. The area situated north and west of the Sauk River.
2. The area situated west of the Mississippi River and south of 22nd Street South.
3. The area situated east of the Mississippi River and south of Minnesota Highway No. 301 and Minnesota Boulevard.
4. The area situated north and east of U.S. Highway No. 10, except the area described as Oak Street between 14th and 15th Avenue SE and 14th Avenue SE between Oak Street and 2nd Street SE (CSAH 8).
5. The area situated west of Minnesota Highway No. 15

(b) Parking Ban. A parking ban will go into effect on November 1 of each year and will remain in effect until April 1 of the following year. The following parking restrictions will be effective during a parking ban:

1. No vehicle or motor vehicle may be parked on any street between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m.
2. Any vehicle or motor vehicle may be parked on any street until and unless the entire area of such street has been cleared of snow and ice.
3. No vehicle or motor vehicle may be parked on any street that has a paved surface less than 32 feet in width.

Subd. 19. No person will park or leave parked any trailer or recreational equipment on any street within the City limits for more than 24 hours that is not connected to, hitched to or attached to a motor vehicle.

Subd. 20. No parking from public roadways located within the Central Business District between the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Section 700:10. No Parking and Limited Time Parking Zone. The Council may designate no parking or limited time parking zones by a resolution setting forth the location of the zone, and in the case of a limited time parking zone, the time limit imposed. The Public Services Director or designee will post signs at designated locations that will indicate the parking restriction.

Section 700:12. Parking More Than 24 Hours. No person will leave parked any vehicle of any kind upon any street or municipal parking lot for a period of more than 24 consecutive hours.

Section 700:15. Parking Meter Zone. The City Council is authorized to establish by resolution zones to be known as "parking meter zones" upon all streets and avenues and the City owned or City

operated off-street parking lots within the following described boundaries.

Commencing at the east right-of-way line of 6th Avenue North and the south right-of-way line of 3rd Street North; thence westerly along the south right-of-way line of 3rd Street North to the west right-of-way line of 7th Avenue North; thence southerly along the west right-of-way line of 7th Avenue North to the north right-of-way line of 2nd Street North; thence westerly along the north right-of-way line of 2nd Street North to the east right-of-way line of 12th Avenue North; thence southerly along the east right-of-way line of 12th Avenue North to the north right-of-way line of T.H. 23; thence easterly along the north right-of-way line of T.H. 23 to the west bank of the Mississippi River; thence northerly along the west bank of the Mississippi River to the extension of the southerly right-of-way line of 2nd Street North; thence westerly along the south right-of-way line of 2nd Street North to the east right-of-way line of 6th Avenue North; thence northerly along the east right-of-way line of 6th Avenue North to the south right-of-way line of 3rd Street North and there terminating.

Subd. 1. Meters. In parking meter zones the Public Services Director or designee will install and maintain parking meters. Parking meter spaces will be designated and time limitations for legal parking in such zones will be set. The time limitations will be designated on the parking meters or by appropriate signs posted in proximity to the parking meters. Fees for parking meters are set forth in Section 580:00 of this Code.

Subd. 2. Meter Location in Streets. Parking meters installed upon the streets in the parking meter zones will be placed near the curb as applicable. Stalls located in streets that are regulated by Multi-Space Meters will have space markers posted with an associated number used to regulate each space.

Subd. 3. Stall Markings on Streets. Lines or markings will be painted or placed upon the curb or the street adjacent to each parking meter for the purpose of designating the parking meter space. Each vehicle parking adjacent to any parking meter will park within the lines or markings. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in a position that is not entirely within the designated lines or markings.

Subd. 4. Manner of Parking. When a parking meter space is parallel with the adjacent curb, any vehicle parking in the parking meter space will be parked with the front of the vehicle nearest to the meter.

