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CHAPTER 1

Traffic and Parking

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SEC. 8-1-1 STATE TRAFFIC LAWS ADOPTED.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this ordinance, the statutory provisions in Chapter 34 to 348 of the Wisconsin Statutes describing and defining regulations with respect for vehicles and traffic for which the penalty is a forfeiture only, including penalties to be imposed and procedure for prosecution, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this ordinance as if fully set forth therein. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by reference is required or prohibited by this ordinance. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of statutes incorporated herein are intended to be made part of this ordinance in order to secure uniform statewide regulation of traffic on the highways, streets, and alleys of the State of Wisconsin.

SEC. 8-1-2 SPEED LIMITS; STATE SPEED LIMITS ADOPTED.

The provisions of secs. 346.57, 346.58 and 346.59, Wis. Stats., relating to the maximum and minimum speed of vehicles are hereby adopted as part of this section as if fully set forth herein.

SEC. 8-1-3 THROUGH STREETS DESIGNATED.

The following streets are hereby designated and declared to be arteries for through traffic: Main Street for its entire length.

SEC. 8-1-4 PARKING, STOPPING, AND STANDING REGULATED.

PARKING LIMITS. When signs are erected in any block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle at any time.

ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED. Between November 1st to May 1st, when signs are erected in any block giving notice thereof, no person shall park any vehicle for a period of time longer than 30 minutes between the hours of 2:00 am and 8:00 am of any day, except physicians on emergency calls, on any part of Main Street, in the Village of Norwalk, Wisconsin, or any other street duly designated by the Village Board by resolution.

PARKING, STOPPING OR STANDING. No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle or farm machinery attended or unattended upon any street unless parallel to the edge of the street (or diagonal where permitted) headed in the direction of traffic, on the right side of the street, and with the right whets (Right front wheel where diagonal parking is permitted) within twelve inches of the curb or edge of the street.

STOPPING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park such vehicle in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the directions of a traffic officer or traffic control sign or signal:

- 1) Within an intersection or highways.
- 2) On a crosswalk.
- 3) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb, or within fifteen feet of a point on the curb immediately opposite the end of a safety one unless a different distance is clearly indicated by an official traffic sign.
- 4) On a sidewalk or sidewalk area.
- 5) Alongside or opposite any highway excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic or when pedestrian traffic would be required to travel in the roadway.
- 6) On the roadway side of any other parked vehicle unless such double parking is clearly indicated by markers or official traffic signs.

PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to park such vehicle in any of the following places except to comply with the directions of a traffic officer or traffic control signal or sign:

- 1) In a loading zone.
- 2) In an alley in a business district.
- 3) Within fifteen feet of the driveway entrance to a fire station or directly across the highway from such entrance.
- 4) Within ten feet of a fire hydrant unless a greater distance is indicated by an official traffic sign.
- 5) Within four feet of the entrance to a private highway or alley.
- 6) Upon any portion of a highway right of way when such highway is properly designated by an official "NO Parking" sign placed by the local authorities, or by the Chief of Police.
- 7) On a Highway adjacent to the entrance to a school, church, theatre, hotel, hospital, post office or any other place of public assemblage during the hours designated by an official sign.
- 8) Closer than two feet to another vehicle when parking parallel to the edge of the highway.
- 9) Closer than fifteen feet to the limits of a crosswalk.
- 10) On any public street in the Village of Norwalk when said vehicle or machinery is so parked on said street by the owner or operator of any public garage, automobile or farm machinery agency for purposes of storage or advertising for any designated time whatsoever.

PARKING OF UNATTENDED VEHICLES OR FARM MACHINERY. No vehicle or farm machinery shall be left parked on any Village streets unattended for more than twenty-four hours.
PARKING VEHICLES FOR SALE PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful for any person to park upon any highway any vehicle or farm machinery displayed for sale.

PARKING OR STOPPING ON LEFT SIDE OF HIGHWAY. No vehicle or farm machinery shall be parked or stopped on the left side of the highway.

The Chief of Police or Traffic Officer may move Vehicle or Farm machinery parked on highway, whenever any traffic officer or Chief of Police shall fine a vehicle or farm machinery standing upon a highway or street in violation of the provisions of this Section, he is authorized to move such vehicle or farm machinery or the require the operator in charge thereof to move such vehicle or farm machinery to a position permitted under this Section.

SEC. 8-1-5 ACCIDENT REPORTS.

