

**AN ORDINANCE
OF THE
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

By Samuel

**Amending Title 1, Chapter 2 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to General Provisions:
Administrative Enforcement and Hearing Process**

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

Section 1. That Section 2.20 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

2.20. Persons authorized to issue citations. The following city employees are authorized to issue citations for violations of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances:

- (1) Police officers.
- (2) Animal control officers.
- (3) License inspectors.
- (4) Fire chief, fire marshal and fire inspectors.
- (5) Building inspectors.
- (6) Manager of environmental health and environmental health inspectors.
- (7) Housing inspectors.
- (8) Zoning inspectors.
- (9) Traffic Control ~~Agent~~ Unit staff for violations of Title 13, Chapter 341.
- (10) Sidewalk inspectors.
- (11) Utility connection inspectors and their supervisor.
- (12) Real estate investigators and their supervisor.
- (13) Deputy director of environmental management and safety, environmental and code compliance inspectors.

**Amending Title 13, Chapter 341, Article 1A of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to
Licenses and Business Regulations: Taxicabs: Taxicab Driver Conduct**

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

Section 1. That Section 341.250 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

341.250. Prohibited acts. No taxicab driver shall:

- (a) Operate a taxicab in violation of state or local traffic regulations, or in any event without proper regard for the traffic, surface, and width of the street or highway and the hazards at intersections and any other conditions then existing, nor in such a manner or condition as to endanger or to be likely to endanger the safety of passengers, pedestrians, vehicles or the persons and property of others;
- (b) Interfere with, impede, obstruct the legal operation of, or intentionally damage any vehicle or its equipment;
- (c) Threaten, abuse, insult, provoke, interfere with, impede or obstruct any other licensed driver, any passenger, prospective passenger or any other person in connection with operations under this chapter;
- (d) Have in his or her possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or light or smoke same while driving a taxicab which is occupied by a passenger, unless such passenger shall have first granted such driver permission to do so;
- (e) Have in his or her possession while operating a taxicab, any firearm, knife with a blade length in excess of four (4) inches, or any assault weapon;

- (f) Provide any payment to any doorman, bellhop, taxicab starter, bartender or any other person within the City of Minneapolis in return for the referral of passengers;
- (g) Block the normal flow of traffic, except while parallel parking;
- (h) Knowingly and with intent to disrupt communication on a two-way radio system, manipulate a microphone switch or other jamming device;
- (i) Refuse to obey or to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer, traffic-control officer, ~~meter monitor~~ or duly appointed inspector of the department, nor shall any licensee use profane language or otherwise interfere with such officials while in the performance of their duties;
- (j) Report a false location over a two-way radio for purposes of gaining an unfair advantage in bidding to provide service;
- (k) Fail to engage the taximeter when the taxicab is in motion and a passenger is present, unless a method of computing the fare without use of the meter is expressly authorized by a provision of this chapter;
- (l) Solicit passengers in the City of Minneapolis, or lay hands upon the person or baggage of any person without the express consent of that person, or obstruct the movement of any persons, or follow any person for the purpose of soliciting business. Display of a sign on the taxicab to indicate that it is not engaged shall not be considered solicitation;
- (m) Deceive any person as to destination, route, authorized taxicab rates, or fare;
- (n) Overcharge;
- (o) Take a circuitous route to a destination, or any route other than the most direct route, without the express consent of the passenger;
- (p) Drop a passenger at a location other than the location requested;
- (q) Refuse to convey an orderly passenger;
- (r) Report for another driver's order;
- (s) Fail to provide a receipt upon request;
- (t) Play a radio or tape player without the consent of the passengers;
- (u) Engage in, or permit the use of a taxicab for, illegal gambling, prostitution, or trafficking in alcoholic beverages or controlled substances;
- (v) Be in possession of or consume any alcoholic beverage or controlled substance while on duty; consume any alcoholic beverage or controlled substance within four (4) hours before beginning a shift;
- (w) Use a taxicab for private use at any time, including conveying passengers who are not customers;
- (x) Drive a taxicab for more than twelve (12) hours in any twenty-four-hour period or for more than seventy-two (72) hours in any seven-day period;
- (y) Park a taxicab in a residential area in violation of section 478.240 of this Code;
- (z) Allow more passengers to occupy the vehicle than is provided for by its normal seating capacity, as indicated on the vehicle application. In no event shall more than two (2) persons in addition to the driver be permitted in the front seat of such vehicle.