Subd. 5. Payment and Time Period. When a vehicle is parked in any parking meter space, the operator will deposit appropriate payment using a City approved payment method. If such vehicle will remain in such maximum parking meter space beyond the parking time designated for the space, the vehicle will be considered as parked overtime, and therefore subject to the Parking Use Fee described by Section 700:50, Subd. 1 of this Code. Each additional hour a vehicle remains parked overtime will constitute a separate occurrence of overtime parking. If the parking meter displays a sign showing "expired", or the Enforcement Software shows the parking session is expired, the vehicle will be considered as parked overtime and such parking will be subject to the Parking Use Fee described by Section 700:50, Subd. 1, of this Code. An operator may purchase parking meter time up to the maximum permitted as indicated on the meter, sign, postings or Mobile Parking App.

Subd. 6. Slugs Prohibited. No person will deposit in any parking meter any slug, device or substitute for coins of the United States.

Subd. 7. Tampering Prohibited. No person will injure, deface, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter in the City. Designated employees of the City may open a parking meter for the purpose of repair, maintenance or collection from the meter.

Subd. 8. Parking Meter Hoods or Bags. Parking meter hoods or bags may be issued by the Finance Department for the purpose of reserving parking spaces for short-term special use.

- (a) Parking meter hoods or bags will be issued only when needed to allow the conduct of non-regular activities such as utility construction or repair, construction or reconstruction of adjacent buildings, parades, weddings, funerals, etc.
- (b) The fee for the use of parking meter hoods or bags is set forth in Section 580:00 of this Code. The Mayor is authorized to waive fees when the user is a charitable organization or public service agency.
- (c) Such hoods or bags will be utilized only on that meter (or meters) for which they were issued.
- (d) The fees for the use of hoods or bags will continue to be imposed on the lessee until they are returned to the Finance Department. In the event the lessee fails to return hood or bag, or if the lessee returns it in damaged condition, the lessee will be required to reimburse the City for the cost of replacement or repair, in addition to the usage fees.

Subd. 9. Fifteen Minute Meter Spaces. Where the Public Services Director or designee determines there is a need for rapid turnover they may order the establishment of up to four 15-minute meters on any block or street.

Subd. 10. Hours of Operation. A payment as provided for in Subd. 5 of this section will be enforced daily between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., except that no payment of on-street or parking lot meter fees will be enforced on any Saturday, Sunday, and except for the following:

- (a) Payment of parking meter fees and customary time/use fees of parking lots and ramps will not be enforced on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- President's Day
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day

Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Friday after Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve Day
Christmas Day

However, the Public Services Director or designee may implement event parking fees, as provided under Section 580, Subdivision 7, on any holiday.

Subd. 11 Exceptions. City of St. Cloud employees may be issued permits allowing that employee to park in a parking meter space within the City of St. Cloud, while performing City authorized business, without payment in the parking meter. The permit must be affixed to the glass within 12" of the lower left corner of the rear window of the vehicle, as viewed from the rear of the vehicle. The entire permit must be visible through the window.

Subd. 12. Parking Prohibited. Parking may be prohibited on any streets or avenues in the Parking Meter Zone during the days and hours established by resolution of the City Council.

Subd. 13. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Space. Spaces posted for Electric Vehicle charging are for the exclusive purpose of charging and parking an electric vehicle that is connected to the charger. St. Cloud Parking Enforcement shall provide for the immediate removal of a vehicle when a sign provides notice that a parking space is a publicly designated electric vehicle charging station. No person shall park or stand any non-electric vehicle in a designated electric vehicle charging station space. Further, no person shall park or stand an electric vehicle in a public designated electric vehicle charging station space when not electrically charging or parking beyond the days and hours designated on the regulatory signs posted.

Section 700:18. Permit Parking Zones.

Subd. 1. Council Findings. The Council finds that streets in certain residential areas are congested because of heavy residential and non-residential traffic and parking. It is the purpose of this section to stem the flow of commuter traffic from institutional, commercial and industrial districts into adjoining residential neighborhoods; to reduce air pollution and other environmental effects of automobile commuting, and to enhance the quality of life in the residential area by reducing noise, traffic hazards and litter; to protect the residents from unreasonable burdens in gaining access to their residences; to preserve the character of the residential district; to promote efficiency in the maintenance of these streets in a clean and safe condition; to preserve the value of property; to preserve the safety of children and other pedestrians and traffic safety, and to promote the peace, good order, comfort, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of the City. The provisions of this section, providing parking by permit only in designated areas, are deemed to be in furtherance of such objectives.