The operator of any vehicle involved in an accident shall within five (5) days after such accident file with the Village Police Department a copy of the report required by Section 346.70, Wis. Stats., if any. If the operator is unable to make such report, any occupant of the vehicle at the time of the accident capable of making such report shall have the duty to comply with this Section. Such reports shall be subject to the provisions and limitations in Sections 3.46.70(4)(f) and 346.73, Wis. Stats.

SEC. 8-1-6 ERECTION OF OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS.

The Streets and Sidewalks Committee shall erect and maintain appropriate standard traffic signs, signals and markings conforming to the rules of the State Department of Transportation, giving such notice of the provisions of this Chapter as required by state law. Signs shall also be erected in such locations and manner as authorized by the Village Board as to give adequate warning to users of the street, alley or highway in question.

REMOVAL OF UNOFFICIAL SIGNS AND SIGNALS. The Streets and Sidewalks Committee shall have the authority granted by Section 349.09, Wis. Stats., and is hereby directed to order the removal of a sign, signal, marking or device placed, maintained, or displayed in violation of this Section of Section 346.41 Wis. Stats. Any charge imposed on a premises for removal of such an illegal sign, signal or device shall be reported to the Village Board of trustees at its next regular meeting for review and certification.

SEC. 8-1-7 PENALTY.

The penalty for violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be a forfeiture as hereinafter provided together with the cost of prosecution imposed as provided in Sections 345.20 to 345.53, Wis. Stats.

UNIFORM OFFENSES. Except as provided in subsection (d) for non-moving traffic offenses forfeitures for violation of any provisions of chs. 340 to 348 adopted by reference Section 8-1-1 of this Chapter shall conform to forfeitures for violation of the comparable state offense, including any variations or increases for second offenses.

PARKING. The forfeiture for violation of parking regulation in Section 8-1-4 of this Chapter shall be not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$10.00. The forfeiture fee offenses described in Sections 346.50 to 346.55, Wis. Stats., adopted by reference in Section 8-1-1 of this Chapter shall be:

346.51 (1)	Improper parking on/off roadway --	\$1.00 to \$200.00
346.52 (1)	Stopping/standing in prohibited areas --	\$1.00 to \$40.00
	Second conviction within one year --	\$1.00 to \$100.00
346.52 (2)	Stopping/standing or highway by grade school --	\$1.00 to \$40.00
	Second conviction within one year --	\$1.00 to \$100.00
346.53	Parking/standing where prohibited --	\$1.00 to \$40.00
	Second conviction within one year --	\$1.00 to \$100.00
346.54	Improper parking/standing of vehicle --	\$1.00 to \$40.00
	Second conviction within one year --	\$1.00 to \$100.00
346.55 (1)	Parking on left side of highway --	\$1.00 to \$200.00
346.55 (2)	Parking vehicle for sale on highway --	\$1.00 to \$200.00
346.55 (3)	Parking on posted private property --	\$1.00 to \$40.00
	Second conviction within one year --	\$1.00 to \$100.00

SEC. 8-1-8 ENFORCEMENT.

- a) This chapter shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions Sections 345.20 to 345.33, ch. 299 and sec. 66.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- b) STIPULATION OF GUILTY OR NO CONTEST.
 - 1) The uniform traffic citation promulgated under Section 345.11, Wis. Stats., shall be used for all moving traffic violations under this ordinance.
 - 2) Stipulations shall conform to the form contained on the uniform traffic citation and complaint under Section 345.11, Wis. Stats., and may be accepted within five (5) days of the date of the alleged violation. Stipulations may be accepted by the Village Police Department.
- c) PARKING CITATIONS. Citations for all non-moving traffic violations under this Chapter shall conform to section 345.28, Wis. Stats., and shall permit direct mail payment of the applicable minimum forfeiture to the Village Police Department within Five (5) days of the issuance of the citation in lieu of court appearance. The issuing officer shall specify thereon the amount of the applicable forfeiture which shall be the minimum forfeiture which can be imposed under this ordinance.
- d) NOTICE OF DEMERIT POINTS AND RECEIPT. Every officer accepting a forfeited penalty or money deposit under this Chapter shall receipt therefor in triplicated as provided in Section 345.26(3)(b), Wis. Stats. Every officer accepting a stipulation under the provisions of this Chapter shall comply with the provisions of this chapter shall comply with the provisions of Sections 343.27, 343.28, 345.26(1)(a) and 345.27(2), Wis. Stats., and shall require the alleged violator to sign a statement of notice in substantially the form contained on the uniform traffic citation and complaint promulgated under Section 345.11, Wis. Stats.
- e) FORFEITURES IN TREASURY; OFFICER TO POST BOND, QUALIFY. Any officer accepting deposits or forfeited penalties under this Chapter shall deliver them to the Village Clerk-Treasurer within 20 days after receipt. Any officer authorized to accept deposits under Section 345.26, Wis. Stats., or this chapter shall qualify by taking the oath prescribed by Section 19.01, Wis. Stats., and filing an official bond as determined by the Village Board as described by Section 19.01.

