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CHAPTER 4 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Article 1 – Traffic Regulations

SECTION 4-101: GENERAL AUTHORITY

A. The City Council may, in its jurisdiction, enact regulations permitting, prohibiting, and controlling the use of motor vehicles, minibikes, motorcycles, off-road recreation vehicles of any and all types, other powered vehicles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, and vehicles which are not self-propelled. Any person who operates any such vehicles without the permission of the City Council or its designated representative or in a place, time, or manner which has been prohibited by the council shall be guilty of an offense.

B. The City Council may further authorize the supervising official of any area under its ownership or control to permit, control, or prohibit operation of any motor vehicle, mini-bike, motorcycle, off-road recreational vehicle of any or all types, other powered vehicle, electric personal assistive mobility device, or a vehicle which is not self-propelled on all or any portion of any area under its ownership or control at any time by posting or, in case of an emergency, by personal notice. Any person operating any such vehicle where prohibited, where not permitted, or in a manner so as to endanger the peace and safety of the public or as to harm or destroy the natural features or manmade features of any such area shall be guilty of an offense.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-678)

SECTION 4-102: DEFINITIONS

The words and phrases used in this chapter pertaining to motor vehicles and traffic regulations shall be construed as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 60, as now existing or hereafter amended. If not defined in the designated statutes, the word or phrase shall have its common meaning. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-606 through 60-676)

SECTION 4-103: RULES OF THE ROAD; INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The Nebraska Rules of the Road, together with all subsequent amendments thereto, as adopted by the State of Nebraska relating to traffic regulations, are incorporated by reference into this section and made a part of this article as though spread at large herein, except those provisions in conflict with this article when the City Council has the authority to alter such regulations. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-132)

SECTION 4-104: ORDINANCES CONTRARY TO STATE LAW PROHIBITED

The City Council shall not enact or enforce any ordinance directly contrary to the Nebraska Rules of the Road unless expressly authorized by the Nebraska Legislature.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,108)

SECTION 4-105: EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

The mayor and chief of police are hereby empowered to make and enforce temporary traffic regulations to cover emergencies.

SECTION 4-106: ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND LAWS; DUTIES

All peace officers are hereby specifically directed and authorized and it shall be deemed and considered a part of the official duties of each of such officers to enforce the provisions of Nebraska Rules of the Road and this article including the specific enforcement of maximum speed limits and any other state or city law regulating the operation of vehicles or the use of the highways. To perform the official duties imposed by this section, peace officers shall have the power:

A. To make arrests upon view and without warrant for any violation committed in their presence of any of the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act or this article or of any other law regulating the operation of vehicles or the use of the highways, if and when designated or called upon to do so as provided by law;

B. To make arrests upon view and without warrant for any violation committed in their presence of any state law relating to misdemeanors or felonies or of similar city ordinances if and when designated or called upon to do so as provided by law;

C. At all times to direct all traffic in conformity with law or, in the event of a fire or other emergency or in order to expedite traffic or insure safety, to direct traffic as conditions may require;

D. When in uniform, to require the driver of a vehicle to stop and exhibit his or her operator's license and registration certificate issued for the vehicle and submit to an inspection of such vehicle and the license plates and registration certificate for the vehicle and to require the driver of a motor vehicle to present the vehicle within 5 days for correction of any defects revealed by such motor vehicle inspection as may lead the inspecting officer to reasonably believe that such motor vehicle is being operated in violation of the statutes of Nebraska, the rules and regulations of the Director of Motor Vehicles, or any city ordinance or regulation;

E. To inspect any vehicle of a type required to be registered according to law in any public garage or repair shop or in any place where such a vehicle is held for sale or wrecking;

F. To serve warrants relating to the enforcement of the laws regulating the operation of vehicles or the use of the highways; and

G. To investigate traffic accidents for the purpose of carrying on a study of traffic accidents and enforcing motor vehicle and highway safety laws.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-683)

SECTION 4-107: POLICE; REFUSAL TO OBEY

It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, signal, or direction of a police officer. Any person who knowingly fails to obey any lawful order of a peace officer shall be guilty of an offense whenever such order is given in furtherance of the apprehension of a person who has violated the Nebraska Rules of the Road or this article or of a person whom such officer reasonably believes has violated the same. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-680, 60-6,110)

SECTION 4-108: POLICE; TRAFFIC OFFICERS

The City Council or the city police may at any time detail officers, to be known as "traffic officers," at street intersections. All traffic officers shall be vested with the authority to regulate and control traffic at the intersections to which they are assigned. It shall be their duty to direct the movement of traffic and prevent congestion and accidents. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any order or signal of any such traffic officer notwithstanding the directive of a stop sign or signal device which may have been placed at any such intersection. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-680, 60-683)

SECTION 4-109: REGULATION BY CITY COUNCIL

A. The City Council may, by resolution:

1. Mark lanes for traffic on street pavements at such places as it may deem advisable, provide for one-way travel in any street or alley, designate any street or portion thereof as a snow route, and establish and maintain crosswalks.
2. Provide for the placing of stop signs or other signs, signals, standards, or mechanical devices in any street or alley under the city's jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating or prohibiting traffic thereon.
3. Designate any street or portion thereof as an arterial street and shall provide for appropriate signs or markings when such street has been so designated.
4. Establish and maintain crosswalks by appropriate devices, markers, or lines upon the street at intersections where there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the street and at such other places as may be deemed necessary.

B. Such resolutions shall describe the portion of the street or alley wherein traffic is to be regulated or prohibited; the regulation or prohibition; the location where such sign, signal, standard or mechanical device shall be placed; and the hours when such regulation or prohibition shall be effective.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,119 through 60-6,121, 60-680)

**SECTION 4-110: SIGNS, TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE DEVICES;
DEFACING OR INTERFERING WITH**

A. No person shall willfully or maliciously injure, deface, alter or knock down any sign, traffic control device, or traffic surveillance device.

B. Any person who willfully or maliciously shoots upon the public highway and injures, defaces, damages, or destroys any signs, monuments, road markers, traffic control devices, traffic surveillance devices, or other public notices lawfully placed upon such highway shall be guilty of an offense.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a duly authorized representative of the Department of Roads, the county, or the city to remove any sign, traffic control device, or traffic surveillance device placed along a highway for traffic control, warning, or informational purposes by official action of the department, county, or city. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a sign or device which has been removed in violation of this subsection.

D. Any person violating subsection (A) or (C) of this section shall be guilty of an offense and shall be assessed liquidated damages in the amount of the value of the sign, traffic control device, or traffic surveillance device and the cost of replacing it.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,129, 60-6,130)

**SECTION 4-111: TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES; PLACEMENT AND
MAINTENANCE**

The City Council shall place and maintain such traffic control devices upon highways under its jurisdiction as it deems necessary to indicate and to carry out the provisions of the Nebraska Rules of the Road or this article or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic. All such traffic control devices erected pursuant to this article shall conform with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,121)

SECTION 4-112: TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES; OBEDIENCE TO; EXCEPTIONS

A. The driver of any vehicle shall obey the instructions of any traffic control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with the Nebraska Rules of the Road or this article unless otherwise directed by a peace officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle.

B. No provision of the rules or this article for which traffic control devices are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official device is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by a reasonably observant person. Whenever any provision of the rules or this article does not state that traffic control devices are required, such provision shall be effective even though no devices are erected or in place.

C. Whenever traffic control devices are placed in position approximately conforming to the requirements of the rules or this article, such devices shall be presumed to have been so placed by the official act or direction of lawful authority unless the contrary is established by competent evidence.

