

**CHAPTER 71: MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

Section

- 71.001 Definitions
- 71.01 Unreasonable acceleration unlawful
- 71.02 Driving rules; careful driving
- 71.03 Maximum speeds
- 71.04 Blocking or impeding traffic
- 71.05 Speed on bridges
- 71.06 U-turns
- 71.07 Position for parking
- 71.08 Camping purposes
- 71.09 Brakes used in parking
- 71.10 Display for sales purposes
- 71.11 Through streets
- 71.12 Signs, signals, and markings; obedience to
- 71.13 Unauthorized signs
- 71.14 Damage to signs
- 71.15 Pedestrians
- 71.16 Turn and backing signal
- 71.17 Yielding way on signal
- 71.18 Approaching bus loading or unloading
- 71.19 Pedestrians at crosswalks
- 71.20 Drive to right of center
- 71.21 Passing and overtaking
- 71.22 Turning
- 71.23 Hitching rides
- 71.24 Night parking lights
- 71.25 Use of dimmers
- 71.26 Mufflers
- 71.27 Careless driving
- 71.28 Emergency and street work vehicles; application
- 71.29 Emergency vehicles; proceeding at traffic signs
- 71.30 Street workers and vehicles
- 71.31 Yielding right-of-way
- 71.32 Following emergency vehicles
- 71.33 Driving over fire hose
- 71.34 Officers to direct traffic; authority of peace officers
- 71.35 Control of parking and stopping
- 71.36 Refuse on streets and alleys
- 71.37 Funeral procession
- 71.38 Defective or unsafe equipment
- 71.39 Passengers or load interfering with driver
- 71.40 Driver=s license

- 71.41 Wagons; animals
- 71.42 Hitchhiking
- 71.43 Owner=s consent to drive vehicle
- 71.44 Required equipment
- 71.45 Driving on sidewalk or into procession

**' 71.001 DEFINITIONS.**

Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, all words and phrases in this ordinance shall be given the meaning as defined for them by M.S. Ch. 169. (1957 Code, ' 730:46)

**' 71.01 UNREASONABLE ACCELERATION UNLAWFUL.**

(A) No person shall start or accelerate any motor vehicle with an unnecessary exhibition of speed on any public or private way within the City of Olivia. Prima facie evidence of the unnecessary exhibition of speed shall be squealing or screeching sounds emitted by the tires or the throwing of sand or gravel by the tires of the vehicle; or the swerving of the rear of the automobile from side to side.

(B) Any violation of this section shall constitute a petty misdemeanor, as defined in the Minnesota Statutes. (Ord. 147, passed 4-16-1973) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.02 DRIVING RULES; CAREFUL DRIVING.**

(A) No person shall drive a vehicle in the City of Olivia at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing.

(B) In every event speed shall be so restricted as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle, or other conveyance on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care. (1957 Code, ' 730:01) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.03 MAXIMUM SPEEDS.**

No person shall drive a vehicle within the City of Olivia at a rate of speed in excess of 30 mph; provided, however, that at any place within the city where a higher or lower speed limit has been duly and lawfully set and indicated with appropriate traffic devices, no person shall drive a vehicle at a rate in excess of the rate so set.

(1957 Code, ' 730:02) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.04 BLOCKING OR IMPEDING TRAFFIC.**

No person shall halt or drive a vehicle at a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when halting or reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.

(1957 Code, ' 730:03) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.05 SPEED ON BRIDGES.**

No person shall drive over a bridge at a speed greater than the maximum speed which can be maintained with safety to the bridge or at a rate of speed greater than that posted as the maximum speed by the Commissioner of Highways.

(1957 Code, ' 730:04) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.06 U-TURNS.**

No person shall turn a vehicle so as to reverse its direction on any trunk highway in the City of Olivia.

(1957 Code, ' 730:05) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.07 POSITION FOR PARKING.**

Except where angle parking is indicated by appropriate signs or markings, each vehicle parked upon a street where there is a curb shall be stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels parallel with and within 12 inches of the right-hand curb. If there be no curb, then the vehicles shall be parked parallel with the edge and as far to the right in the street or alley as may be practicable. No vehicle shall be stopped with its left side to the curb.

(1957 Code, ' 730:06) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.08 CAMPING PURPOSES.**

No person shall, for camping purposes, leave or park a house trailer on any street or alley in the city.

(1957 Code, ' 730:09) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.09 BRAKES USED IN PARKING.**

No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without effectively setting the brake thereon and turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway.

(1957 Code, ' 730:10) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.10 DISPLAY FOR SALES PURPOSES.**

No person shall park any vehicle on any street for the purpose of displaying it for sale.

(1957 Code, ' 730:11) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.11 THROUGH STREETS.**

Every driver of a vehicle shall bring the vehicle to a full stop before entering any through street or stop intersection which has been properly designated and posted as such.

(1957 Code, ' 730:12) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.12 SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND MARKINGS; OBEDIENCE TO.**

(A) All signs, signals, and markings placed by the city shall conform to the standards prescribed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation and whenever so required by law shall be so placed only with the express approval and authorization from the Commissioner.