City streets within the St. Cloud State University campus are subject to unusual and significant parking burdens. Class schedules, a large number of commuters, a shortage of parking in desirable locations and an ever-increasing number of vehicles all contribute to this burden. A City park is located within the campus. There is a desire to allow general use of the park, and therefore the adjacent on street parking, evenings, and weekends and during the

summer. The provisions of this section, providing parking by permit only in the St, Cloud State University campus area, are deemed to further such objectives.

Subd. 2. General Procedures. The Council may, designate certain streets as permit parking zones. Permit zones may be combined with limited time parking restrictions. No resolution establishing a permit parking zone(s) will be adopted until a public hearing has been held thereon by the City Council. A notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing will be published in the official newspaper at least ten days prior to the day of the hearing. A similar notice will be mailed at least ten days before the day of the hearing to each owner of affected. In respect to resolutions for neighborhoods impacted by parking generated by St. Cloud State University, school administration will also be given a copy of the notice and a list of the owners and addresses to which the notice was sent will be attested to by the responsible person and will be made a part of the records of the proceedings. The failure to give mailed notice to individual property owners, or defects in the notice will not invalidate the proceedings, provided a good faith attempt to comply with this subdivision has been made. The resolution will establish the time and designated hours for each permit zone. Except in the case of neighborhoods impacted by parking generated by St. Cloud State University, the resolution will establish the number of resident permits that will be made available for purchase by eligible residents on the basis of one permit for every established number of square feet of lot area per zoning lot as defined in the City of St. Cloud Zoning Ordinance. Permit Parking zones will be established only in those areas meeting the following criteria: (1) the area is residentially zoned under the City of St. Cloud Zoning Ordinance; (2) the area is utilized for parking by commuter traffic destined for adjoining institutional, commercial or industrial areas; (3) the area is congested because of heavy residential and non-residential traffic and parking; (4) the area does not have adequate off-street parking available; and (5) traditional parking restrictions such as limited time parking and limited day parking have been utilized in the area but have not successfully alleviated parking congestion

Subd. 3. Permit Parking Zone Violation. No owner or driver of any motor vehicle will park or permit the vehicle to be parked on posted streets in parking by permit zones except in compliance with Section 700:18.

Subd. 4. Resident Permit Zone. Residents of zoning lots, as defined in the City of St. Cloud Zoning Ordinance, located on a street(s) designated by resolution pursuant to subdivision 2 above, will be eligible to purchase one parking permit per motor vehicle they own or lease.

- (a) The number of resident permits made available for purchase by eligible residents will be established by resolution pursuant to subdivision 2 above.
- (b) Residency will be established by the showing of proper identification showing domicile in the resident parking zone at the time of application for the permit. Proper identification will include current Minnesota driver's license or identification card, homestead property tax statement, or a signed lease or affidavit from a landlord.
- (c) The holding of a permit will not guarantee the availability of a parking space at any specific location or time, and the unavailability of a parking space will not entitle the permit holder to any reimbursement, nor to the free use of any other parking space.
- (d) Permits will be annual and will be valid from August 1 through July 31 of the following year.
- (e) A record of residents who have permits will be kept by the City. Resident permits

must be affixed to the glass within 12” of the lower left corner of the rear window of the vehicle, as viewed from the rear of the vehicle. The entire permit must be visible through the window.

- (f) To cover the costs of administering the permit system, a fee may be charged for each permit. As set forth in Section 580:00 of this Code. Permit fees will not be prorated.
- (g) Section 700:18 Subd. 4. will not apply to individuals who perform, or vehicles used in the performance of commercial services, repairs, or emergency assistance for any resident, provided that such persons or vehicles are in fact being used in such services or assistance. Such vehicles will be identified by permanent lettering or by signs displayed on both sides of the vehicle indicating the name of the business or service. This exemption will terminate immediately upon completion of the service or assistance.

Subd. 5. SCSU Parking Permit Zone. SCSU parking permits will permit the holders of valid parking permits to park their vehicles on designated city streets within the SCSU parking permit zone. The boundaries of the parking zone will include:

All that area situated between 5th Avenue South and the west bank of the Mississippi River from 4th Street South to 11th Street South and all that area situated between 4th Avenue South and the west bank of the Mississippi from 11th Street South to 16th Street South.

