

802.08 Winter Parking.

Subd. 1. Snow Emergency. Whenever, in the opinion of the Public Works Director, an emergency exists in the city, or in a section of sections thereof, because of snow, freezing rain, sleet, ice, phenomena, which create or are likely to create hazardous road conditions impending, or likely to impend the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency, or other vehicular traffic, or the safety and welfare of the community, the Public Works Director may declare an emergency to exist for a period not to exceed seventy-two hours, but the emergency may be sooner terminated if conditions permit. If the Public Works Director is absent from the city or is unable to act, the emergency may be declared by the chief of police. Notice of such emergency shall be given by radio, television, or press, which news media shall be requested to cooperate with the city officials and when given such notice shall constitute due and proper notice. The notice shall specify the hour that the emergency commences and there shall be an interval of at least two hours between the first time that notice is given and the commencement of the emergency.

Subd. 2. Parking Prohibited. During the period of emergency, no vehicle shall be parked or left standing on any portion of any public street or alley designated by the Public Works Director as a no parking public street or alley. The parking of vehicles directly in front of all night eating establishments on any public street or alley so designated during an emergency between the hours of 1:00 AM and 7:00 AM will not be prohibited if the owner or operator of the vehicle is inside the eating establishment while parked and is available to move the vehicle if it is hindering snow removal or street cleaning operations. If the owner or operator does not remove his vehicle when requested by a police officer or a city employee engaged in removing snow or cleaning streets, the vehicle may be removed as provided in Section 802.10.

Subd. 3. Resumption of Parking. Parking may be resumed on individual streets in the area designated for no parking as soon as the snow removal or street cleaning operation is completed, except as may be otherwise restricted by ordinance. Where parking is normally permitted only one side of the street, vehicles parked pursuant to the aforesaid provisions may be parked on that side of the street only.

Subd. 4. Other Streets. The parking of vehicles on streets other than those designated by the Public Works Director shall not be prohibited during the period of an emergency unless the vehicle is hindering snow removal or street cleaning operations. **(Ordinance No. 489, Adopted 3/8/2022)**

802.09 Prima Facie Evidence. The operation, parking or use of a motor vehicle in violation of the provisions of Chapter 802 of this code shall be prima facie evidence that said motor vehicle was, at the time of such violation, driven, operated, parked, and used by the registered owner thereof.

802.10 Impoundment and Towing of Vehicles.

Subd. 1. Impoundment. A police officer may impound any vehicle operated, standing, or parked in violation of ordinances of the City of Detroit Lakes or statutes of the State of Minnesota. In deciding whether to impound such vehicle, a police officer shall make a discretionary determination as to the necessity for impoundment and removal of such vehicle.

Subd. 2. Towing. Any vehicle impounded by a police officer may be summarily towed and removed by officers of the Police Department or persons employed or designated by the Department. No notice need be given to the owner or operator of the impounded vehicle prior to its towing and removal. An impounded vehicle may be stored in any location available to the Police Department. The City shall not be responsible for any damage to impounded vehicles removed in accordance with provisions of this ordinance. An impounded vehicle will not be released until the fees for towing and storage are paid in addition to any fine imposed for the violation of law which caused the impoundment of the vehicle. **(Ordinance No. 43, Adopted 6/15/1990)**

802.11 Double Parking Prohibited. Except where angle parking is specifically allowed and indicated by curb marking or sign posting, any vehicle stopped or let stand upon a two-way roadway, where there is an adjacent curb, shall be stopped or let stand with the right hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with, and within 18 inches of, the right hand curb; provided that upon a one-way roadway, all vehicles shall be parked either as set forth above, or with the left hand wheels of said vehicle parallel with and 18 inches from the left hand curb. In either case, the vehicle shall be so parked that the front of the vehicle, with respect to the remainder of the vehicle, shall coincide with the direction of flow of traffic upon the street and the lane adjoining the curb along which the vehicle is parked.

802.12 Violations and Fines. This Chapter 802 may be enforced through the Administrative Penalties Ordinance, Chapter 214 of the City Code. In addition, violation of any provision of Chapter 802 shall be a petty misdemeanor for which the penalty fines are set forth in Section 210 - Fees of the City Code. If such fine is not paid within thirty days of the violation, any person found guilty of the violation shall be punished as and for a petty misdemeanor. In the event a fine is paid within thirty days of the violation, as specified above, it may be paid by depositing the same in courtesy boxes provided for that purpose at such locations as may be designated by the chief of police, or in the alternative, the same may be mailed to the traffic violations bureau maintained at the office of the Detroit Lakes Police Department. **(Ordinance No. 489, Adopted 3/8/2022)**

802.13 Parking Lot Fees. The Council, may, by resolution establish fees for parking in Municipal Parking Lots 1, 2 and at the Detroit Lakes Library. Fees for such permits issued under this chapter are as set forth in Section 210. No person may park a vehicle in Municipal Parking Lots 1, 2 and at the Detroit Lakes Library for a period longer than two hours without first obtaining a parking permit. The council may, by resolution, establish criteria and may thereafter amend or modify the criteria upon which the City Administrator may issue such parking permits. **(Ordinance No. 489, Adopted 3/8/2022)**