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SEC. 9-3-1 RESTRICTIONS ON PARKING; POSTED LIMITATIONS.

- (a) Forty-eight (48) Hours Limitation. No person, firm or corporation shall park or leave standing any automobile, truck, tractor, trailer, or vehicle of any description on any public street or public parking lot in the City for a period of forty-eight (48) or more consecutive hours in the same location at any time, except that where more restrictive parking limits have been established the more restrictive limits shall apply. When any law enforcement officer shall find a vehicle standing upon a public street or parking lot in violation of the provisions of this Section, he is authorized to move such a vehicle to a position permitted under this Chapter. The law enforcement officer may cause said vehicle to be removed to a proper impoundment and storage area within the City where storage space is available and in such case the

owner shall pay the cost of removing said vehicle and the storage fees on said vehicle before he may recover the possession thereof.

(b) **Posted limitations.**

- (1) The City may designate certain streets or portions of streets as no parking or no stopping or standing zones or as zones for parking by physically handicapped persons and may limit the hours in which the restrictions apply by erecting the appropriate signs designating each zone in accordance with the provisions of Section 349.13, Wis. Stats.
- (2) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device, no person shall stop or park a vehicle in an established no stopping or standing zone during the hours when parking is prohibited. No vehicle shall be parked in a no parking zone during hours when parking is prohibited except as otherwise permitted by state law or this Code of Ordinances.
- (3) The City Law Enforcement Officers are hereby granted the authority to prohibit, limit and restrict the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles beyond the provisions of Chapter 346. The City Law Enforcement Officers shall also have the authority to restrict the turning or movement of traffic and to impose special weight limitations on any highway or portions thereof due to the condition or weakness of the roadbed.
- (4) No prohibition, restriction or limitation on parking or restriction on movement or turning of heavy traffic and imposition of special weight limits is effective unless proper official traffic control devices have been placed or erected.
- (5) After the parking limitations on any given street have expired, any change of location of not more than one (1) stall following expiration of the parking period allowed shall be and constitute a violation of this Chapter.

SEC. 9-3-2 TEMPORARY PARKING RESTRICTIONS

- (a) Temporary Parking Restrictions for Special Events. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 349.13, Wis. Stats., the Chief of Police is authorized to direct that temporary "No Parking" signs be erected by any Law Enforcement officer during parades, festivals and other authorized events that require the regulating of vehicle stopping, standing, or parking on City roadways. The temporary regulations shall be limited to the time the event exists or is likely to exist.
- (b) Any person who shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to forfeiture as described in Sec. 9-5-1(d)(1) or 9-5-1(d)(2) as applicable.
- (c) Any vehicle left upon any public highway in violation of this Ordinance may be removed therefrom by towing away and in such event the cost of towing and storage shall be paid by the owner thereof as a condition to recovering such property.

SEC. 9-3-3 STOPPING OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN SPECIFIED PLACES.

- (a) **Parking Prohibited at All Times.** Except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading or in receiving or discharging passengers or property and while the vehicle is attended by a licensed operator so that it may be moved promptly in case of any emergency or to avoid obstruction of traffic, no person shall at any time park or leave standing any vehicle:
 - (1) Within an intersection.
 - (2) On a crosswalk.
 - (3) On a sidewalk or terrace area, except when parking in such place is clearly indicated by official traffic signs or markers or parking meters. "Terrace or Sidewalk Area" means that area between the sidewalk and the nearest curb line running parallel or generally parallel thereto or in the absence of a sidewalk ten (10) feet beyond the curb line.
 - (4) Alongside or opposite any highway excavation or obstruction when such stopping or standing would obstruct traffic or when pedestrian traffic would be required to travel in the roadway.