(B) No person shall disobey the instructions of an official traffic-control device placed within the City of Olivia by the Minnesota Department of Transportation or the city unless at the time otherwise directed by a police officer.

(1957 Code, ' 730:13) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.13 UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS.**

No person shall place, maintain, or display any unauthorized sign, signal, marking, or device imitating, resembling or hiding an official traffic-control device, or railroad sign or signal, and no person shall place, or maintain, or display any red light or red sign, signal, or lighting device in a way as to interfere with the effectiveness or efficiency of any highway traffic-control device or signal or device used in the operation of a railroad.

(1957 Code, ' 730:14) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.14 DAMAGE TO SIGNS.**

No person shall alter, deface, injure, knock down, or remove any official traffic-control device or railroad sign or signal or any inscription, shield, or insignia thereon, or any other part thereof.

(1957 Code, ' 730:15) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.15 PEDESTRIANS.**

Pedestrians crossing any street, at the intersections thereof with another street shall pass over the portion of the street as is included within the lines of the sidewalk, projected, and not diagonally.

(1957 Code, ' 730:16) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.16 TURN AND BACKING SIGNAL.**

No person in control of a vehicle shall turn or back same without proper signal by hand or authorized signal device having been given.

(1957 Code, ' 730:17) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.17 YIELDING WAY ON SIGNAL.**

Every person in charge of a vehicle shall pull to the right side of the street or road when signaled from a vehicle behind desiring to pass.

(1957 Code, ' 730:18) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.18 APPROACHING BUS LOADING OR UNLOADING.**

Every person in charge of any vehicle upon any street approaching any bus which has stopped or is about to stop for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers shall not approach nearer than 10 feet from the bus until the bus shall have taken or discharged its passengers and has again started.

(1957 Code, ' 730:19) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.19 PEDESTRIANS AT CROSSWALKS.**

Vehicles shall not stop on the crosswalk so as to interfere with the passage of pedestrians.  
(1957 Code, ' 730:20) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.20 DRIVE TO RIGHT OF CENTER.**

Every person using any vehicle on any street in the City of Olivia, shall operate, drive, or ride the vehicle on the portion to the right of the center of the street. A vehicle shall keep as near the right-hand curb as practicable except when passing another vehicle. Vehicles moving slowly shall keep close as possible to the curb on the right, allowing more swiftly moving vehicles free passage to their left.  
(1957 Code, ' 730:21) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.21 PASSING AND OVERTAKING.**

A vehicle meeting another going in the opposite direction shall pass on the right. A vehicle overtaking another shall pass on the left side of the overtaken vehicle and not pull over to the right until entirely clear of it.  
(1957 Code, ' 730:22) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.22 TURNING.**

(A) A vehicle turning into another street to the right shall turn the corner as near to the right-hand curb as possible.

(B) A vehicle when turning to the left to enter an intersecting street shall not turn until it shall have passed beyond the center of the intersecting street.

(C) No vehicle shall be turned around upon any street except at a street intersection.

(D) No person shall leave an automobile unattended on a street while the engine is running.  
(1957 Code, ' 730:23) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.23 HITCHING RIDES.**

No one shall ride or jump upon any vehicle without the consent of the driver, and no person when riding shall allow any part of the body to protrude beyond the limits of the vehicle, nor shall any person hitch a ride on to any vehicle whatsoever.  
(1957 Code, ' 730:24) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.24 NIGHT PARKING LIGHTS.**

No vehicle shall be left standing in a street or alley at night without light or lights so displayed as to be visible from the rear or the front.

(1957 Code, ' 730:25) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.25 USE OF DIMMERS.**

Every vehicle shall use only low beam headlamps when driving upon the principal and well lighted streets of the city, and also when meeting another vehicle at any place within the limits of the city.

(1957 Code, ' 730:26) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.26 MUFFLERS.**

Every motor vehicle or motorcycle shall use a muffler which shall be sufficient to deaden the sound of the exhaust and the muffler shall not be disconnected or cut out while the motor vehicle or motor cycle is being operated upon any street or avenue within the City of Olivia.

(1957 Code, ' 730:27) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.27 CARELESS DRIVING.**

No person shall operate or halt any vehicle in the City of Olivia, carelessly or heedlessly in disregard of the rights or the safety of others, or in a manner so as to endanger, or be likely to endanger any person or property.

(1957 Code, ' 730:28) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.28 EMERGENCY AND STREET WORK VEHICLES; APPLICATION.**

The provisions of ' ' 70.060 *et seq.* shall apply to drivers of all vehicles whether owned by the state, any county, city, town, district, or any other political subdivision of the state, except authorized emergency vehicles and vehicles engaged in work upon streets or alleys.

(1957 Code, ' 730:29) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.29 EMERGENCY VEHICLES; PROCEEDING AT TRAFFIC SIGNS.**

The driver of any authorized emergency vehicle operated in response to any emergency call or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, sounding siren and displaying at least 1 red light to the front, shall not be subject to speed limitations of ' ' 70.060 *et seq.*, and upon

approaching a red or stop signal or any stop sign, shall slow down as necessary for safety but may proceed past the sign or signal after sounding siren and displaying red lights. These provisions does not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of persons using the street, nor does it protect the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the consequence of a reckless disregard of the safety of others.