- (a) The permit will be required for parking 7 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday from July 1st to June 30th of each year.
- (b) Sale of permits will be conducted in the Finance Department only.
- (c) Permits will be seasonal and will be valid from July 1st through June 30th of the next year.
- (d) The charges for such permits will be set forth in Section 580:00 of this Code.
- (e) The holding of a permit will not guarantee the availability of a parking space at any specific location or time, and the unavailability of a parking space will not entitle the permit holder to any reimbursement, nor to the free use of any other parking space. The permit must be affixed to the glass within 12” of the lower left corner of the rear window of the vehicle, as viewed from the rear of the vehicle. The entire permit must be visible through the window.

Subd. 7. Except to the extent otherwise specifically provided in this subdivision, the general parking regulation of Section 700 will be applicable within areas designated "Parking by Permit".

Section 700:20. Parking Permit System. Holders of valid parking permits may park their vehicles at City owned off-street parking lots or at on-street parking spaces whether or not they are metered in accordance with the provisions set forth in this subdivision.

Subd. 1. Parking permits will be sold in the Finance Department only.

Subd. 2. Permits will be issued on a quarterly basis.

Subd. 3. Four types of permits will be issued (A permits, C permits, D permits and Reserved

permits). Permits are valid where regulatory signs are posted.

Subd. 4. The holding of a parking permit will not guarantee the availability of a parking space at any specific location or time, and the unavailability of a parking space will not entitle the holder of a permit to any reimbursement, nor to the free use of any other parking stall.

Subd. 5. Permits will be issued in the form of a card. The permit must be affixed to the glass within 12” of the lower left corner of the rear window of the vehicle, as viewed from the rear of the vehicle. The entire permit must be visible through the window.

Subd. 6. No duplicate permits will be issued.

Subd. 7. The charges for such permits are set forth in Section 580:00 of this Code.

Subd. 8. Persons holding a parking permit under this section must park the vehicle front-end forward into any parking stall.

Section 700:22. Parking Lots.

Subd. 1. Regulation of Metered Lots. The provisions of Section 700:15 et seq. entitled "Parking Meters" will apply to metered lots.

Subd. 2. Payment and Time Period. Sets forth in Section 700:15, subd. 5 of this code.

Subd. 3. Nuisances and Penalties. The prohibitions set forth in the subdivisions, which follow, are declared to be nuisances affecting the peace and safety of users of municipal parking lots:

- a. To impede or block the free movement of other persons in parking lots.
- b. To ride a bicycle in the landscaping areas of a parking lot or to lock or chain a bicycle to any object in a parking lot other than a bike rack.
- c. To drive a snowmobile in a parking lot or the landscaping areas of a parking lot at any time.
- d. To write or deface or cause damage to the parking lot.
- e. To ride or propel roller-skates; in-line skates or skateboards anywhere in a parking lot and landscaping areas of a parking lot.
- f. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in a parking lot and the landscaping areas of a parking lot.
- g. Occupation or use of a parking lot for purposes other than the operation or parking of a motor vehicle unless permission is obtained from the Public Services Director or designee. Occupation or use of a parking lot by police officers, firefighters, parking lot operations personnel or maintenance personnel are specifically permitted.

Subd 4. Parking of oversized vehicles. No person will operate or park in any parking lot any vehicle that is longer than 22 feet, nor any vehicle and trailer combination that is longer than 22 feet, nor any vehicle that exceeds the size limitations designated at the entrance to the parking lot, unless permission has been granted by the Public Services Director or designee.

Section 700:23. Municipal Parking Ramps.

Subd. 1. Hours of Operation. Parking Ramps will be operated and all rules enforced 24 hours each day and seven days per week.

Subd. 2. Rates For Parking Ramps. The rates for parking at all municipal parking ramps are set forth in Section 580:00 of this Code.