D. Any traffic control device placed pursuant to the rules or this article and purporting to conform with the lawful requirements pertaining to such devices shall be presumed to comply with the requirements of the rules or this article unless the contrary is established by competent evidence.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,119)

SECTION 4-113: SIGNS; UNAUTHORIZED DISPLAY

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or display upon or in view of any street any unofficial sign, signal, or device which purports to be, is an imitation of, or resembles an official traffic sign or signal which attempts to direct the movement of traffic or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official sign or signal. Every such prohibited sign, signal, or device is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and any police officer is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,127)

SECTION 4-114: STOP SIGNS; YIELD SIGNS

A. The City Council may provide for preferential right of way at an intersection and indicate such by stop signs or yield signs erected by such authority. Every person operating any vehicle shall, upon approaching any stop sign, cause such vehicle to come to a complete stop before entering or crossing any street, highway, or railroad crossing. The vehicle operator shall stop at a marked stop line or, if there is no stop line, before entering the crosswalk but if neither is indicated, then as near the right of way line of the intersecting roadway as possible.

B. The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign shall slow to a speed reasonable under the existing conditions and, if required for safety to stop, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line or, if there is no such line, shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if no crosswalk is indicated, at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway. After slowing or stopping, such driver shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another highway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard if such driver moved across or into such intersection. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,119 through 60-6,121, 60-680, 60-6,148)

SECTION 4-115: CROSSING SIDEWALKS

A. The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway, private road, or building shall stop such vehicle immediately before driving onto a sidewalk and shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian approaching on any sidewalk. Before entering the highway, the driver shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on such

highway.

B. The driver of a vehicle entering an alley, building, private road, or driveway shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian approaching on any sidewalk.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,149)

SECTION 4-116: DRIVING IN SIDEWALK SPACE

No motor vehicle shall be driven or ridden within any sidewalk space, except a permanent or temporary driveway. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,178)

SECTION 4-117: UNNECESSARY STOPPING

It shall be unlawful for any person to stop any vehicle on any public street or in an alley other than in permitted parking areas, except when such a stop is necessary for emergency situations, to comply with traffic control devices and regulations, or to yield the right of way to pedestrians or to other vehicles. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,164, 60-6,166)

SECTION 4-118: SPEED; ELECTRONIC DETECTOR

A. The speed of any motor vehicle within the city may be determined by the use of radio microwaves or other electronic device. The results of such determinations shall be accepted as *prima facie* evidence of the speed of such motor vehicle in any court or legal proceedings where the speed of the motor vehicle is at issue.

B. The driver of any such motor vehicle may be arrested without a warrant under the authority herein granted if the arresting officer is in uniform or displays his or her badge of authority; provided, such officer shall have observed the recording of the speed of such motor vehicle by the radio microwaves or other electronic device or had received a radio message from the officer who observed the speed of the motor vehicle recorded by the radio microwaves or other electronic device. In the event of an arrest based on such a message, such radio message must have been dispatched immediately after the speed of the motor vehicle was recorded and must include a description of the vehicle and the recorded speed.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,192)

SECTION 4-119: SPEED LIMITS

A. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any street, alley, or other place at a rate of speed greater than 25 miles per hour within the Residential District and 20 miles per hour within the Business District, unless a different rate of speed is specifically permitted by ordinance. In no instance shall a person drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions. Where a different maximum speed is set by ordinance, appropriate signs shall be posted.

B. Subject to approval by the Nebraska Department of Roads as to location and sign specifications, the city shall have the right to install a post-mounted speed display

sign along U.S. Highway 275 for southbound traffic. The cost for any said sign shall be allocated by the city.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,186, 60-6,190) (Ord. No. 2015-1106, 11/2/15)

SECTION 4-120: SPEED LIMITS IN RIVER PARK

No person shall operate a motor vehicle in River Park at a rate of speed greater than 15 miles per hour. Speed limit signs will be posted at the entrance of River Park and at such other locations as determined by the Police Department and Street Department. Speed control devices, including but not limited to speed bumps, will be placed in River Park at such locations as determined by the Police Department and Street Department. (Ord. No. 594, 6/19/89)

SECTION 4-121: SPEED; VIOLATIONS; FINES

A. Any person who operates a vehicle in violation of any maximum speed limit established for any highway or freeway is guilty of a traffic infraction and upon conviction shall be fined.

B. The fines prescribed in subsection (A) herein shall be doubled if the violation occurs within a maintenance, repair, or construction zone established pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,188. The maintenance, repair, or construction zone starts at the location of the first sign identifying the maintenance, repair, or construction zone and continues until a posted or moving sign indicates that the maintenance, repair, or construction zone has ended. "Maintenance, repair, or construction zone" shall mean:

1. The portion of a highway identified by posted or moving signs as being under maintenance, repair, or construction; or
2. The portion of a highway identified by maintenance, repair, or construction zone speed limit signs displayed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,188; and
3. Within such portion of a highway where road construction workers are present.

C. The fines prescribed in subsection (A) shall be doubled if the violation occurs within a school crossing zone.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-682.01)

SECTION 4-122: NEGLIGENT DRIVING

Any person who drives any vehicle in such a manner as to indicate the absence of care, prudence, and forethought as duty requires should be exercised under the circumstances is guilty of negligent driving. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-4,182)

SECTION 4-123: CARELESS DRIVING

Any person who drives any motor vehicle in the city carelessly or without due caution so as to endanger a person or property shall be guilty of careless driving. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,212, 60-4,182)

SECTION 4-124: RECKLESS DRIVING

Any person who drives a motor vehicle in such a manner as to indicate an indifferent or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property shall be deemed to be guilty of reckless driving and as such shall be punished as provided by statute. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,213, 60-6,215, 60-4,182)

SECTION 4-125: WILLFUL RECKLESS DRIVING

Any person who drives a motor vehicle in such a manner as to indicate a willful disregard for the safety of persons or property shall be deemed to be guilty of willful reckless driving. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,214, 60-6,216, 60-4,182)

SECTION 4-126: RACING

No person shall drive any vehicle in any race, speed competition or contest, drag_race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance, or exhibition of speed or acceleration or for the purpose of making a speed record. No person shall in any manner participate in any such race, competition, contest, test, or exhibition. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,195)

SECTION 4-127: EXHIBITION DRIVING

Any person who operates a motor vehicle, meaning any self-propelled vehicle, upon streets or alleys within the city limits or upon property owned by the city in such a manner as to cause or create unnecessary engine noise, squealing of tires, rear skidding, sliding, or swaying of such motor vehicle or possible acceleration of speed of said motor vehicle shall be guilty of exhibition driving.

SECTION 4-128: MUFFLER

Every motor vehicle operated within this city shall be equipped with a muffler in good working order to prevent excessive or unusual noise or smoke. It shall be unlawful to use a "muffler cut-out" on any motor vehicle upon any streets; provided, the provisions of this section shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,286)

SECTION 4-129: UNNECESSARY NOISE

No person shall drive, use, operate, park, or stop any motor vehicle in such a manner as to cause unnecessary noise. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§17-505, 60-6,286, 60-6,371)

SECTION 4-130: RIGHT OF WAY; GENERALLY

A. When two vehicles approach or enter an intersection at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right of way to the vehicle on the right when the paths of such vehicles intersect and there is danger of a collision, unless otherwise directed by a city police officer stationed at the intersection.

B. The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the left within an intersection or into an alley, private road, or driveway shall yield the right of way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction which is within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard.