Amending Title 13, Chapter 341, Article 1III of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Licenses and Business Regulations: Taxicabs: Drivers' Licenses

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

Section 1. That Section 341.400 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

341.400. Duty to exhibit license. Every taxicab driver shall carry his or her taxicab driver's license while on duty and shall, upon demand of an inspector of licenses, a police officer, traffic-control agent or passenger, exhibit his or her license for inspection. Effective September 1, 1988, every taxicab driver while on duty shall display his or her taxicab driver's license on the dashboard of the vehicle in a location readily visible to passengers, in a manner approved by the director. In addition to any other penalties, a license inspector~~or~~, police officer or traffic-control agent may order the licensee to discontinue operations until such time as the licensee has a license in possession.

Amending Title 18, Chapter 466 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Traffic Code: In General

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

Section 1. That Section 466.140 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

466.140. Only authorized persons to regulate traffic. No unauthorized person shall regulate or attempt to regulate traffic upon the streets and highways of the city. Police officers are authorized to regulate traffic upon the streets and highways of the city. Traffic control agents while working for the city are authorized to regulate traffic upon the streets and highways of the city.

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

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

Section 1. That Section 478.95 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.95. Citizen enforcement of parking regulations for the physically disabled. The City of Minneapolis authorizes qualified citizen volunteers to issue citations exclusively to vehicles illegally parking in spaces designated for the physically disabled, as set forth in Article IV of this chapter.

Citizen volunteers must submit an application to the ~~Director of Licenses and Consumer Services~~Chief of Police, and must meet the following requirements in order to participate in the enforcement of parking violations:

- (1) Volunteers must be eighteen (18) years of age;
- (2) Volunteers must have a valid drivers license;
- (3) Volunteers must have an acceptable driving and criminal history.

The supervisor of the Traffic Control Unit shall establish a training program which citizen volunteers must successfully complete before they will be authorized to enforce parking violations. The training program shall be designed to instruct the citizen volunteers in the requirements of the law, the method of issuing citations, the geography and city limits of Minneapolis, and other related matters.

Upon completion of the training program, citizen volunteers shall be issued a photo identification card authorizing them to issue citations on behalf of the City. Such citizen volunteers are authorized to issue citations for the parking violations set forth in Art. IV of this chapter only while they are on duty, in uniform, utilizing city equipment, and are under the direct supervision of the Traffic Control supervisor. Citizen volunteers must carry their identification cards during the hours they issue such citations.

All duties and responsibilities granted to citizen volunteers under this section may be revoked at any time by the ~~Director of Licenses and Consumer Services~~Chief of Police.

Amending Title 18, Chapter 478, Article III of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Traffic Code: Parking, Stopping and Standing: Tagging Violations

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

Section 1. That Section 478.470 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.470. ~~Division of t~~Traffic-control agents and meter monitorsUnit established. There is hereby established under the administrative control of the ~~department of licenses and consumer services, parking meter division, a division to be known as traffic control agents and meter monitors, to be appointed pursuant to the~~

civil service provisions of the City Charter, and whose salary, wages and compensation shall be fixed by the city council. police department, a unit to be known as Traffic Control.

Section 2. That Section 478.480 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

478.480. Meter monitors, inspectors and traffic-control agents and other persons authorized to collect monies and issue violation tags. In cooperation with the police department of the city, ~~such~~ traffic-control agents, ~~meter monitors and~~ all inspectors ~~in said department~~ of the Regulatory Services Department, and other persons determined by the supervisor of the Traffic Control Unit are empowered, authorized and directed to collect monies from parking meters and to issue traffic tags for parking meter and other nonmoving traffic violations, such tags to have the same force and effect as though issued by a duly appointed, qualified and acting police officer or other peace officer.

Section 3. That Section 478.490 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

478.490. ~~Meter collectors may issue tags.~~ All persons employed under the jurisdiction of the department of licenses and consumer services, ~~to collect coins from the several parking meters throughout the city, have the same authority and power to issue traffic tags as conferred on meter monitors and inspectors by section 478.480.~~