Subd. 3. Payment. When a vehicle is parked in any parking meter space, the operator will deposit appropriate payment using a City approved payment method. If the parking session is “expired”, or the Enforcement Software shows the parking session is expired, the vehicle will be considered as parked overtime and such parking will be subject to the Parking Use Fee described in Section 700:50, subd. 1, of this Code. An operator may purchase parking meter time up to the maximum permitted as indicated on the meter, sign, postings or Mobile Parking App.

Subd. 4. Failure to Pay Required Fees. Failure to pay the fee required in the manner prescribed in this section, will constitute a violation of this ordinance and will be punishable pursuant to Section 700:70.

Subd. 5. Nuisances and Penalties. The prohibitions set forth in the subdivisions, which follow, are declared to be nuisances affecting the peace and safety of users of municipal parking ramps.

- (a) To impede or block the free movement of other persons in municipal parking ramps.
- (b) To ride a bicycle on a municipal parking ramp and the landscaping areas of a municipal parking ramp or to lock or chain a bicycle to any object other than a bike rack. This prohibition does not apply to police use of bicycles.
- (c) To drive a snowmobile on a municipal parking ramp and the landscaping areas of a municipal parking ramp at any time.
- (d) To write or deface or cause damage to the municipal parking ramp itself or any facility located in the municipal parking ramp.
- (e) To ride or propel roller-skates; in-line skates or skateboards anywhere on a municipal parking ramp and landscaping areas of a municipal parking ramp.
- (f) Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in a municipal parking ramp and the landscaping areas of a municipal parking ramp.
- (g) Occupation or use of a municipal parking ramp for purposes other than the operation or parking of a motor vehicle unless permission is obtained from the Public Services Director or designee. Occupation or use of a municipal parking ramp by police officers, firefighters, ramp operations personnel or ramp maintenance personnel are specifically permitted.

Subd. 6. Parking of overweight or oversize vehicles. No person will operate or park on a municipal parking ramp any vehicle, with or without load, which weighs more than six thousand pounds or is registered for a gross weight of more than 9,000 pounds, nor any vehicle which is larger than the size limitations designated at the entrance to a municipal parking ramp.

Subd. 7. Motorcycle and Scooter Permit Parking. The Public Services Director or designee may establish spaces for the exclusive parking of motorcycles and/or scooters in any municipal parking ramp or surface permit lot. Parking of vehicles in such areas will conform to any stalls or positions for parking designated on the surface of the ramp or lot. The rates for these parking spaces are set forth in Section 580:00 of this Code.

Section 700:24. Disability Permit-Parking.

Subd. 1 Disability Discount for Permit Parking at Parking Ramps and Surface Lots. Physically disabled persons, as defined in Minn. Stat. 169.345, subdivision 2, may qualify for a 50% discount from standard permit parking fees at certain off-street parking lots and parking ramps. To qualify, the permitted vehicle must prominently display the certificate authorized by Minn. Stat. 169.345 or license plate issued under Minn. Stat. 168.021 and must be parked by or solely for the benefit of a physically disabled person. This discount will apply only to standard rate quarterly contracts at the Grand Central, Paramount, Centre Square, River's Edge West and River's Edge East parking ramps, and to "A" and "C" Permit surface parking lots.

Subd. 2. On-Street Disability Parking Permits. Where there is a demonstrated need for a person with a valid disability certificate or plate to park at a metered stall on the street for more than four hours per day, and there is no other reasonable alternative available, that person may apply to the Public Services Director or designee for an On-Street Disability Parking Permit ("D" Permit). The "D" Permit rate will be 50% of the standard "A" Permit rate. "D" Permits will be available only on a quarterly basis.

Section 700:25. Loading, Restricted and Special Parking Zones.

Subd. 1. Loading Zones. Loading zone signs may be installed in lieu of parking meters subject to the subdivisions of this section which follow.

- (a) Owner or lessee of a parcel of property abutting a given street who desires to have a loading zone installed will file a request with the City Engineer. The City Engineer will review the request and make a recommendation to the City Council. If the Council approves the request, the loading zone sign will be installed upon the applicant paying the fees set forth in Section 580:00 of this Code. The fees may be prorated for the first year, with a July 1 renewal date. Thereafter, the fees must be paid for the full year, and will not be refundable.
- (b) Loading zones will be utilized for loading and/or unloading of merchandise and will not be utilized for the purpose of storing vehicles or merchandise. Loading zones may be used for short-term customer parking, not to exceed 15 minutes in duration, subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) A supplemental sign will be installed below the loading zone sign to indicate that the designated space is available for customer parking for a maximum of 30 minutes. The name of the party/business that holds the loading zone permit also be displayed on the supplemental sign.