C. The driver of a vehicle on any street shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing such street within any clearly marked crosswalk or at any regular pedestrian crossing at the end of a block where the movement of traffic is being regulated by traffic officers or traffic direction devices. Every pedestrian crossing a street at any point other than a pedestrian crossing, crosswalk, or intersection shall yield the right of way to vehicles upon the street.

D. The driver of a vehicle emerging from or entering an alley, building, private road, or driveway shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian approaching on any sidewalk and all vehicles approaching on such streets.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,146 through 60-6,154)

SECTION 4-131: RIGHT OF WAY; EMERGENCY VEHICLES

A. Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle which makes use of proper audible or visual signals:

1. The driver of any 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 edge or curb of the roadway or to either edge or curb of a one-way roadway, clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until such emergency vehicle passes, unless otherwise directed by any peace officer; and
2. Any pedestrian using such roadway shall yield the right of way until such emergency vehicle passes, unless otherwise directed by any peace officer.

B. This section shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,151)

SECTION 4-132: TURNING; GENERALLY; SIGNAL

Vehicles turning to the right into an intersecting street shall approach such intersection

in the lane of traffic nearest to the right-hand side of the highway and must turn the corner as near the right-hand curb as possible to keep between the curb to the right and the center of the intersection of the two streets. The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the left shall approach such center line of the highway and in turning shall pass as near as possible to the center of the intersection, passing as closely as practicable to the right thereof before turning such vehicle to the left. For the purposes of this section, the "center of the intersection" shall mean the meeting point of the medial lines of the highways intersecting one another. A signal of intention to turn right or left shall be given continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,159, 60-6,161)

SECTION 4-133: TURNING; "U" TURNS

No vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction at any intersection where an automatic signal is in operation or where a sign is posted indicating that "U" turns are prohibited. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,160)

SECTION 4-134: RESTRICTIONS ON DIRECTION OF TRAVEL

A. The City Council with respect to highways under its jurisdiction may designate any highway, roadway, part of a roadway, or specific lanes upon which vehicular traffic shall proceed in one direction at all times or at such times as shall be indicated by traffic control devices.

B. Except for emergency vehicles, no vehicle shall be operated, backed, pushed, or otherwise caused to move in a direction which is opposite to the direction designated by competent authority on any deceleration lane, acceleration lane, access ramp, shoulder, or roadway.

C. A vehicle which passes around a rotary traffic island shall be driven only to the right of such island.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,138)

SECTION 4-135: BACKING

It shall be unlawful for any person to back a motor vehicle on the city streets except to park in or to remove the vehicle from a permitted parking position, to move the vehicle from a driveway, or to back to the curb for unloading where such unloading is permitted; provided, a vehicle shall be backed only when such movement can be made in safety.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,169)

SECTION 4-136: DRIVING ABREAST

Two or more vehicles shall not be driven abreast except when passing or when traversing a multi-lane or one-way street; provided, motorcycles may be driven no more than two abreast in a single lane. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,139)

SECTION 4-137: FOLLOWING; FIRE APPARATUS

The driver of any vehicle shall not follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than 500 feet or drive into or park such vehicle within the block when fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,183)

SECTION 4-138: FOLLOWING; DISTANCE

The operator of a vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of the vehicles and the traffic and condition of the street. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,140)

SECTION 4-139: OVERLOADING

No person shall drive a motor vehicle when it is so loaded as to obstruct the view of the driver to the front or sides of the vehicle or to interfere with the driver's control over such vehicle or when there are more than three persons in the front seat. No passenger in a vehicle shall ride in such a position as to interfere with the driver's control over such vehicle. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,179)

SECTION 4-140: RIDING OUTSIDE VEHICLE

No person shall permit any other person to ride on the running board, hood, top, or fenders of any motor vehicle nor shall any person ride on the running board, hood, top, or fenders of any motor vehicle. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-180)

SECTION 4-141: CONVEYANCES; CLINGING TO MOTOR VEHICLES

No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, skis, or toy vehicle shall attach himself or the said conveyance to any vehicle upon a roadway; and it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to suffer or permit any person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, skis, or toy vehicle to cling or attach himself or his conveyance to such vehicle driven and operated by him. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,316)

SECTION 4-142: REMOVAL OF DEBRIS

Any person who removes a wrecked or damaged vehicle from a highway shall remove any glass or other injurious substance deposited on the highway from such vehicle. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §39-311)

SECTION 4-143: LICENSE PLATES; READABLE

The license plates required on every motor vehicle by laws of the State of Nebraska or of any other state while such vehicle is operated within the corporate limits shall be kept clear and free from grease, dust, or other blurring matter so they will be plainly visible at all times. The said plates shall be attached in such manner as to be clearly

readable at a distance of 100 feet and under no circumstances shall they be obstructed by any portion of the vehicle. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-324, 60-325)

SECTION 4-144: SCHOOL ZONES

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, when passing premises on which school buildings are located and which are used for school purposes, during school recess or while children are going to or leaving school during the opening or closing hours, to drive such vehicle in excess of 15 miles per hour unless otherwise posted past such premises. Such driver shall stop at all stop signs located at or near such school premises and it shall be unlawful for such driver to make a "U" turn at any intersection where such stop signs are located at or near such school premises. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,190)

SECTION 4-145: TRUCK ROUTES

The City Council may by resolution designate certain streets in the city that trucks shall travel upon and it shall be unlawful for persons operating such trucks to travel on other streets than those designated for trucks, unless to pick up or deliver goods, wares, or merchandise; and in that event, the operator of such truck shall return to such truck routes as soon as possible in traveling through or about the city. The City Council shall cause notices to be posted or shall erect signs indicating the streets so designated as truck routes. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-681)

SECTION 4-146: ENGINE BRAKES

It shall be unlawful for any person within the city limits to make or cause to be made loud or disturbing noises with any mechanical device operated by compressed air and used for purposes of assisted braking on any motor vehicle; provided, however, it shall be permitted to use engine brakes in an emergency situation. (Ord. No. 98-875, 12/7/98)

SECTION 4-147: HIGHWAY CONDITIONS; PROHIBITION OR WEIGHT LIMIT

A. The City Council may by ordinance or resolution prohibit the operation of vehicles upon any highway or impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles for a total period not to exceed 180 days in any one calendar year when operated upon any highway under the jurisdiction of and for the maintenance of which the City Council is responsible whenever any such highway by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic condition will be seriously damaged or destroyed, unless the use of vehicles thereon is prohibited or the permissible weight thereof reduced. The City Council shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained signs designating the provisions of the ordinance or resolution at each end of that portion of any highway affected thereby, and the ordinance or resolution shall not be effective until such signs are erected and maintained.

B. The City Council may also, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles or impose limitations as to the weight thereof on

designated highways, which prohibitions and limitations shall be designated by appropriate signs placed on such highways.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-681)

SECTION 4-148: LOADS; PROJECTING

When any vehicle has been loaded in such a manner that any portion of the load extends more than 4 feet beyond the rear of the bed or the body of such vehicle, a red flag of not less than 12 inches both in length and width shall be carried by day and a red light after sunset at the extreme rear end of such load. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-243)

SECTION 4-149: LOADS; CONTENTS; REQUIREMENTS

A. No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway unless the vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent its contents from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping from the vehicle.

B. No person shall transport any sand, gravel, rock less than 2 inches in diameter, or refuse in any vehicle on any hard-surfaced state highway if such material protrudes above the sides of that part of the vehicle in which it is being transported unless such material is enclosed or completely covered with canvas or similar covering.