SEC. 8-1-9 EXHIBITION OF POWER OR SPEED.

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle within the limits of the Village of Norwalk in any manner that is or tends to be an exhibition of power or speed.
- b) The term “exhibition of power or speed” is hereby meant to include the operation of a motor vehicle in any manner where power in excess of that necessary for safe operation is used and from which it may reasonably be inferred that a display of unique power is intended, or acceleration is very rapid from any position in a roadway (moving, stopped or parked), from public facilities, private drives, stop signs or traffic signals. It is also to include the “revving” of the engine, where such revving is not intended to be for efficient operation of the engine and is immediately preceding the squealing or spinning of tires of such duration that it may be reasonably inferred therefrom that a display of acceleration is intended, and all erratic driving and other misconduct with a motor vehicle not covered elsewhere in this Section.
- c) Any person who shall violate the provisions of this Section shall upon conviction or forfeiture thereof, forfeit to the Norwalk Municipal Court not more than \$25.00 for the first offense, and not more than \$50.00 for the second and subsequent offenses, plus costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of the forfeiture or fine upon conviction plus costs are paid, but not exceeding five (5) days.
- d) That use of a citation to be issued for violations of ordinances other than those for which a statutory counterpart exists is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 66.119, Wis. Stats.

SEC. 8-1-10 U-TURNS PROHIBITED AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS.

U-TURNS PROHIBITED AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS. Section 346.33, Wis. Stats.

PENALTIES. Section 346.36, Wis. Stats., setting forth penalties for violation of Section 346.33, Wis. Stats., is hereby adopted and incorporated in this Section by reference.
See Village of Norwalk Bond Schedule.

SEC. 8-1-11 DEFACEMENT, REMOVAL, OR POSSESSION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS.

- a) No person may injure, deface or remove any sign, guide board, mile post, signal or marker erected by the State or by the Village thereof for the warning, instruction or information of the public.
- b) No person may possess any sign, guide board, mile post, signal or marker of the type erected by the State or by the Village for the warning, instruction or information of the public, unless he can demonstrate that he obtained it in a legal manner. Possession of such a sign, guide board, mile post, signal or marker creates a rebuttable presumption of illegal possession. In this subsection, “possession” means the presence of such a sign, guide board, mile post, signal or marker on premises owned or controlled by the person, including but not limited to a rented apartment, rented room or dormitory room. Persons who voluntarily notify a law enforcement agency of the presence on their premises of such a sign, guide board, mile post, signal or marker shall be exempt from prosecution under this subsection.
- c) Section 86.192, Wis. Stats., is adopted by reference, except those provisions relating to penalties.

CHAPTER 2

Bicycles

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SEC. 8-2-1 DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions are made:

- a) The term "department" shall mean the Norwalk Police Department.
- b) The term "bicycle" shall include every manually-operated vehicle propelled by pedals and chain, whether consisting of two or more wheels.
- c) The term "owner" shall include every person, firm or corporation owning a bicycle for private or commercial use, including the renting of bicycles, but shall not include any person, firm or corporation holding bicycles solely for resale.

SEC. 8-2-2 REGISTRATION OF BICYCLES.

Rescinded November 9, 1999

SEC. 8-2-3 INSPECTION OF BICYCLES.

Rescinded November 9, 1999

SEC. 8-2-4 OPERATION ON SIDEWALKS PROHIBITED.

Operators of bicycles may drive upon any sidewalk area where such operation is not otherwise clearly prohibited. Every person operating a bicycle upon a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall exercise due care and give an audible signal when passing a bicycle rider or pedestrian proceeding in the same direction.

SEC. 8-2-5 LIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

Every bicycle operated on a street between ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a light on the front, exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front, and with a light on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear, except that a red reflector of the type approved by the State Motor Vehicle Department may be used in lieu of a rear light.

SEC. 8-2-6 SUBJECT TO TRAFFIC CODE.

Every person operating a bicycle shall be subject to the provisions of this Title dealing with the operation of vehicles and the rules of the road contained in the Wisconsin Statutes.

SEC. 8-2-7 RESTRICTIONS ON OPERATION.

- a) No person shall operate any bicycle in the Village with any other vehicle attached thereto, nor with no more than one person riding on the bicycle at one time, unless the bicycle has

two (2) regulation seats and handle bars, nor shall any person do any trick riding while operating any bicycle upon any street.