(1957 Code, ' 730:30) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.30 STREET WORKERS AND VEHICLES.**

Sections 70.060 *et seq.* shall not apply to persons, teams, motor vehicles, and other equipment while actually engaged in work upon the roadway of a street or alley, but shall apply to the persons and vehicles when traveling to or from the work.

(1957 Code, ' 730:31) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.31 YIELDING RIGHT-OF-WAY.**

Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle, with red light and siren warnings, as required by law, the driver of each other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to and as close as possible to the right-hand curb or edge of the highway clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in this position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

(1957 Code, ' 730:32) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.32 FOLLOWING EMERGENCY VEHICLES.**

No driver of any vehicle, other than one on official business, shall follow any fire apparatus or other emergency vehicle traveling in response to a fire alarm or other emergency call closer than 500 feet, or drive into or park the vehicle within the block where the fire apparatus or other emergency vehicle has stepped in answer to a fire alarm.

(1957 Code, ' 730:33) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.33 DRIVING OVER FIRE HOSE.**

No person shall drive any vehicle over any unprotected hose of a Fire Department when laid down on any street, private driveway, or alley, to be used at any fire alarm or fire, without the consent of the Fire Department official in command.

(1957 Code, ' 730:34) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.34 OFFICERS TO DIRECT TRAFFIC; AUTHORITY OF PEACE OFFICERS.**

(A) All officers of the City of Olivia, having powers of peace officers, are hereby authorized to direct, control, and regulate traffic.

(B) No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction given in the directing, controlling, or regulating of traffic by any officer of the city having powers of peace officers.

(1957 Code, ' 730:35) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.35 CONTROL OF PARKING AND STOPPING.**

No person shall stop or park a vehicle on a street or alley when directed or ordered to proceed by any peace officer invested by law with authority to direct, control, or regulate traffic.

(1957 Code, ' 730:36) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.36 REFUSE ON STREETS OR ALLEYS.**

(A) No person shall throw or deposit upon any street or alley in the city any glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon the highway.

(B) Any person removing a wrecked or damaged vehicle from a street or alley shall remove any glass or other injurious substance dropped from the vehicle.

(1957 Code, ' 730:37) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.37 FUNERAL PROCESSION.**

(A) Funeral processions may identify themselves by using regular lights on all cars and by keeping all cars in close formation.

(B) Drivers of all other vehicles, except emergency vehicles, shall yield the right-of-way.

(1957 Code, ' 730:38) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.38 DEFECTIVE OR UNSAFE EQUIPMENT.**

No person shall drive and no owner shall cause or knowingly permit to be driven on any street or alley in the city any vehicle or combination of vehicles, which is in an unsafe condition as to endanger any person, or which does not contain those parts or is not at all times equipped with proper brakes and the lamps and other equipment in proper condition and adjustment as required by the laws of the State of Minnesota, or which is equipped in violation of the laws.

(1957 Code, ' 730:39) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.39 PASSENGERS OR LOAD INTERFERING WITH DRIVER.**

No person shall drive a vehicle when it is so loaded or when there are in the front seat the number of person, exceeding 3, as to obstruct the view of the driver to the front or sides of the vehicle or as to interfere with the driver's control over the driving mechanism of the vehicle.

(1957 Code, ' 730:40) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.40 DRIVER=S LICENSE.**

No person shall drive or operate a vehicle upon any street or alley in the city unless he or she has in his or her possession a driver's license issued to him or her in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

(1957 Code, ' 730:41) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.41 WAGONS; ANIMALS.**

Every person riding an animal or driving any animal drawing a vehicle upon a street or alley shall be subject to the provisions of ' ' 71.01 *et seq.* applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except those provisions which by their nature can have no application.

(1957 Code, ' 730:42) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.42 HITCHHIKING.**

No person shall stand in a street or alley for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any private vehicle.

(1957 Code, ' 730:43) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.43 OWNER'S CONSENT TO DRIVE VEHICLE.**

No person shall drive a motor vehicle belonging to another without the owner's consent.  
(1957 Code, ' 730:44) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.44 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT.**

No vehicle shall be used upon any street in the city without lighting equipment, a windshield wiper, a rear vision mirror, a horn or other warning device, front and rear bumpers, and brakes as required by M.S. Ch. 169. Lamps shall be lighted at all times when any such vehicle is operated upon the streets of the city from a half hour after sunset to a 1/2 hour before sunrise, and at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render persons and vehicles clearly discernible 500 feet ahead upon the street, except that when a vehicle is parked upon the street during those hours, parking lights shall be lighted.  
(1957 Code, ' 730:45) Penalty, see ' 10.99

**' 71.45 DRIVING ON SIDEWALK OR INTO PROCESSION.**

No person shall ride or drive any animal, carriage, or other vehicle upon or over any sidewalk or through any funeral, parade, or military or civic procession within the limits of the City of Olivia.  
(1957 Code, ' 510:10) Penalty, see ' 10.99