C. No person shall drive or move a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer upon any highway unless the cargo or contents carried by the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer are properly distributed and adequately secured to prevent the falling of cargo or contents from the vehicle. The tailgate, doors, tarpaulins, and any other equipment used in the operation of the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer or in the distributing or securing of the cargo or contents carried by the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer shall be secured to prevent cargo or contents falling from the vehicle. The means of securement to the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer must be tiedowns and tiedown assemblies of adequate strength or sides, sideboards, or stakes and a rear endgate, endboard, or stakes strong enough and high enough to assure that cargo or contents will not fall from the vehicle.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,304)

SECTION 4-150: TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS; PENALTY

A. Unless otherwise declared herein with respect to particular offenses, a violation of any provision of this article or the rules shall constitute a traffic infraction.

B. Any person who is found guilty of a traffic infraction in violation of this article for which a penalty has not been specifically provided shall be fined in increasing amounts as set by resolution of the City Council and placed in file in the city office, as follows:

1. For the first offense;
2. For a second offense within a one-year period; and

3. For a third offense and subsequent offense within a one-year period.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-682, 60-689)

Article 2 – Parking

SECTION 4-201: GENERALLY

A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way roadway where parking is permitted shall be so stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels parallel to and within 12 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of such roadway. No vehicle shall be parked upon a roadway when there is a shoulder adjacent to the roadway which is available for parking.

B. Except when otherwise provided by the City Council, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a one-way roadway shall be so stopped or parked parallel to the curb or edge of such roadway, in the direction of authorized traffic movement, with its right-hand wheels within 12 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway or its left-hand wheels within 12 inches of the left-hand curb or edge of such roadway.

C. The City Council may permit angle or center parking on any roadway, except that angle or center parking shall not be permitted on any federal-aid highway or on any part of the state highway system unless the director-state engineer has determined that such roadway is of sufficient width to permit angle or center parking without interfering with the free movement of traffic.

D. The City Council may prohibit or restrict stopping, standing, or parking on highways under its jurisdiction and erect and maintain proper and adequate signs thereon. No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle in violation of the restrictions stated on such signs.

E. Where stalls are designated either on the curb or pavement, vehicles shall be parked within those stalls.

F. Vehicles must not be parked at any curb in such a position as to prevent another vehicle already parked at the curb from moving away.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,167, 60-680)

SECTION 4-202: REGULATION BY CITY COUNCIL

A. The City Council may by resolution set aside any street, alley, public way, or portion thereof where the parking of a particular kind or class of vehicle shall be prohibited or where the parking of any vehicle shall be prohibited. No vehicle prohibited from parking thereon shall stand or be parked adjacent to the curb of said street, alley, public way, or portion thereof longer than a period of time necessary to load and unload freight or passengers.

B. The City Council may by resolution designate any street or portion thereof where vehicles shall be parked parallel with and adjacent to the curb or at an angle so as to have the right front wheel at the curb. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,167, 60-680)

C. The City Council may by ordinance designate certain streets, alleys, or public ways where vehicles, regardless of length, shall be permitted to load or unload freight. Vehicles so designated shall park upon said streets, alleys, or public ways in such manner that other vehicles may pass.

D. The City Council may by resolution entirely prohibit or fix a time limit for the parking and stopping of vehicles on any street, streets, or district designated by such resolution; and the parking or stopping of any vehicle in any such street, streets, or district, for a period of time longer than fixed in such resolution shall constitute a violation of this article.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-680)

SECTION 4-203: CURBS PAINTED

A. In the event curbs are to be painted as deemed necessary by the City Council, it shall be the duty of the utilities superintendent to cause the curb space to be painted at places designated by the council and to keep the same painted. No person, firm, or corporation shall paint the curb of any street or in any manner set aside or attempt to prevent the parking of vehicles in any street or part thereof except at such places where the parking of vehicles is prohibited by the provisions of this article. The marking or designating of portions of streets or alleys where the parking of vehicles is prohibited or limited shall be done only by the city through its proper officers at the direction of the City Council.

B. The curb space within 15 feet in either direction of a fire hydrant shall be painted red or another color specified by the City Council to indicate that parking is prohibited in such area.

C. If the City Council adopts a resolution regulating or prohibiting the parking or stopping of vehicles at the curb on highways in front of certain facilities or at certain locations, the curbs adjacent to any such facility or location shall be painted in such manner as directed by the City Council to indicate such regulation or prohibition.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-680)

SECTION 4-204: MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT

The parking of a motor vehicle on a public street for over 24 consecutive hours is unlawful, except where a different maximum time limit is posted. If the City Council adopts a resolution entirely prohibiting or fixing a time limit for the parking or stopping of vehicles on any highway, it shall be unlawful to park or stop any vehicle on such highway for a period of time longer than set in such resolution. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-680)

SECTION 4-205: GENERAL PROHIBITIONS; EXCEPTIONS

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or when in compliance with law or the directions of a peace officer or traffic control device, no person shall:

A. Stop, stand, or park any vehicle:

1. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
2. On a sidewalk;
3. Within an intersection;
4. On a crosswalk;
5. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone unless the City Council indicates a different length by signs or markings ("safety zone" shall mean an area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or is so marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as such area);
6. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;
7. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure over a highway or within a highway tunnel;
8. On any railroad track; or
9. At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

B. Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers:

1. In front of a public or private driveway;
2. Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
3. Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
4. Within 30 feet of any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or other traffic control device located at the side of a roadway;
5. 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 such entrance when properly signposted; or
6. At any place where official signs prohibit standing.

C. Park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers:

1. Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing; or
2. At any place where official signs prohibit parking.

D. No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under his or her control into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such a distance as shall be unlawful.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,166, 60-657)

SECTION 4-206: TRUCK PARKING AREAS; REGULATIONS

A. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any truck with an overall length of more

than 20 feet to park or stop such vehicle on a street within the Business District except to load or unload when loading or unloading in an alley is impossible and then only for the period of time reasonably necessary to load or unload.

B. If the City Council provides truck parking areas adjoining or adjacent to the Business District, all truck operators shall use such parking areas for all parking purposes.

C. Except in an area provided for by the City Council by resolution, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any truck, including an oil tanker, to park or stop for any period of time within the limits of any street outside the Business District except to load or unload the cargo thereof in the ordinary course of business.

SECTION 4-207: BUSINESS OR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; ROADWAYS OUTSIDE

A. No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon a roadway outside of a business or residential district when it is practicable to stop, park, or leave such vehicle off such part of a highway, but in any event an unobstructed width of the roadway opposite a standing vehicle shall be left for the free passage of other vehicles and a clear view of such stopped vehicle shall be available from a distance of 200 feet in each direction upon such highway. Such parking, stopping, or standing shall in no event exceed 24 hours.

B. No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle on a freeway except in areas designated or unless so directed by a peace officer, except that when a vehicle is disabled or inoperable or the driver of the vehicle is ill or incapacitated, such vehicle shall be permitted to park, stop, or stand on the shoulder facing in the direction of travel with all wheels and projecting parts of such vehicle completely clear of the traveled lanes but in no event shall such parking, standing, or stopping upon the shoulder of a freeway exceed 12 hours.

C. Whenever a vehicle is disabled or inoperable in a roadway or for any reason obstructs the regular flow of traffic for reasons other than an accident, the driver shall move or cause the vehicle to be moved as soon as practical so as to not obstruct the regular flow of traffic.

