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§ 70.01 SPEED LIMITS.

- (A) Arterial streets and roads have a posted vehicle speed limit of 30 mph. No person shall operate or drive any vehicle on any street or road within the city at a greater speed than 30 mph, unless signs are erected designating another speed in accordance with other divisions of this section.
- (B) Those residential streets off of arterial streets and roads have a posted vehicle speed limit of 25 mph.
- (C) Certain streets and roads in the city which have heavy foot traffic or cross traffic, and non-hard surfaced streets, have a posted vehicle speed limit of 15 mph.
- (D) Notwithstanding any other divisions of this section, no person shall drive a vehicle on a street or road at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event, speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle, or other conveyance on or entering the street in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.
- (E) The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the requirements of other divisions of this section, drive at an appropriate reduced speed when approaching and crossing an intersection, when approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill crest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, and when special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or street conditions.

(Ord. 2013-5, passed 10-10-2013) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.02 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, SPECIAL OFF-STREET PARKING.

- (A) Required off-street parking shall be provided on the same site as the use it is to serve.
- (B) All required vehicle parking shall be on a suitably paved parking surface. All driveways and approaches to parking spaces shall be similarly paved, except in the SF and MH Districts.
- (C) No required parking space, garage, carport, or other automobile storage space shall be used for the storage of any heavy load vehicle.

(Ord. 2011-27(f), passed 11-12-2015) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.03 NONRESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, SPECIAL OFF-STREET PARKING.

- (A) To prevent nuisance situations, all parking area lighting shall be designed and operated so as not to reflect or shine on adjacent properties.
- (B) For safety and firefighting purposes, free access through to adjacent nonresidential parking areas shall be provided.
- (C) All off-street parking, maneuvering, loading, and storage areas shall be constructed with an all-weather surface in accordance with the parking lot paving requirements in the city's code of ordinances and with any applicable state requirements.
- (D) Parking spaces shall be permanently and clearly identified by stripes, buttons, tiles, curbs, barriers, or other approved methods. Non-permanent type markings, such as paint, shall be regularly maintained to ensure continuous clear identification of the space.
- (E) In all nonresidential districts, the perimeter of all parking lots and driveways shall be provided with ribbon concrete curbs or other means to control traffic.
- (F) Refuse storage facilities placed in a parking lot shall not be located in a designated parking or loading space. Each refuse facility shall be located so as to facilitate pickup by refuse collection agencies and shall be appropriately screened.
- (G) Parking space(s) for persons with disabilities and other associated provisions shall be provided according to building codes, state laws, and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), being 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq. Parking spaces for persons with disabilities shall be as close as possible to the entryway of the appropriate structure and shall be appropriately and clearly marked.
- (H) To ensure that all requirements set forth in this section are carried forward, it will be the responsibility of the owner of the parking area to adequately maintain the facility. All off-street parking areas shall be kept free of trash and debris. At no time after initial approval of the parking area layout can changes be made in the location and number of provided spaces without approval of the Mayor/City Secretary or his or her designee.

(Ord. 2011-27(f), passed 11-12-2015) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.04 PARKING ACCESS FROM A PUBLIC STREET.

- (A) In the approval of a site plan, design consideration shall be given to providing entrance and exit drive(s) which extend into the site to provide adequate queuing of vehicles on the site.
- (B) In all districts, except single-family zoning districts, building plans shall provide for entrance and exit drive(s) appropriately designed and located to minimize traffic congestion or conflict within the site and with adjoining public streets, as approved by the Mayor/City Secretary or his or her designee.
 - (1) Based upon analysis by the city, if projected volumes of traffic entering or leaving a development are likely to interfere with the projected peak traffic flow volumes on adjoining streets, additional right-of-way and paving in the form of a deceleration lane or turn lane may be required of a developer in order to reduce such interference.
 - (2) The determination of additional right-of-way or paving requirements shall be made at the time the final site plan is submitted for approval.
- (C) Vehicular access to nonresidential uses shall not be permitted from alleys serving residential areas.
- (D) Access to any property requires a permit for driveway construction and a permit for a culvert if the City determines that a culvert is necessary to maintain proper ditch drainage.
- (E) The city has a 15-foot right-of-way from the edge of the roadway. The city shall not be held responsible for any damage to driveways if culvert/ditch cleaning, grading, or any other work needs to be done.

(Ord. 2011-27(f), passed 11-12-2015) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.05 PARKING REQUIREMENTS BASED UPON USE.

In all districts, there shall be provided, at the time any building or structure is erected or structurally altered or change of use, off-street parking spaces in accordance with the following requirements.

