

§ 7.205 PROHIBITED NON-MOVING VIOLATIONS.

(A) No person shall park a vehicle in his custody or control in any one place upon any street or roadway for a continuous period longer than six hours or:

(1) In a metered parking zone as indicated by the location of installed meters, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. of any day except Sundays and legal holidays, at any time when said meter indicates that the time has expired since the last deposit of coins therein; or

(2) In a metered parking zone during the aforementioned times in such a position that said vehicle is not entirely within the space designated for a particular meter, unless the length of said vehicle exceeds the length of the space provided.

(B) No person shall park a vehicle in his custody or control in such a manner as to protrude into or obstruct a lane designed for moving traffic or a fire lane, or park a vehicle on a residential street where parking is prohibited, or park a vehicle in any alley except for the purpose of loading or unloading.

(C) (1) No person with title or custody of a motor vehicle shall abandon such vehicle as defined herein, anywhere within the city. For purposes of this chapter, an **ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE** shall consist of:

(a) A motor vehicle which has remained in any one place on public property for a continuous period of 48 hours and lacks vital component parts that are essential to the mechanical functioning of the vehicle, or is otherwise in inoperable condition; or

(b) A motor vehicle which has remained on private property for a continuous period of 48 hours without the consent of the person in control of such property.

(2) Provided, however, that a classic car or pioneer car as defined in M.S. § 168.10, as it may be amended from time to time, shall not be considered as an abandoned motor vehicle within the meaning of subdivision (1)(a) of this division.

(D) No person shall operate, park, stop or stand a vehicle in his custody or control in such a manner as to violate the parking restrictions prescribed by § 7.202(G), or any other restrictions of a temporary or emergency order, pursuant to § 7.203, whether such order is posted or not.

(E) No person shall wash, grease, or repair any vehicle on any park, boulevard, or parkway, except to perform necessary emergency repairs.

(F) No person operating a bus shall allow the same to remain stopped or parked upon any street at a place not designated as a "bus stop." No person operating a taxicab shall allow the same to remain stopped or parked upon any street at a place not designated as a "taxistand" for a period in excess of five minutes while occupying said taxicab; provided, however, that such operator may temporarily stop or park such taxicab at any location when so instructed in order to pick up passengers.

(G) No person shall park, keep, place, store or permit the parking or storage of any stock car, racing car, or junk vehicle on a public street or alley, or any private lands or premises which he owns, occupies or controls for a period of longer than 96 hours, unless it shall be within a building on such private premises. Said person shall be given a notice of violation by the city to take corrective action. **CORRECTIVE ACTION** shall be defined as follows:

(1) When the vehicle is legally parked and in compliance with all applicable city ordinances and state requirements for an operable vehicle on public roads. In the event corrective action is not taken within 96 hours from the notice of the violation, the city may take the vehicle into custody, impound it, and the vehicle is eligible for disposal or sale as an unauthorized vehicle under M.S. § 168B.08, 45 days after notice to the owner.

(2) For purposes of divisions (G), (H) and (I) of this section:

BUS. A vehicle designed for carrying passengers and having a seating capacity of more than nine persons, but not to include any such vehicle which has been altered for use for camping purposes exclusively.

JUNK VEHICLE. Any motor vehicle which is not in operable condition, or which is partially dismantled, or which is used for sale of parts or as a source of repair or replacement parts for other vehicles, or which is kept for scrapping, dismantling, or salvage of any kind. Failure to prominently display a motor vehicle registration license for the current year shall be prima facie evidence that such vehicle is a junk vehicle.

MOTOR TRUCK, TRUCK TRACTOR or COMMERCIAL VEHICLE. A vehicle having either a capacity of more than one ton or weight of more than 5,000 pounds or both, but not to include vehicles which are designed exclusively for recreation purposes.

(H) No person owning, driving or in charge of any bus, motor truck, truck tractor, or commercial vehicle shall permit the same to be parked or stand longer than 24 hours continuously on, in front of, or beside any property in a residential district, except for the purpose of loading or unloading.

(I) No person owning, driving, or in charge of any bus, motor truck, truck tractor, or commercial vehicle designed exclusively for recreation or camping purposes, shall permit more than two of the same to stand longer than 24 hours continuously on, in front of, or beside any property in a residential district except for the purpose of loading or unloading.