- (5) On the roadway side of any parked vehicle unless double parking is clearly indicated by official traffic signs or markers.
- (6) Within ten (10) feet of the driveway entrance to a fire station.
- (7) Upon any portion of a highway where and at the time when stopping or standing is prohibited by official traffic signs indicating the prohibition of any stopping or standing.
- (8) In any place or manner so as to obstruct, block or impede traffic.
- (9) Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant unless a greater distance is indicated by an official traffic sign.
- (10) Upon any portion of a highway where and at the time when parking is prohibited, limited, or restricted by official traffic signs.
- (11) Upon any bridge.
- (12) Upon any street or highway within the City limits any vehicle which faces a direction different from the direction of normal traffic flow for the lane of traffic in which said vehicle is stopped or standing.
- (13) Upon any terrace or sidewalk in the City at any time.
- (14) In a loading zone.
- (15) Within four (4) feet of the entrance to an alley, private road, or driveway.
- (16) In any municipal park when said park is closed to the public.
- (17) In a location that obstructs or interferes with, a mailbox used by the U.S. Postal Service to deliver mail. A 30-foot area allowing for approach and exit from mailboxes shall be maintained. (Rev. 3-9-2000)
- (b) **Parking in Driveways.** No person shall park or leave standing any motor vehicle in any private driveway without the permission of the owner or lessee of the property.
- (c) **Vehicles Not to Block Private Drive, Alley or Fire Lane.** No vehicle shall, at any time, be parking so as to unreasonably restrict the normal access to any private drive, alley, or fire lane. Said access shall be deemed to be unreasonably restricted if any vehicle is parked within four (4) feet of either side of said access. Upon

discovery by a police officer or upon complaint by the owner of any such blocked drive, complaint by the owner of any such blocked drive, complaint by the owner of any such blocked drive, alley or fire lane, the Police Officer may order said vehicle towed from such position at the risk and expense of the owner of said vehicle.

(d) **Parking Vehicle for Repair or to Display for Sale Prohibited.** No person shall stand or park a vehicle on any street, alley, or public right-of-way in the City for the purpose of repair said vehicle or to display such vehicle for sale.

State Law Reference: Sections 349.13(2) and (3), 346.53 and 346.52, Wis. Stats.

SEC. 9-3-4 PARKING RESERVED FOR VEHICLES OF DISABLED.

When proper official traffic control signs have been erected, no person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle upon any portion of a street, highway or public or private parking facility reserved for vehicles displaying special registration plates or identification cards or emblems issued by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation or, for vehicles registered in another jurisdiction, by such other jurisdiction designating the vehicle as one used by a physically disabled person.

State Law Reference: Section 346.505, Wis. Stats.

SEC. 9-3-5 LEAVING KEYS IN VEHICLE PROHIBITED; PARKING VEHICLE WITH MOTOR RUNNING.

(a) **Leaving Keys in Vehicle.** No person shall permit any motor vehicle to stand or remain unattended on any street, alley, or other public area, except an attended parking area, unless either the starting lever, throttle, steering apparatus, gear shift or ignition of the vehicle is locked and the key for such lock is removed from the vehicle. Whenever any police officer shall find any vehicle standing with the key in the ignition in violation of this Section, such officer is authorized to remove the key from the vehicle and deliver the key to the Police Department for safe custody.

(b) Parking Vehicles with Motor Running.

- (1) It shall be unlawful to park any cargo trailer or any other trucks longer than thirty (30) feet in length in any residential district except for semi-tractors that are parked on the property. Where the driver resides provided, they are not left running longer than (30) minutes.
- (2) It shall be unlawful to park any truck and/or trailers with refrigerated units running, semi-tractors with engines running in any commercial district longer than ninety (90) minutes. See sec. 12-3-1.
- (3) The Ordinance shall not apply to any trucks and/or trailers that is making cargo pickups and deliveries or used exclusively for recreational purposes.
- (4) It shall be unlawful to park any truck and/or trailers within the City longer than ninety (90) minutes if it shall emit an obnoxious odor.
- (5) The penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be not less than \$5.00 or more than \$200.00 for each violation.

SEC. 9-3-6 UNATTENDED MOTORIZED MACHINERY.

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any construction, compaction, earth-grading, or farm machinery which is self-propelled, and which is owned or controlled by him to stand unattended without locking the ignition system or otherwise rendering said machinery inoperable so as to prevent any unauthorized person from starting said machinery.

SEC. 9-3-7 ANGLE PARKING.

- (a) Angle parking or parking diagonally is prohibited on all the streets, alley and highways of the City except in those places where vehicle parking markers indicate that angle parking is permissible. All vehicles shall park parallel to, and within one (1) foot of the curb except where streets and parking lots are so marked for angle parking.
- (b) No person shall at any time park any vehicle:

- (1) In any direction other than the designated parking angle, where angle parking spaces are so designated and provided by appropriate markings.
- (2) Backwards into angle parking spaces so designated and provided by appropriate markings.
- (3) With a trailer attached or any vehicle longer than twenty (20) feet on any street where angle parking is so provided and allowed.