- (A) *Commercial use.* One space per 250 square feet of floor area.
- (B) *Community center.* Ten parking spaces plus one additional space for each 300 square feet of floor area in excess of 2,000 square feet. If an auditorium is included as a part of the building, its floor area shall be deducted from the total and additional parking provided on the basis of one space for each four seats that it contains.
- (C) *Convenience store (without gasoline pumps).* One space per 200 square feet of floor area; parking requirements shall be the same as those required for a retail store.

(Ord. 2011-27(f), passed 11-12-2015)

§ 70.06 FIRE LANES.

- (A) *Location.* Fire lanes shall be provided in all multiple-family, manufactured home, and nonresidential developments and in some single-family attached, as required by the International Fire Code (IFC).

- (B) *Dimension*. Fire lanes shall be a minimum width of 24 feet of paving and shall have a minimum inside turning radius at curves of 20 feet, or as required by the International Fire Code (IFC).
- (C) *Vertical clearance*. The minimum overhead vertical clearance over fire lanes shall be 14 feet for a linear distance of 50 feet on each side (in front of and behind, as a fire apparatus would traverse underneath) of any overhead structure, such as a canopy, roof overhang, or vertical height control device, or as required by the International Fire Code (IFC).

(Ord. 2011-27(f), passed 11-12-2015; Amended on 3-10-2016)

§ 70.99 PENALTY.

- (A) Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to § 10.99 of this code of ordinances.
- (B) Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of §§ 70.01 through 70.06 of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$1, nor more than \$100, and each single violation or failure to comply shall constitute a separate offense.
- (C) Any person violating any provision of § 70.04 shall be deemed guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined up to \$500 or other limits imposed by the Tex. Penal Code from time to time.

CHAPTER 71: RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

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GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES

§ 71.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

- (A) **GOLF CART**. The meaning assigned by the Tex. Transportation Code, §551.401. Further, **GOLF CART** means a motor vehicle with not less than three wheels designed by the manufacturer primarily for transporting persons on a golf course without regard to the mode of propulsion or any modifications made to the body, chassis, or any portion of the golf cart by any

person. **GOLF CARTS** specifically exclude go-carts, neighborhood electric vehicles, off-road vehicles, utility vehicles, and all-terrain vehicles, as defined by the state's Transportation Code.

(B) **UTILITY VEHICLES.** The meaning assigned by the Tex. Transportation Code, § 551A.001 (6) which specifically states that a "**UTILITY VEHICLE** means a motor vehicle that is not a golf cart, as defined by Section 551.401, or lawn mower and is:

- (A) equipped with side-by-side seating for the use of the operator and a passenger;
- (B) designed to propel itself with at least four tires in contact with the ground;
- (C) designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use only; and
- (D) designed by the manufacturer primarily for utility work and not for recreational purposes."

(Ord. 2011-27(f), passed 11-12-2015)

§ 71.02 USE OF GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES WITHIN CORPORATE BOUNDARIES

An operator may operate a golf cart and/or a utility vehicle in compliance with Texas House Bill No. 1548 and Tex. Transportation Code sections referenced therein as amended or superseded

(Ord. 2011-27(f), passed 11-12-2015)

§ 71.03 USE PROHIBITED ON STATE HIGHWAYS.

Golf carts and/or utility vehicles are prohibited on any state highway located within the corporate boundaries of the city.

(Ord. 2011-27(f), passed 11-12-2015) Penalty, see § 71.99

§ 71.04 EQUIPMENT REQUIRED.

A golf cart and/or utility vehicle must have the following equipment to operate within the corporate city limits:

- (A) Headlamps;
- (B) Tail lamps;
- (C) Reflectors;
- (D) Parking brake;
- (E) Mirrors; and
- (F) Slow moving vehicle emblem.

(Ord. 2011-27(f), passed 11-12-2015)

§ 71.05 EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

The following exclusions and limitations apply to the operation of any golf cart and/or utility vehicle in the city.

- (A) They may only be operated by persons with a valid operator's permit and/or driver's license.
- (B) They may only be operated upon a public street or highway with a speed limit of not more than 35 mph unless otherwise restricted.
- (C) They may cross a street or highway with a speed limit of more than 35 mph if said crossing occurs at an intersection and said crossing is perpendicular to the street or highway with a posted speed limit of more than 35 mph.
- (D) They must move to the right and yield the right-of-way to faster moving vehicles.
- (E) They must be equipped with a slow moving vehicle emblem.
- (F) The driver and every occupant must remain seated in a seat designed to hold passengers while the vehicle is moving.
- (G) No person may ride in the lap of the driver or any other occupant.

(Ord. 2011-27(f), passed 11-12-2015) Penalty, see § 71.99

§ 71.99 PENALTY.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to § 10.99 of this code of ordinances.