(J) No person shall service, repair, replace parts or do maintenance work on a stock car, racing car, or junk car on a public street, nor on any private lands or premises unless it shall be within a building on such private premises.

(K) No person shall park or stop his vehicle in a private parking lot in such a manner as to interfere with or obstruct the movement of traffic therein.

(L) No person parking or stopping his vehicle in a private parking lot shall allow the same to remain in such lot for longer than the posted limit.

(M) No automobile, motor vehicle, recreational vehicle or trailer may be parked or left unattended on any public road or parkway within the City of Columbia Heights at any time between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. without a parking permit issued by the Chief of Police or his designated representative. The Chief of Police may only issue such permits to applicants only upon the following conditions:

(1) Permits in excess of five in any calendar month shall not be granted unless the Chief of Police determines that the applicant cannot park on the property upon which his residence is located without violating the zoning laws relating to permitted off-street parking areas or that the applicant cannot reasonably or legally drive the subject vehicle to any other place on the property where his residence is located without violating the zoning laws relating to off-street parking.

(2) The Chief of Police determines that the issuance of such permit will not impede the plowing or removal of any snow, ice or waste from such public road or parkway.

(3) The permit will only allow the parking of vehicles at such location as is designed by the Chief of Police.

(4) The permit may be revoked by the Chief of Police if the Chief of Police later discovers that the subject vehicle will impede the plowing or removal of snow, ice, or waste from the location of the vehicle; provided, however, that the Chief of Police shall give notice of such revocation by posting a notice to that effect on the subject vehicle for not less than two hours.

(5) No permit shall be valid for a period in excess of four hours.

(6) No permit shall be valid unless clearly displayed upon the permitted vehicle.

(7) Any act of the designated representative of the Chief of Police shall be construed as the act of the Chief of Police for purposes of this division.

(8) All permits granted hereunder shall expire on March 31 of each year.

(N) Division (M) of this section shall not be effective between the dates of April 1 of each year and October 31 of the same year, said dates being inclusive; provided, however, that division (M) of this section shall be applicable between April 1 of each year and May 1 of each year, said dates being inclusive, to any subject vehicle when snow has accumulated to a depth of **three and one-half inches or more** within the traveled portion of any roadway that lies within six feet of the said vehicle.

(O) No person shall park or stop a vehicle which is wider than 68 inches at its widest point in any designated compact car parking space within the city.

(P) No person, firm or corporation owning or having a superior possessory interest in a parking lot containing designated compact parking spaces shall allow or permit any vehicle which is wider than 68 inches at its widest point to be parked within any designated compact car parking space within the city. The existence of two or more vehicles remaining parked in violation of division (O) of this section for a period of more than two hours shall be prima facie evidence that the person, firm or corporation owning or having the superior possessory interest in such lot is allowing or permitting such activity in violation of this section. In addition to the penalties prescribed for misdemeanor violations by this code, the city may take such action as it deems appropriate in law or equity to enforce the owner's responsibility to enforce the proper use of compact parking spaces.

(`77 Code, § 7.205) (Am. Ord. 1063, passed 11-14-83; Am. Ord. 1343, passed 4-28-97; Am. Ord. 1364, passed 11-24-97; Am. Ord. 1485, passed 6-13-05) [Penalty, see § 7.601](#)

Below is what we have on our web page. I cannot find any ordinances pertaining specifically to snow plowing except what's above, which states 3-1/2 inches.

Parking Restrictions

After a snowfall of 3 or more inches, no parking on the street is permitted until it has been plowed from curb-to-curb. Parking restrictions in Columbia Heights are:

No parking on city streets from 2 to 6 am from Nov 1 to March 31.

No parking on city streets after a 3-inch snowfall until the street is plowed curb-to-curb.

No parking on city streets for longer than six hours.

Winter parking enforcement begins each year on November 1 and continues through March 31. No vehicle or trailer may be parked or left unattended on any public road or parkway within the City of Columbia Heights at any time between the hours of 2 am and 6 am without a permit issued by the [Columbia Heights Police Department](#). A permit may only be issued under certain conditions.

All parking permits are subject to suspension for snow removal or other emergencies.