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Amending Title 18, Chapter 468 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Traffic Code: Violation Procedure.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 468.50 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

468.50 Tags for parked vehicles. Whenever any motor vehicle without an operator is found parked in violation of any of the parking restrictions of the traffic code, the police officer or any other person duly authorized by ordinance finding it shall take its registration number and any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and affix conspicuously to such vehicle a written notice for the operator to appear before the traffic violations bureau of the district court at a time and place fixed in said notice. During periods of duly declared snow emergencies or other officially authorized street maintenance activities, all personnel of the city authorized to issue tags for any purpose, and ~~paving~~ foremen of the public works ~~engineer's~~ office, shall be authorized to issue the written notices herein provided for.

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Amending Title 18, Chapter 478 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Traffic Code: Parking, Stopping and Standing.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 478.1010 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.1010. Impounding violations. Winter parking restrictions. ~~If any vehicle is parked, abandoned or left standing in violation of the terms of this article, the same may be impounded in accordance with the terms of the motor vehicle impounding ordinances of the city, at the cost and expense of the owner thereof.~~

(a) In any winter season the public works director may impose a continuous winter parking restriction on non-snow emergency routes. Upon the declaration of a winter parking restriction, no person shall stop, stand, park or leave any vehicle or permit it to stand upon the restricted side of any non-snow emergency route. This paragraph shall not apply to the Minneapolis parkway system.

When imposed under this subdivision, the public works director shall designate one side of all non-snow emergency route streets as restricted. The public works director shall provide notice of the imposition and removal of any winter parking restriction, together with all relevant details. Notice of winter parking restrictions shall be accomplished through the press, radio or television and shall request the news media to cooperate with the city in conveying notice to the public and, when given, such notice shall constitute due and proper notice.

(b) Once imposed under subdivision (a), a winter parking restriction shall remain continuously in effect beginning on the date it becomes effective and for the remaining portion of the winter season, or until the restriction is officially removed. Winter parking restrictions imposed under subdivision (a) shall be temporarily suspended during a declared snow emergency to coincide with section 478.1000 of this Code as follows: commencing at 4:00 p.m. on the first day of the snow emergency, winter parking restrictions will be suspended; at 8:00 a.m. on the third morning following the declaration of the snow emergency, winter parking restrictions will resume. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed so as to prevent the public works director from imposing a short-term, or temporary winter parking restriction.

Section 2. That Chapter 478 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended by adding thereto a new Section 478.1020 to read as follows:

478.1020. Impounding violations. If any vehicle is parked, abandoned or left standing in violation of the terms of this article, the same may be impounded in accordance with the terms of the motor vehicle impounding ordinances of the city, at the cost and expense of the owner thereof.

Section 3. That Section 478.1020 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended, and renumbered as Section 478.1030, to read as follows:

~~478.1020.~~ 478.1030. Winter parking in special parking districts. (a) From time to time the city council may establish, add to, modify or cancel special parking districts. The city engineer shall at all times maintain in his office a complete listing of all such districts, and said listing is hereby incorporated into this Code the same as if fully set forth herein.

(b) A special parking district may be established by the council only after a public hearing and a finding of fact by a committee of the council that there is a need for said special parking district within the area covered. Application for designation of an area as a special parking district shall, if possible, be accompanied by a plan to improve parking in said district.

(c) Those areas designated as special parking districts pursuant to subsection (b) above shall be posted with signs by the city engineer. The signs shall advise that parking is permitted, except during a snow emergency.

(d) Parking shall be prohibited in such special parking districts on that side of the street with even-numbered addresses for a period of twelve (12) hours beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the day following the declaration of a snow emergency or until the street has been fully plowed and shall be prohibited in such special parking districts on that side of the street with odd-numbered addresses for a period of twelve (12) hours beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the second day following the declaration of a snow emergency or until the street has been fully plowed.

Section 4. That Section 478.1030 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~478.1030. Residential street emergency parking restrictions.~~ ~~Whenever in the opinion of the mayor and president of the city council heavy snowfalls or other natural phenomena have constricted streets causing general access and particularly emergency vehicle access to be so impaired as to create a street access emergency, they may declare a street access emergency which shall have the following effect: Parking is prohibited twenty-four (24) hours, seven (7) days per week, on the side of all streets with addresses ending in an even number, except in the downtown central business district, commercial areas and such other areas of the city where parking~~

~~meters have been installed and as designated by the city engineer, until rescinded by further notice. All other parking regulations and restrictions remain in effect. These emergency parking restrictions do not apply to the Minneapolis parkway system. At the discretion of the mayor and council president, the parking restriction may be changed to the side of all streets with addresses ending in an odd number.~~