

Chapter 10.20

MISCELLANEOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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10.20.010 Careless operation of motor vehicles prohibited.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle within the town upon premises held out to the public for use of their motor vehicles whether such premises are publicly or privately owned, and whether or not a fee is charged for the use thereof, in a manner which demonstrates carelessness or indifference to the person or property of the operator or of others. (Prior code § 7.05)

10.20.020 Heavy traffic restricted.

A. All single-axle vehicles having a gross weight of more than six tons and all multi-axle vehicles having a gross weight in excess of ten (10) tons are prohibited from operating on any town roads except such town roads over which are routed state trunk highways. This restriction does not apply to the use of any town road for the purpose of obtaining orders for supplies or moving or delivering supplies or commodities to or from any place of business or residence which has an entrance on such town road.

B. Any person adversely affected by this ordinance may petition the town board for a permit. Based upon all of the circumstances, the town board may grant a permit or conditional permit. The town board shall hear input from the town roads supervisor and town engineer, and further the requesting party shall also be expected to be

in compliance with all applicable zoning and permitting requirements which may be applicable to the particular circumstances. Any person requesting a permit shall pay an annual fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and shall reimburse the town for any actual, out-of-pocket expenses associated with reviewing the request. The permit shall be for a duration of one year. Further, the permit may be revoked by the board for good cause shown. Any permit granted shall be prominently displayed in the vehicle at all times, such that it can be seen from the exterior of the vehicle.

C. The town or highway supervisor may, from time to time, place additional weight restrictions on certain roadways by posting the weight limits at all points of public ingress to said roadway, which weight limits shall be binding on all traffic, except by special permit from the town.

D. The penalty provision for violation of this section shall be as provided as in Chapter 1.20 of this code. (Ord. dated 8/12/04: Ord. dated 11/14/88: prior code § 7.07)

10.20.030 Snow emergencies.

A. Whenever the accumulation of new snow within a twenty-four (24) hour period exceeds three inches as measured on the level at the Town Hall, the highway superintendent is authorized to declare a snow emergency.

B. He shall thereupon notify radio stations WMIR, WRJN and WTMJ with the request that those stations broadcast the declaration.

C. Within one hour after any of the radio stations above are notified, parking on any street or highway in the town is prohibited and the police department may cause to be removed any vehicle parked thereon that impedes the operation of the highway department in dealing with the snow emergency. However, at least one-half hour

before removal of the vehicle, a reasonable effort shall be made to notify the owner or an adult member of his household, either by telephone or in person, that removal is required.

D. The forfeiture for any violation of this section shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) plus the cost of towing and storage. (Prior code § 7.09)

10.20.040 Operating motor vehicles on ice prohibited.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the ice cover of any lake within the boundaries of the town.

A. Definitions.

Vehicle, Motor. "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle which is used or was designed to be used on public highways as a licensed motor vehicle, including those vehicles defined as "automobile," "farm trucks," "motor bus," "motor truck," "road tractor" and "station wagon" in Section 340.01, Wis. Stats.

Vehicles, Authorized Emergency. "Authorized emergency vehicles" defined as follows:

1. Police vehicles, whether publicly or privately owned;
2. Conservation wardens' vehicles or foresters' trucks, whether publicly or privately owned;
3. Vehicles of a fire department or fire patrol;
4. Privately owned motor vehicles being used by deputy state fire marshals or by personnel of a full-time or part-time fire department or by members of a volunteer fire department while enroute to a fire or on an emergency call pursuant to orders of their chief or other commanding officer;
5. Such emergency vehicles of municipal or county departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the local authorities to be authorized emergency vehicles;

6. Such emergency vehicles of state departments as are designated or authorized by the heads of such departments to be authorized emergency vehicles;

7. Such ambulances, whether publicly or privately owned, as are designated or authorized by local authorities to be authorized emergency vehicles;

8. The county board of supervisors of any county can authorize the county coroners to use an emergency vehicle for the purpose of traveling enroute to the scene of a fatal accident or a death and on such other occasions as are authorized pursuant to subdivision 5 of this subsection.

B. Exemptions. This section shall not apply to:

1. The operator of any authorized emergency vehicle when responding to an emergency call or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law;

2. The operator of any vehicle who has been issued a permit by the town board to operate a vehicle upon an ice covered lake at the times and places specified in such permit issued in accordance with subsection C of this section.

C. Permits.

1. Single Vehicle Permits. Any person desiring to operate a motor vehicle upon any lake shall file an application therefor with the town clerk. Such application shall contain the following information:

- a. The name and address of the proposed operator;
- b. The identification of the motor vehicle, its license number and the name of the owner;
- c. The date and hours thereof that such vehicle will be operated;
- d. The lake upon the ice of which the proposed operation will take place.

2. Group Permits. Any group desiring to operate more than one vehicle, or to sponsor a rally or other sporting event involving the operation of motor vehicles on the ice of any

lake shall file an application therefor with the town clerk. Such application shall contain the following information:

a. The name and address of the person or group sponsoring the rally or sporting event;

b. The name and address of the rally master or other person who shall be in charge of the event;

c. The number of motor vehicles to be operated;

d. The date and hours thereof that such vehicles will be operated;

e. The lake upon the ice of which the proposed operation will take place and the area upon the lake to be used.

3. Consideration of Application. The town board shall consider the application at the next meeting following receipt thereof, and the applicant or a personal representative shall be present at the time the application is considered.

4. Permit Specifications. If the board concludes that the issuance of a permit is not inimical to the best interest of the public, taking into consideration other potential uses which may be made of the area for which a permit is sought, the board may issue such a permit to the applicant. Such permit shall be in writing and is limited to the vehicles, date or dates and hours indicated thereon. Such permit shall further be subject to such rules and regulations as may be imposed by the police department and shall contain a disclaimer of any liability on the part of the town with regard to any loss or damage sustained as the result of operating under the permit. Failure on the part of the operator or applicant to comply strictly with the terms of such permit shall cause the same to become null and void. (Prior code § 20.17)