SEC. 9-3-8 WINTERTIME PARKING REGULATIONS.

- (a) **General Winter Parking Regulations.** Effective at 12:01 a.m. November 1 until April 1, parking shall only be permitted on the side of the street having odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days and on the side of the street having even numbered addresses on even numbered days. For the purpose of this section "odd numbered days" shall be defined as beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the calendar day with the even numbered date and ending at 7:59 a.m. on the subsequent odd numbered date.
- (b) **Other Winter Parking Regulations.** Notwithstanding the general winter parking restrictions of Section 9-3-8(a) above, effective at 12:01 a.m. from November 1 until April 1, at the following locations, these more restrictive winter parking regulations shall apply:
 - (1) **Washington Street.** No person shall park or leave unattended a motor vehicle that is not a police, fire or emergency vehicle during these hours of 2:00a.m. through 6a.m. on Washington Street between Birch Street and West Prospect Street.
 - (2) **Evergreen Drive.** No person shall park or leave unattended any vehicle on Evergreen Drive that is not a police, fire or emergency vehicle.
- (c) **Forfeiture.** Any person who shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to forfeiture as described in Sec. 9-5-1(d)(1) or 9-5-1(d)(2) as applicable.
- (d) Any vehicle left upon any public highway in violation of this Ordinance may be removed therefrom by towing away and in such event the cost

of towing shall be paid by the owner thereof as a condition to recovering such property.

SEC. 9-3-9 **PARKING OF VEHICLES OVER 15,000 POUNDS OR 16 FEET RESTRICTED.**

- (a) No person owning or having control of any truck, trailer, truck power unit, tractor, bus or recreation vehicle in excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds gross weight, or over sixteen (16) feet in length, or having an enclosed area of a height more than eight (8) feet from the roadway, shall park the same upon any street, avenue or public way other than a routed State Trunk Highway in any residential district between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. One (1) hour parking will be allowed in residential areas between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The provisions of this Subsection shall not be deemed to prohibit the lawful parking of such equipment upon any street, avenue, or public way in the city for the actual loading or unloading of goods, providing, however, the "loading" and "unloading," as used in this Section, shall be limited to the actual time consumed in such operation. The common Council may, however, designate specific truck parking zones.
- (b) Any vehicle unlawfully parked under Subsection (a) above may be removed from the street by order of the Chief of Police, and the expense of so moving and storing such vehicle shall be paid by the operator or owner of said vehicle shall be paid by the operator or owner of said vehicle as forfeiture in addition to the penalties hereafter prescribed.

SEC. 9-3-10 **TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS ON SCHOOL DISTRICT GROUNDS.**

- (a) Speed Limits. No person shall at any time operate a motor vehicle upon any Thorp School District grounds at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour.

SEC. 9-3-11 **UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OF PARKING CITATIONS.**

No person other than the owner or operator thereof shall remove a City parking ticket from a motor vehicle.

SEC. 9-3-12

**OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN PUBLIC
PARKING LOTS AND RAMPS.**

- (a) **Unlicensed Operators Prohibited.** No person who does not hold a valid operator's license shall operate a vehicle in any public parking lot, road, or ramp or in any private parking lot for the general public.
- (b) **Traffic Regulations Applicable.** All provisions of Section 9-1-1 of this Chapter and the Wisconsin Statutes and laws incorporated herein by reference shall be applicable on any public parking lot or ramp and shall be applicable on any public parking lot, road or ramp held out for use for the general public for parking or vehicular traffic.

SEC. 9-3-13

REMOVAL OF ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES.

- (a) **Hazard to Public Safety.** Any vehicle parked, stopped or standing upon a highway or public parking lot or ramp in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter is declared to be a hazard to traffic and public safety.
- (b) **Removal by Operator.** Such vehicle shall be removed by the operator in charge, upon request of a City law enforcement officer or the Director of Public Works, to a position where parking is permitted or to a private or public parking or storage premises.
- (c) **Removal by Traffic Officer.** A City law enforcement officer, after issuing a citation for illegal parking, stopping, or standing of an unattended vehicle in violation of this Chapter, is authorized to remove such vehicle to a position where parking is permitted.