- (2) The supplemental sign will be installed upon the applicant paying the fee set forth in Section 580:00.
 - (3) The permit holder will share parking enforcement responsibilities with the City for loading zones designated for customer parking. The permit holder will monitor the use of the designated customer parking spaces and will notify the City Police Department/Parking Authority of time-limit violations or of violations involving use by customers or non-customers.
- (c) Unless otherwise recommended by the City Engineer, only one loading zone per premises will be authorized.

Subd. 2. Restricted Parking Zones. The Council may establish prohibited or restricted parking zones upon streets, avenues, parkways, parking lots and off-street parking areas of the City, to prohibit or restrict the parking of any vehicles within designated zones, to provide for the parking of certain vehicles within such zones and prohibit the parking of other vehicles and to fix the limit of time during which any vehicle may remain parked within restricted zones.

Subd. 3. Signs. Whenever any special, prohibited, or restricted parking zone has been established by the Council the zone will be designated by appropriate signs clearly indicating the prohibition or restriction within the zone.

Subd. 4. Special Parking Zones. An owner or lessee of a parcel of property abutting a street in any area of the City of St. Cloud outside of the parking meter zone; who desires to have a special parking zone established, will file an application for installation with the City Clerk, who will forward the application to the City Council.

- (a) Permit Approval; Fees. If the City Council approves the permit, the appropriate signs will be installed upon the applicant paying a permit fee as established by resolution of the Council. For the first year of application, new permit fees may be pro-rated. Thereafter, they must be paid for the full year.
- (b) Refunds. Permit fees are not refundable.
- (c) Waiver of Fees. Permit fees may be waived by the City Council for non-profit organizations or agencies. However, waiver of fees will not constitute waiver of permit requirements.
- (d) Term; Notice. All permits will be granted on a calendar year basis. On or about November 1 of each year, the City Clerk will notify the holders of all existing permits for special parking zones that the permits will expire at the end of the calendar year along with an application form wherein the permit holder certifies the continued need for the special parking zone and agrees to pay the established permit fees.
- (e) Approval of Permit. Each permit application and/or permit renewal will be considered separately and the City Council reserves the right to approve or disapprove each application based on its merits.

- (f) Termination and Renewal. Any special parking zone for which a valid permit does not exist will be summarily removed.

Section 700:30. Trucks and Delivery Vehicles.

Subd. 1. Residential Truck Parking. No person will park a bus, truck-tractor, farm tractor, road tractor, trailer, semi-trailer, truck, commercial or industrial vehicle of any type on a street, highway, or on public property in an area zoned R1, R2, R3, R3A, R4, R5, R6, and R7.

- (a) The provisions of Subdivision 1 of this section will not apply to light trucks classified as 1/2 ton and 3/4 ton pickups, panels and sedan deliveries, or to vehicles temporarily parked by the driver, while the driver is engaged in the performance of a trade or occupation within a residentially zoned area.

Subd. 2. Alley Regulations. No person will drive over any public alley within a parking meter zone, any truck or other vehicle the total weight of which is more than eight tons (including pay load), the length of which is greater than 30 feet or the width of which is greater than eight or any truck or other vehicle to which there is attached a trailer of such dimensions and weight as to make the combined length of truck and trailer greater than 30 feet or the width of either of which is greater than eight feet or of which the combined total weight (including pay load), is greater than eight tons. Vehicles other than trucks will not be parked in public alleys except for pick-up or delivery, and then not to exceed five minutes, and trucks will not be parked for a longer period of time than is necessary to load or unload commodities, and then not to exceed 30 minutes.

Subd. 3. Cattle Truck Parking. It is unlawful to leave standing upon any street or public alley of the City any cattle truck for a period exceeding one hour. Those portions of the City that are zoned Rural Residential or Agricultural by the St. Cloud Zoning Ordinance are exempt from this restriction.