- b) "Trick Riding" shall mean operation without manual control of the handle bars, weaving, jumping and any other method which necessitates the element of unusual and extraordinary skill and involves unnecessary risk voluntarily undertaken.
- c) Every child under Ten (10) years of age is prohibited from riding or operating a bicycle upon any highway designated for motor vehicle traffic.
- d) Every vehicle when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with a bell or horn in good working condition, capable of emitting a sound audible under normal conditions for a distance of no less than one hundred (100) feet, and it shall be unlawful for any bicycle to be equipped with a siren or whistle, or to use any such bell or horn otherwise than as a reasonable warning to other users of the highway.
- e) Every bicycle when operated upon a highway shall be kept as close to the right hand curb as possible.
- f) It shall be unlawful for any person riding upon a bicycle to cling or attach himself to any other moving vehicle upon a street or highway.
- g) No person operating a bicycle upon a public highway or sidewalk shall participate in any race or speed or endurance contest with any other vehicle.
- h) No rider of any bicycle shall remove both hands from the handle bars or feet from the pedals or practice any acrobatic riding on any street.
- i) Every person operating a bicycle upon a public highway shall stop for all arterial highways and other traffic signals.

SEC. 8-2-8 PENALTIES.

Every violation of this Chapter shall result in a fine of not more than \$10.00. In addition, in cases of multiple violations by any owner during any single registration period, the registration of owned bicycles may be revoked and the tags for such bicycles confiscated.

CHAPTER 3

Snowmobiles

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- 8-3-8 Forfeiture and Penalties

SEC. 8-3-1 STATE SNOWMOBILE LAWS ADOPTED.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Chapter, the statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to snowmobiles in the following enumerated sections of the Wisconsin Statutes are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this Chapter as if fully set forth herein. Acts required to be performed or prohibited by such statutes are required or prohibited by this Chapter. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of the Statutes incorporated herein by reference are intended to be made part of this Code.

- 350.01 Definitions
- 350.02 Operation of Snowmobiles on or in the Vicinity of Highways.
- 350.03 Right-of-way.
- 350.04 Snowmobile Races, Derbies and Routes.
- 350.045 Public Utility Exemption.
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SEC. 8-3-2 SPEED.

No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any public right of way or highway within the Village of Norwalk at a speed in excess of that permitted or posted for other motor vehicles or in any public park, or area, at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

SEC. 8-3-3 HOURS OF OPERATION.

No person shall operate a snowmobile upon any public highway or other public property, in any public park, or upon any private premises open to public for snowmobiling within the Village of Norwalk between the hours of 11:00 pm and 8:00 am, except in cases of emergency or where residents are returning to their homes in the Village of Norwalk, and then only on such designated routes until the hour of 1:30 am.

SEC. 8-3-4 UNATTENDEDE VEHICLES.

No person shall leave or allow a snowmobile owned or operated by him to remain unattended on any public highway or public property while the motor is running or with the starting key left in the ignitions.

SEC. 8-3-5 OPERATION ON SIDEWALKS PROHIBITED.

No person shall operate a snowmobile on any sidewalk, or pedestrian way, within the Village of Norwalk.

SEC. 8-3-6 OPERATION ON PRIVATE PREMISES RESTRICTED.

No person shall operate a snowmobile on any private property not owned or controlled by him within the Village of Norwalk without the express consent or permission of the owner.

SEC. 8-3-7 ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS.

If he can do so without serious danger to his own snowmobile or to persons on board, the operator of a snowmobile involved in a snowmobile accident within the Village of Norwalk shall

stop his snowmobile and shall render to other persons affected thereby such assistance as may be practicable and necessary to save them from or minimize any danger caused by the accident and shall give his name and address and identification of his snowmobile to any person injured and to the owner of any property damaged in the accident.

If the snowmobile accident results in death or injury to any person or total property damage in excess of \$200, every operator of a snowmobile involved in such accident shall, as soon as possible, notify the Village Police Department of the accident and shall, within ten(10) days after the accident, file a written report thereof with the department on forms prescribed by it.

If the operator of a snowmobile is physically incapable of making the report required by this Section and there was another occupant in the snowmobile at the time of the accident capable of making the report, he shall make such report.

“Snowmobile Accident” means a collision, accident or other casualty involving a snowmobile.

SEC. 8-3-8 FORFEITURE AND PENALTIES.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be subject to the general penalty provisions of this Code, except that any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Chapter where there is a corresponding State Statute shall be subject to the statutory penalty.