D. This section does not apply to the driver of any vehicle which is disabled while on the roadway in such manner and to such extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving such disabled vehicle in such position until such time as it can be removed pursuant to subsection (C) of this section.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,164)

SECTION 4-208: FREIGHT VEHICLES; UNLOADING

Vehicles of an overall length of less than 20 feet, including load, while discharging or

loading freight may back to the curb but shall occupy as little of the street as possible. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-680)

SECTION 4-209: ALLEYS; OBSTRUCTION; LOADING AND UNLOADING

A. No vehicle while parked shall have any portion thereof projecting into any alley entrance.

B. No vehicle shall be parked in any alley except for the purpose of loading or unloading during the time necessary to load or unload, which shall not exceed the maximum limit of one-half hour. Every vehicle while loading or unloading in any alley shall be parked in such manner as will cause the least obstruction possible to traffic in such alley.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-680, 60-6,166)

SECTION 4-210: OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC

Except in case of an accident or emergency, no person shall stop any vehicle in any location where such stopping will obstruct any street, intersection, or entrance to an alley or public or private drive. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-680, 60-6,166)

SECTION 4-211: OVERHANGING STREET OR ADJACENT PROPERTY; SIDEWALK SPACE

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or place, or cause to be parked or placed, any motor vehicle or other vehicle (A) on any private property in such a manner that the vehicle overhangs the street, including that space between the curb line and the lot line, (B) in such a manner that the vehicle overhangs adjacent property, or (C) upon any part of the sidewalk space or that space between the curb line and the lot line.

SECTION 4-212: EMERGENCY VEHICLES; EXCEPTION

The provisions of this article regulating the movement, parking, and standing of vehicles shall not apply to any authorized emergency vehicle while the driver of such vehicle is operating the same in an emergency. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,114)

SECTION 4-213: FIRE STATION AND HYDRANTS

No vehicle shall be parked (A) within 15 feet in either direction of any fire hydrant; (B) within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station; nor (C) on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of such entrance when properly signposted. Any vehicle or material found as an obstruction may be immediately removed by the fire chief or any member of the Fire Department at the risk, cost, and expense of the owner or claimant. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,166)

SECTION 4-214: LICENSE PLATES REQUIRED; CURRENT REGISTRATION

A. Every vehicle parked or left standing upon any street, alley, public way or public property shall have license plates attached thereto which are issued for the vehicle to which said license plates are attached and are registered in the name of the owner of the vehicle in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska or of the state wherein the license is issued. If any vehicle is found upon any street or alley in violation of this article and the identity of the driver cannot be determined, the owner or person in whose name such vehicle is registered shall be held *prima facie* responsible for such violation.

B. It shall be unlawful to park or place on the highways or other public property any vehicle required to be registered by the Motor Vehicle Registration Act that is not registered in accordance with the act.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-301)

SECTION 4-215: SNOW REMOVAL; STREET MAINTENANCE OR CLEANING

Unless the City Council provides otherwise, it is unlawful to park or stand any vehicle on any highway in the city at any time within 12 hours after a snowfall of 3 inches or more has occurred within a 24-hour period if the snow has not been removed within that time. The police chief, the city police, or any other designated person shall have the power to order any street, alley, or portion thereof vacated for weather emergencies and street maintenance or street cleaning. Notice shall be given by posting appropriate signs along such streets or alleys not less than 4 hours prior to the time that the vacation order is to be effective or personally notifying the owner or operator of a vehicle parked on such street or alley. Any person parking a vehicle in violation of this section shall be subject to the penalties provided in this chapter and such vehicle may be removed and parked under the supervision of city personnel to a suitable nearby location without further notice to the owner or operator of such vehicle. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-557)

SECTION 4-216: DISPLAY OR REPAIR OF VEHICLE

It shall be unlawful for any person to park upon any street, alley, or public place within the city any vehicle displayed for sale. No person shall adjust or repair any automobile or motorcycle or race the motor of same while on the public streets or alleys of this city, except in case of breakdown or other emergency. No person or employee connected with a garage or repair shop shall use sidewalks, streets, or alleys in the vicinity of such garage or shop for the purpose of working on automobiles or vehicles of any description. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-680)

SECTION 4-217: HANDICAPPED AND DISABLED PERSONS

The City Council adopts and promulgates the rules and regulations necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§18-1736 to 18-1741.07, dealing with parking for handicapped and disabled persons. A printed copy of the current regulations shall be available for public review and access at the office of the city clerk

during regular office hours.

SECTION 4-218: RESTRICTED VEHICLES; PERMIT

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave standing, without a temporary parking permit as provided for in subsection (D) herein, any recreational vehicle, including but not limited to: camper, motor home, boat, or similar recreational equipment; any trailer, flat bed, utility trailer, or other non-motorized equipment used for transport; or any construction or agricultural equipment, straight truck or step van upon any street or terrace within the city between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., except on those streets designated for such parking or on those areas improved for parking purposes with the consent of the city.

B. Each day that a vehicle or other equipment set forth in subsection (A) herein is illegally parked shall constitute a separate violation of this section.

C. Violations of this section are subject to towing as set forth for motor vehicles in Section 4-220 (Removal of Illegally Parked Vehicles) and the fines set forth in Section 4-142 (Traffic Infractions; Penalty).

D. A temporary parking permit may be obtained from the office of the city clerk for the purpose of temporarily parking vehicles prohibited from parking on the streets or alleys of the city by subsection (A) herein. The permit shall be attached to the vehicle, tractor or equipment, visible from the traffic side. Said permit may be issued for the purpose of construction, demolition, moving, loading, or other business or domestic purposes for a period not to exceed ten days. Said parking permit may be renewed for an additional ten-day period. Further extensions shall require the consent of the City Council. The fee for said permit shall be set by resolution of the council and kept on file in the office of the city clerk.

(Ord. No. 2010-1038, 1/19/10)

SECTION 4-219: REMOVAL OF ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES

A. Whenever any police officer shall find a vehicle standing upon a street or alley in violation of any of the provisions of this article, such officer may remove or have such vehicle removed or require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move such vehicle to a position off the roadway of such street or alley or from such street or alley.

B. The owner or other person lawfully entitled to the possession of any vehicle towed or stored shall be charged with reasonable towing and storage fees as set by resolution of the City Council. Any such towing or storage fees shall be a lien upon the vehicle prior to all other claims. Any person towing or storing a vehicle shall be entitled to retain possession of such vehicle until such charges are paid. The lien provided for in this section shall not apply to the contents of any vehicles.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,165, 60-680)

Article 3 – Bicycles and Mini-Bikes

SECTION 4-301: BICYCLES; PROHIBITED ACTS

A. Any person who rides a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

B. Any person who rides a bicycle shall not remove his or her feet from the pedals and shall have at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.

C. Any person who operates a bicycle shall not carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents such operator from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

D. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,315)

SECTION 4-302: BICYCLES; OPERATION

A. Any person who operates a bicycle upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under conditions then existing shall ride as near to the right-hand curb or right-hand edge of the roadway as practicable except when:

1. Overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
2. Preparing for a left turn onto a private road or driveway or at an intersection;
3. Reasonably necessary to avoid conditions that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or right-hand edge of the roadway, including fixed or moving objects, stopped or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, or surface hazards;
4. Riding upon a lane of substandard width which is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane; or
5. Lawfully operating a bicycle on the paved shoulders of a highway included in the state highway system as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,142. Any person who operates a bicycle upon a roadway with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less on which traffic is restricted to one direction of movement and which has two or more marked traffic lanes may ride as near to the left-hand curb or left-hand edge of the roadway as practicable. Whenever a person operating a bicycle leaves the roadway to ride on the

paved shoulder or leaves the paved shoulder to enter the roadway, the person shall clearly signal his or her intention and yield the right of way to all other vehicles.