Subd. 4. Double Parking. Vehicles will not be double parked on a street or highway, except trucks when loading or unloading merchandise when access to the curb at or immediately adjacent to the place of delivery is blocked by other vehicles, and then only for a length of time as is necessary to load or unload, time in any event and not to exceed 15 minutes. No truck will be double parked at any time on the left side of a one-way street or on a street ending in a cul-de-sac.

Subd. 5. Delivery Vehicles, Loading. For the purpose of loading or unloading merchandise, delivery vehicles may park in any parking meter space except a 15 minute meter space for a period of not more than 30 minutes without the operator depositing coins.

Section 700:35. Manner of Parking and Stopping.

Subd. 1. Parallel to Curb. Each vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way roadway where there is an adjacent curb will stop or park with the passenger side wheels of the vehicle parallel with and within 12 inches of the curb, except where angle parking has been established.

Subd. 2. Where No Curb. Upon streets and highways not having a curb, each vehicle stopped or parked will stop or park parallel with and to the right of the paved or improved or main traveled part of the street or highway.

Subd. 3. One-Way Roadway. Upon one-way roadways, vehicles may be parked with the driver's side wheels adjacent to and within 12 inches of the left-hand curb, except where angle parking has been established.

Subd. 4. Traffic Officer Directions. No person will stop or park a vehicle on a street or highway when directed or ordered to proceed by any peace officer.

Subd. 5. Through Streets. The City Council may designate any street as a through street and any intersection as a stop intersection where necessary to preserve the free flow of traffic and to prevent accident. Appropriate signs will be posted at the entrance to such streets or intersections. However, trunk highways will not be designated as through streets and intersections on a trunk highways will not be designated as stop intersections without the consent of the Commissioner of Transportation.

Subd. 6. Operation and Parking of Vehicles. Motor vehicle may not be operated on any public or private parking lots, municipal parking ramps and municipal parking lots at a speed greater than is safe and reasonable under the conditions of traffic, and in no event at a speed exceeding:

- (a) 15 miles per hour on public and private parking lots
- (b) 5 miles per hour on municipal parking ramps and municipal parking lots

The parking of vehicles in parking lots and parking ramps will be restricted to and will conform to any stalls or positions for parking designated on the surface of the parking area. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in any position so that the vehicle will not be entirely within the area designated by lines or markings on municipal parking ramps and municipal parking lots. The Public Services Director or designee may post signs at entrances to a parking lot from a public street, which will designate one-way traffic for entrance or exit, and the driver of any vehicle entering or leaving any such lot will comply with any one-way signs so posted.

Subd. 7. Display for Sale. Vehicles cannot be parked on any street, municipal parking lot or municipal parking ramp for the purpose of displaying it for sale.

Subd. 8. Bus Stops and Cab Stands. "Bus Stop" and "Cab Stand" within the parking meter zone must be approved by the City Council.

Section 700:50. Parking Violations Bureau. The parking Violations Bureau is responsible for the collection of the parking use fee, assessed for overtime parking.

Subd. 1. Parking Use Fee. When any person occupies a parking meter space in any street publicly owned parking lot, or municipal parking ramp beyond the time paid by deposit through a city approved payment method will be assessed a parking use fee. All fees will be paid or mailed to the Parking Violations Bureau. Any failure to pay the parking use fee will constitute a violation for each separate charge imposed and not timely paid. Parking use fees will be set forth in Section 580:00 of this Code.

Subd. 2. Enforcement. It will be the duty of the police officers and parking officers of the City to report to the Parking Violations Bureau the following:

- a) The number of each parking meter or posted space number which indicates that the vehicle occupying the parking meter space has been parked in violation of a provision of this ordinance. Enforcement software will be utilized to enforce Multi-Space Meters and Mobile Parking App parking transactions.
- b) The license number of the vehicle.
- c) The date and hour at which the violation was found to exist.
- d) The nature of the violation.
- e) Any other necessary facts relating to the violation.

Subd. 3. Ticket. The police officer or parking officer will attach to a vehicle referred to in this subsection a notice to the owner or operator that the vehicle has been parked in violation of the provisions of this section and directing the owner or operator to make payment as required by this subsection.

