

## **CHAPTER NINE**

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#### **9.0101 Century Code # 39**

There is hereby adopted the laws and regulation of the North Dakota Century Code #39 and the whole thereof which not less than one (1) copy shall be on file in the office of the City Auditor, and the same is hereby adopted as fully as if it were set out at length herein.

#### **9.0102 Traffic Within the City Limits**

All vehicles, off-road/recreational included, must obey all traffic laws, posted speed limits, stop signs and weight limits at all times.

#### **9.0103 Recreational Vehicles**

Recreational vehicles are hereafter referred to as ATVs/UTV/Motorcycles/Snowmobiles/Off-Road Vehicles having a dry weight of less the 1,200 pounds. (including Golf Carts)

- a) Recreational Vehicles may only be operated on city streets in the City of Sawyer by persons with valid drivers' licenses between the hours of 7:00 am to 11:00 pm. Except in emergencies.
- b) No person shall knowingly operate any recreational vehicle on private property, dykes surrounding the city or any sidewalks without express consent of the property owner or city.
- c) No recreational vehicles shall be on any street at a speed greater than the posted speed limit.
- d) All operators must obey and are subject to all state and local laws that motor vehicles are subject to.
- e) Children on recreational vehicles must be accompanied by an adult with a valid drivers license and also have protective gear on (i.e.: helmet).

#### **9.0104 Blocking Streets**

No driver of any vehicle shall stop the same on any street, avenue, lane or alley of the city in such a manner as to hinder or prevent other vehicles or persons from passing at all times, unless in case of absolute necessity, nor shall any driver of any vehicle stop the same at any regular crossing of said street, alley, lane or avenue, so as to prevent the free passage of persons traveling or passing on foot.

#### **9.0105 Parking within the City Limits**

There is hereby adopted the laws and regulation of the North Dakota Century Code #39 and the whole thereof which not less than one (1) copy shall be on file in the office of the City Auditor, and the same is hereby adopted as fully as if it were set out at length herein.

- A.) Parking on narrow streets, and avenues will be restricted as follows: if the roadway is 20 ft in width or less, there will be NO PARKING on either sides of the roadway. If the roadway is 20-30 feet in width, parking will be permitted on one side of the roadway even if there are no official signs indicating.
- B.) Parking on any street, avenue, alley, or other public roadway is prohibited if the manner of parking prevents a fire truck or other emergency vehicle to pass through easily during an emergency even if there are no official signs indicating.

C.) It shall be unlawful to park near a mailbox in a manner that would prevent the distribution of the mail by US Postal Service.

D.) It shall be unlawful to park on any street, avenue, alley, or other public roadway in a manner that prevents the Sanitation Service from easily accessing the sanitation totes.

E.) It shall be unlawful to park on any street, avenue, alley, or other public roadway when a forecast of snow by any local or US Weather Service, will require ongoing street cleaning or snow removal operations. (3 inches or more)

F.) It shall be unlawful for anyone to park and leave standing on any public street or highway in the city any vehicle for a period longer than eight (8) hours consecutively, as not to impede neighboring properties, unless written permission is obtained.

G.) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit parking at any time or place where it is forbidden by any paragraph of this Section, Any other City Ordinance or by any provision of ND Traffic law regardless of signage or lack thereof.

H.) No Semi and/or tractor trailer parking allowed on city streets or alley ways for more than four (4) hours at a time unless loading or unloading and NO OVER NIGHT PARKING.

i) No unhooking trailer and parking anywhere allowed on city streets or alleys.

I.) Penalty:

Any vehicle parked in violation of this Section shall be declared to be an unauthorized vehicle and subject to:

i) A fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per occurrence against the registered owner of any vehicle parked in violation of any parking regulations.

ii) Provided further, at the direction of the Sawyer City Council or a public law official having jurisdiction over the public property, any vehicle in violation of parking regulations may also be towed and immediately impounded in addition to, or as an alternative to issuance of the aforementioned fine. Towing and impoundment fees will be the responsibility of the registered vehicles owner.

#### 9.0106 Impounding

Whenever any parked automobile, truck machinery, vehicle or equipment shall be found in any place prohibited by these restrictions, and during the hours as provided herein, the same shall be impounded by the city at a place to be provided and it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to remove or attempt to remove any truck, automobile, machinery, vehicle or equipment from the place where impounded without first paying the cost of such impounding.

#### 9.0107 Unclaimed and Abandoned Property - Defined

Personal property left upon the streets, alleys or other public ways in the city shall be deemed to be unclaimed or abandoned within the meaning of this article when the same is permitted to remain in any one place upon said streets, alleys or other public ways for a period of ten (10) days or more.

#### 90108 Penalty

A violation of this ordinance shall be considered an infraction, punishable by a \$20.00 fine for the first offense and punishable by a \$20-\$100 fine for any subsequent offenses.

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Signed Mayor, Wayne Flores

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Signed City Auditor, Tessa Miller