B. Any person who operates a bicycle upon a highway shall not ride more than single file except on paths or parts of highways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

C. Except as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,142, whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a highway, a person operating a bicycle shall use such path and shall not use such highway.

D. A local authority may by ordinance further regulate the operation of bicycles and may provide for the registration and inspection of bicycles.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,317)

SECTION 4-303: BICYCLES; EQUIPMENT

A. When in use at nighttime, a bicycle shall be equipped with a light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front on a clear night and with a red reflector on the rear of a type which is approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles or a local authority, visible on a clear night from all distances between 100 feet and 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlights on a motor vehicle. A red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to such red reflector.

B. Any bicycle used on a highway shall be equipped with a brake or brakes which will enable the operator to stop the bicycle within 25 feet of the point of braking when moving at a speed of 10 miles per hour on dry, level, clean pavement.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,318)

SECTION 4-304: MINI-BIKES; UNLAWFUL OPERATION

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a mini-bike upon any street or highway within the corporate limits of the city. For purposes of this article, "mini-bike" shall mean a two-wheel motor vehicle which has a total wheel and tire diameter of less than 14 inches, an engine-rated capacity of less than 45 cubic centimeters displacement, or a seat height less than 25 inches from the ground, or any other two-wheel motor vehicle primarily designed by the manufacturer for off-road use only. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,347, 60-6,352)

SECTION 4-305: MINI-BIKES; EMERGENCIES AND PARADES

Mini-bikes shall be exempt from the provisions of this article during any public emergency or while being used in parades by regularly organized units of any recognized charitable, social, educational or community service organization. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,348)

SECTION 4-306: MINI-BIKES; PUBLIC LANDS

Mini-bikes shall be prohibited upon the public lands owned by the city except where allowed by resolution of the City Council. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,353)

SECTION 4-307: MINI-BIKES; TRAFFIC LAWS INAPPLICABLE

The provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 60, Articles 1, 3, 4, 5, and 17 shall not be applicable to the owners and operators of any mini-bike. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,347)

Article 4 – Mopeds and Motorcycles

SECTION 4-401: MOPEDS; DEFINED; STATUTORY REGULATION

“Moped” shall mean a device with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power, an automatic transmission, and a motor with a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters, which produces no more than two brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the device at a maximum design speed of no more than 30 miles per hour on level ground. Mopeds, their owners and their operators shall be subject to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, but shall be exempt from the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, and the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-122, 60-6,309)

SECTION 4-402: MOPEDS; OPERATOR'S LICENSE

No person shall operate a moped upon a highway unless such person has a valid operator's license. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,310)

SECTION 4-403: MOPEDS; TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE

A. Any person who rides a moped upon a roadway shall have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle under the Nebraska Rules of the Road except for special moped regulations in the rules and except for those provisions of the rules which by their nature can have no application.

B. Regulations applicable to mopeds shall apply whenever a moped is operated upon any highway or upon any path set aside by the Department of Roads or a local authority for the use of mopeds.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,311)

SECTION 4-404: MOPEDS; OPERATION; EQUIPMENT

A. Any person who operates a moped shall ride only upon a permanent and regular seat attached to the moped. A person operating a moped shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on a moped unless it is designed by the manufacturer to carry more than one person.

B. A person shall ride upon a moped only while sitting astride the seat, facing forward.

C. No person shall operate a moped while carrying any package, bundle, or other article which prevents him or her from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

D. No operator shall carry any person nor shall any person ride in a position that interferes with the operation or control of the moped or the view of the operator.

E. Any moped which carries a passenger shall be equipped with footrests for such passenger.

F. No person shall operate any moped with handlebars more than 15 inches above the mounting point of the handlebars.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,312)

SECTION 4-405: MOPEDS; USE OF TRAFFIC LANES

A. A moped shall be entitled to full use of a traffic lane of any highway with an authorized speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less, and no vehicle shall be operated in such a manner as to deprive any moped of the full use of such lane, except that mopeds and motorcycles may be operated two abreast in a single lane.

B. No person shall operate a moped between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

C. Mopeds shall not be operated more than two abreast in a single lane.

D. Any person who operates a moped on a roadway with an authorized speed limit of more than 45 miles per hour shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable and shall not ride more than single file.

E. No person who rides upon a moped shall attach himself, herself, or the moped to any other vehicle on a roadway.

F. Mopeds shall not be operated on sidewalks.

G. Notwithstanding the maximum speed limits in excess of 25 miles per hour established in Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,186, no person shall operate any moped at a speed in excess of 30 miles per hour.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,313)

SECTION 4-406: MOPEDS; HELMET REQUIRED

A person shall not operate or be a passenger on a moped or motorcycle on any highway, as defined in state statutes, unless such person is wearing a protective helmet of the type and design manufactured for use by operators of such vehicles and unless such helmet is secured properly on his or her head with a chin strap while the vehicle is in motion. All such protective helmets shall be designed to reduce injuries to the user resulting from head impacts and shall be designed to protect the user by remaining on the user's head, deflecting blows, resisting penetration, and spreading the force of impact. Each such helmet shall consist of lining, padding, visor, and chin strap and shall meet or exceed the standards established in the United States Department of Transportation's *Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218*, 49 C.F.R. 571.218, for motorcycle helmets. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,279)

SECTION 4-407: MOTORCYCLES; OPERATION

A. Any person who operates a motorcycle shall have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this chapter.

B. Any person who operates a motorcycle shall ride only upon a permanent, regular seat attached thereto and shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on a motorcycle unless such motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person, in which event a passenger may ride upon the permanent, regular seat if designed for two persons or upon another seat firmly attached to the motorcycle to the rear or side of the operator.

C. Any person shall ride upon a motorcycle only while sitting astride the seat, facing forward.

D. No person shall operate a motorcycle while carrying any package, bundle or other article which prevents him or her from keeping both hands on the handlebars.

E. No operator shall carry any person nor shall any person ride in a position that will interfere with the operation or control of the motorcycle or the view of the operator.

F. A motorcycle shall be entitled to full use of a traffic lane of any highway and no vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any motorcycle of the full use of such lane. This subsection shall not apply to motorcycles operated two abreast in a single lane.

G. The operator of a motorcycle shall not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.

H. No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

I. Motorcycles shall not be operated more than two abreast in a single lane.

J. Subsections (G) and (H) of this section shall not apply to police officers in the performance of their official duties.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,307, 60-6,308)

SECTION 4-408: MOTORCYCLES; LIGHTS

No person shall ride a motorcycle upon the streets, alleys or highways from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless the same shall be equipped with at least one and not more than two headlights, plainly visible from the front; and a light on the rear exhibiting a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 500 feet to the rear thereof; provided, said lights shall comply

with the requirements and limitations of state statutes. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,219)

SECTION 4-409: MOTORCYCLES; HELMET REQUIRED

A person shall not operate or be a passenger on a motorcycle or moped on any highway, as defined in state statutes, unless such person is wearing a protective helmet as provided in Section 4-406.

Article 5 – Recreational and Off-Road Vehicles

SECTION 4-501: SNOWMOBILES; EQUIPMENT

A. Every snowmobile operated within the city shall be registered with the State of Nebraska as required by law. No snowmobile shall be operated upon a public street or highway unless it is equipped with at least one headlamp, one taillamp, reflector material of a minimum area of 16 square inches mounted on each side forward of the handle bars, and with brakes as prescribed by the state director of motor vehicles. Every snowmobile shall be equipped at all times with a muffler in good working order which blends the exhaust noise into the overall snowmobile noise and is in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise; the exhaust system shall not emit or produce a sharp popping or crackling sound.