Section 700:55. Fines for Violation. The Parking Violations Bureau will collect fines for violations of this ordinance. Fines will be paid in accordance with the instructions on the parking ticket.

Section 700:60. Penalty for Parking Violations. It is unlawful to park a motor vehicle contrary to the provisions of this Chapter. Any parking violation is the act of the registered owner as well as the act of the person actually parking the vehicle. For the purposes of this section, registered owner is defined to include motor vehicle renewal or leasing agencies or corporate owners.

It will be a defense to any violation that the registered owner shows that on the date of the offense the title has been transferred to another.

A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.

Section 700:70. Penalty for Non-Parking Violations. A violation of any provision of Chapter VII of the Code that relates to matters other than the parking of a motor vehicle will be a petty misdemeanor.

Section 700:75. Impounding Vehicle.

Subd. 1. In accordance with Minn. Stat. §169.041, the City may tow and impound any vehicle found parked in violation of this ordinance.

Subd. 2. Any impounded vehicle may be redeemed by the owner or by the person parking the vehicle in violation of this ordinance, by paying to the entity which towed and/or impounded the vehicle, the applicable towing charge, storage fees, and outstanding penalties for parking or traffic offenses.

Section 700:80. Use of Proceeds. The specified fee required to be paid through a city approved payment method are levied and assessed as fees to provide for the proper regulation and control of traffic upon the public streets and the cost of supervising and regulating the parking of vehicles in the parking meter zones, and to cover the cost of purchasing, acquiring, installing, operating, maintaining, supervising and regulating parking equipment.

Section 700:85. Re-parking to Avoid Overparking. A vehicle will be deemed to remain stopped, parked or left standing for longer than the time allowed, if it has not been moved at least out of the

block face following the expiration of a posted time limit or upon receiving notice of a 24-hour parking limitation. A vehicle may not re-park in the same block face during the limited parking period.

Section 700:90. West St. Germain Street. In order to implement elements of the City's transportation control plan for air quality improvements, measures must be taken to control the parking and movement of vehicles on West St. Germain Street from its intersection with 8th Avenue to its intersection with 10th Avenue. Efforts must be focused on those hours of the day in greatest need of air quality improvement, presently 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Subd 1. Double Parking. No person will stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at either edge or curb of that portion of West St. Germain Street from its intersection with 8th Avenue to its intersection with 10th Avenue.

Subd 2. Idling of Engines. No person who has stopped or parked a vehicle at the edge or curb of that portion of West St. Germain Street from its intersection with 8th Avenue to its intersection with 10th Avenue will idle or otherwise leave the engine of that vehicle running for a period of time in excess of 5 minutes.

Subd 3. Delivery Vehicles. Parking space for delivery vehicles will be established on the south side of West St. Germain between the intersection with 8th Avenue and its intersection with 9th Avenue. The parking space will be 65 feet in length. It is a violation of this ordinance for any vehicle other than designated delivery vehicles to stop or park in the established space.

Subd 4. Posting. Signs will be posted and maintained to give notice of the provisions of this section as follows:

- (a) No double parking. Two signs to a block on both sides of St. Germain Street from its intersection with 8th Avenue to its intersection with 10th Avenue (total of eight signs).
- (b) Delivery vehicles only. Two signs will be posted designating the zone and indicating its limits. The curb within the delivery zone will be painted to indicate its limits.

Subd 5. Enforcement. Law enforcement personnel will enforce 24 hours per day, seven days a week in respect to violations of provisions of this section as well as all other traffic regulations affecting West St. Germain Street from its intersection with 8th Avenue to its intersection with 10th Avenue.

Subd. 6. Illegal Acts, Penalties. It is unlawful to park a motor vehicle contrary to the provisions of this ordinance. Any vehicle so parked is the act of the registered owner as well as the act of the person actually parking the vehicle. For the purposes of this section, the registered owner is defined to include motor vehicle rental or leasing of corporate owners. It is a defense to any violation if the registered owner shows that on the date of the offense title had been transferred to another.

Section 700:91. A violation of this section is a petty misdemeanor.

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