B. All laws applying to the operation of other motor vehicles shall apply to snowmobiles, except those relating to required equipment and those which, by their nature, have no application.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,332, 60-6,335, 60-6,339)

SECTION 4-502: SNOWMOBILES; UNLAWFUL ACTS

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a snowmobile, either owned or operated by him or her, to be operated:

A. At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under the surrounding circumstances.

B. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger person or property.

C. While under the influence of alcoholic liquor or any drug.

D. By a person (1) under the age of 12 years unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other person over 18 years of age or (2) over the age of 12 years and under the age of 16 years unless such person (a) holds a valid snowmobile safety certificate, (b) is accompanied by a person 14 years of age or over who holds a valid snowmobile safety certificate, or (c) is accompanied by a person over the age of 18 years. The operator of a snowmobile shall not be required to hold an operator's license.

E. Without the proper equipment as required in Section 4-501.

F. In any tree nursery or planting in a manner which damages or destroys growing stock.

G. Upon the public lands owned by the city, except where allowed by resolution of the City Council.

H. Upon any private lands without first having obtained permission of the owner, lessee or operator of such lands.

I. Within the congested area of the city, unless weather conditions are such that it provides the only practicable method of safe vehicular travel or said snowmobile is engaged in responding to an emergency.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §§60-6,337, 60-6,338, 60-6,340)

SECTION 4-503: SNOWMOBILES; ACCIDENT; REQUIREMENTS

A. The operator of a snowmobile involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty occurring on any public land, ice, snow, park, right-of-way, trail, or course shall give his or her name and address and the number of such snowmobile in writing to any injured person and to the owner of any property damaged in such collision, accident, or other casualty.

B. When a collision, accident, or other casualty involving a snowmobile results in death or injury to a person or damage to property in excess of \$100.00, the operator of such snowmobile shall within ten days file with the state director of motor vehicles a full report of such collision, accident, or other casualty in such form and detail as the director by regulation may prescribe.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,346)

SECTION 4-504: ALL-TERRAIN AND UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLES; DEFINITIONS

A. "All-terrain vehicle" (ATV) means any motorized off-highway vehicle which (1) is 50 inches or less in width, (2) has a dry weight of 1,200 pounds or less, (3) travels on three or more non-highway tires, and (4) is designed for operator use only with no passengers or is specifically designed by the original manufacturer for the operator and one passenger. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,355)

B. "Utility-type vehicle" (UTV) means any motorized off-highway vehicle which (1) is 74 inches in width or less, (2) is not more than 180 inches in length, including the bumper, (3) has a dry weight of 2,000 pounds or less, and (4) travels on four or more non-highway tires. "Utility-type vehicle" does not include golf carts or low-speed vehicles. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 60-6,355)

C. "Street" or "highway" means the entire width between the boundary limits of any street, road, avenue, boulevard, or way which is publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-624)

D. "Controlled-access highway" shall mean every highway or roadway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting lands and other persons have no legal right of access to or egress from except at such points only and in such manner

as may be determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over such highway. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-615) (Ord. No. 2013-1079, 12/16/13)

SECTION 4-505: ALL-TERRAIN AND UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLES; OPERATION

A. An ATV and a UTV may be operated on streets and highways within the corporate limits of the city only if the operator and the vehicle comply with the provisions of this section.

B. An ATV or UTV may be operated only between the hours of sunrise and sunset and shall not be operated at a speed in excess of 30 miles per hour or in excess of the posted speed limit. When in operation as authorized herein, the headlight and taillight of the vehicle shall be on and it shall be equipped with a bicycle safety flag which extends not less than 5 feet above ground attached to the rear of such vehicle. The bicycle safety flag shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than 30 square inches and shall be Day-Glo in color.

C. Any person operating an ATV or UTV as authorized herein shall:

1. Be at least 18 years of age;
2. Have a valid Class O operator's license or a farm permit as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-4,126;
3. Have liability insurance coverage for the ATV or UTV while operating the vehicle on a street or highway, with limits no less than those required by state law, as amended from time to time. The person operating the ATV or UTV shall provide proof of such insurance coverage to any peace officer requesting such proof within five days of such a request; and
4. Have a valid registration, permit or license plate issued by the Wisner Police Department which shall expire and be renewable during the month of January each year. The form of the registration, permit, or license plate shall be of the department's choosing and may be issued after its inspection of the vehicle and review of proof of liability insurance. Any person operating an ATV or UTV shall register such vehicle with the department prior to operating the vehicle within the city's corporate limits and shall at all times prominently display the registration, permit, or license plate on the vehicle. The City Council may by resolution require the payment of a fee for issuance of the registration, permit, or license plate, which shall be payable annually in January each year and shall be nonrefundable.

D. ATVs and UTVs may be operated without complying with subsections (B) and (C) of this section on streets and highways in parades which have been authorized by the city.

E. An ATV or a UTV shall not be operated on any controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic lanes, and the crossing of any controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic lanes shall not be permitted. Subsections (A) through (D) and (F) of this section authorize and apply to operation of an ATV or UTV only on a street or highway other than a controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic lanes.

F. Subject to subsection (E) of this section, the crossing of a street or highway shall be permitted by an ATV or a UTV without complying with subsections (B) and (C) of this section only if:

1. The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90° to the direction of the street or highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;
2. The vehicle is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or roadway of the street or highway;
3. The operator yields the right of way to all oncoming traffic that constitutes an immediate potential hazard;
4. In crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such highway and with another highway; and
5. Both the headlight and taillight of the vehicle are on the when the crossing is made.

G. Any law enforcement officer of the State of Nebraska or of any political subdivision thereof, including conservation officers of the Game and Parks Commission, shall be charged with the enforcement of the provisions of this section.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,356) (Ord. Nos. 2013-1079, 12/16/13; 2021-1162, 9/7/21)

SECTION 4-506: GOLF CAR VEHICLES; DEFINITIONS

A. "Golf car vehicle" means a vehicle that: has at least four wheels, has a maximum level ground speed of less than 20 miles per hour, has a maximum payload capacity of 1,200 pounds, has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 2,500 pounds, has a maximum passenger capacity of not more than four persons, is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting and recreational purposes, and is not being operated within the boundaries of a golf course. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-622.01)

B. "Road" means a public way for the purposes of vehicular travel, including the entire area within the right of way. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,381)

C. "Street" means a public way for the purposes of vehicular travel in the city and includes the entire area within the right of way. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,381)

SECTION 4-507: GOLF CAR VEHICLES; OPERATION

A. A golf car vehicle may be operated on streets within the corporate limits of the city if the operation is (1) between sunrise and sunset and (2) on streets with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less. When operating a golf car vehicle as authorized under this subsection, the operator shall not operate such vehicle at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour. A golf car vehicle shall not be operated at any time on any state or federal highway but may be operated upon such a highway in order to cross a portion of the highway system which intersects a street as directed in subsection (C) of this section. When in operation as authorized herein, the vehicle shall be equipped with a bicycle safety flag which extends not less than 5 feet above ground attached to the rear of such vehicle. The flag shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than 30 square inches and shall be Day-Glo in color.

B. Any person operating a golf car vehicle as authorized herein shall:

1. Have a valid Class O operator's license;
2. Have liability insurance coverage for the vehicle while operating it on a street or highway, with limits no less than those required by state law, as amended from time to time. The person operating the ATV or UTV shall provide proof of such insurance coverage to any peace officer requesting such proof within five days of such a request; and
3. Have a valid registration, permit, or sticker issued by the Wisner Police Department which shall expire and be renewable during the month of January each year. The form of the registration, permit, or sticker shall be of the department's choosing and may be issued after its inspection of the vehicle and review of proof of liability insurance. Any person operating a golf car vehicle shall register such vehicle with the department prior to operating the vehicle within the city's corporate limits and shall at all times prominently display the registration, permit, or sticker on the vehicle. The City Council may by resolution require the payment of a fee for issuance of the registration, permit, or sticker, which shall be payable annually in January each year and shall be nonrefundable.

C. The crossing of a highway shall be permitted by a golf car vehicle only if:

1. The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90° to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;
2. The golf car vehicle is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or roadway of the highway;
3. The operator yields the right of way to all oncoming traffic that constitutes

an immediate potential hazard; and

4. In crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such highway with a street or road, as applicable.

(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,381)

SECTION 4-508: GOLF CAR VEHICLES; ACCIDENT REPORT

If an accident results in the death of any person or in the injury of any person requiring treatment by a physician, the operator of such golf car vehicle involved in the accident shall give notice of the accident in the same manner as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-699. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-6,361)

Article 6 – Abandoned Vehicles

SECTION 4-601: DEFINITIONS

A. A motor vehicle is an abandoned vehicle:

1. If left unattended, with no license plates or valid “In Transit” stickers issued pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act affixed thereto, for more than six hours on any public property;
2. If left unattended for more than 24 hours on any public property, except a portion thereof on which parking is legally permitted;
3. If left unattended for more than 48 hours after the parking of such vehicle has become illegal, if left on a portion of any public property on which parking is legally permitted;
4. If left unattended for more than seven days on private property if left initially without permission of the owner or after permission of the owner is terminated;
5. If left for more than 30 days in the custody of a law enforcement agency after the agency has sent a letter to the last registered owner under Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1903.01; or
6. If removed from private property by the city pursuant to a municipal ordinance.

B. An all-terrain vehicle, a utility-type vehicle, or a mini-bike is an abandoned vehicle:

1. If left unattended for more than 24 hours on any public property, except a portion thereof on which parking is legally permitted;
2. If left unattended for more than 48 hours after the parking of such vehicle has become illegal, if left on a portion of any public property on which parking is legally permitted;
3. If left unattended for more than seven days on private property if left initially without permission of the owner or after permission of the owner is terminated;
4. If left for more than 30 days in the custody of a law enforcement agency after the agency has sent a letter to the last registered owner under Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1903.01; or

5. If removed from private property by the city pursuant to a municipal ordinance.

C. A mobile home is an abandoned vehicle if left in place on private property for more than 30 days after the city, pursuant to an ordinance or resolution, has sent a certified letter to each of the last registered owners and posted a notice on the mobile home, stating that the mobile home is subject to sale or auction or vesting of title as set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1903.

D. For purposes of this section:

1. "Mobile home" means a movable or portable dwelling constructed to be towed on its own chassis, connected to utilities, and designed with or without a permanent foundation for year-round living. It may consist of one or more units that can be telescoped when towed and expanded later for additional capacity, or of two or more units, separately towable but designed to be joined into one integral unit, and shall include a manufactured home as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-4603. "Mobile home" does not include a mobile home or manufactured home for which an affidavit of affixture has been recorded pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-169;
2. "Public property" means any public right of way, street, highway, alley, or park or other state, county, or municipally owned property; and
3. "Private property" means any privately owned property which is not included within the definition of public property.

E. No motor vehicle subject to forfeiture under Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-431 shall be an abandoned vehicle under this section.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1901)

SECTION 4-602: ABANDONMENT OF VEHICLE PROHIBITED

No person shall cause any vehicle to be an abandoned vehicle as described in subdivision (A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) or (B)(1), (2), or (3) of Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1901. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1907)

SECTION 4-603: TITLE; VEST IN CITY; WHEN

If an abandoned vehicle, at the time of abandonment, has no license plates of the current year or valid "In Transit" stickers issued pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-376 affixed and is of a wholesale value, taking into consideration the condition of the vehicle, of \$250.00 or less, title shall immediately vest in the city as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1904. Any certificate of title issued under this section to the city shall be issued at no cost. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1902)

SECTION 4-604: CITY; POWERS AND DUTIES

A. Except for vehicles governed by Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1902, the city shall make an inquiry concerning the last registered owner of such vehicle as follows:

1. Abandoned vehicle with license plates affixed, to the jurisdiction which issued such license plates; or
2. Abandoned vehicle with no license plates affixed, to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

B. The city shall notify the last registered owner, if any, that the vehicle in question has been determined to be an abandoned vehicle and that, if unclaimed, either (1) it will be sold or will be offered at public auction after five days from the date such notice was mailed or (2) title will vest in the city 30 days after the date such notice was mailed. If the agency described in subdivision (A)(1) or (2) of this section also notifies the city that a lien or mortgage exists, such notice shall also be sent to the lienholder or mortgagee. Any person claiming such vehicle shall be required to pay the cost of removal and storage of such vehicle.

C. Title to an abandoned vehicle, if unclaimed, shall vest in the city (1) five days after the date the notice is mailed if the vehicle will be sold or offered at public auction under subdivision (B)(1) of this section, (2) 30 days after the date the notice is mailed if the city will retain the vehicle, or (3) if the last registered owner cannot be ascertained, when notice of such fact is received.

D. After title to the abandoned vehicle vests pursuant to subsection (C) of this section, the city may retain for use, sell, or auction the abandoned vehicle. If the city has determined that the vehicle should be retained for use, the city shall, at the same time that the notice, if any, is mailed, publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction an announcement that the city intends to retain the abandoned vehicle for its use and that title will vest in the city 30 days after the publication.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1903)

SECTION 4-605: CUSTODY; WHO ENTITLED

The city shall be entitled to custody of an abandoned vehicle found within the city. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1904)

SECTION 4-606: PROCEEDS OF SALE; DISPOSITION

Any proceeds from the sale of an abandoned vehicle less any expenses incurred by the city shall be held by it without interest for the benefit of the owner or lienholders of such vehicle for a period of two years. If not claimed within such two-year period, the proceeds shall be paid into the general fund of the city. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1905)

SECTION 4-607: LIABILITY FOR REMOVAL

Neither the city nor the owner, lessee, nor occupant of the premises from which any abandoned vehicle is removed shall be liable for any loss or damage to such vehicle which occurs during its removal or while in the possession of the city or its contractual agent or as a result of any subsequent disposition. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1906)

**SECTION 4-608: DESTROY, DEFACE, OR REMOVE PARTS; UNLAWFUL;
EXCEPTION; VIOLATION**

No person other than one authorized by the city shall destroy, deface, or remove any part of a vehicle which is left unattended on a highway or other public place without license plates affixed or which is abandoned. Anyone violating this section shall be guilty of an offense. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1908)

SECTION 4-609: COSTS OF REMOVAL AND STORAGE

The last registered owner of an abandoned vehicle shall be liable to the city for the costs of removal and storage of such vehicle. (Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-1909)

Article 7 – Penal Provision

SECTION 4-701: VIOLATION; PENALTY

Any person who shall violate or refuse to comply with the enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter, set forth at full length herein or incorporated by reference, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$500.00 for each offense. A new violation shall be deemed to have been committed every 24 hours of such failure to comply.