

CHAPTER 15

STREETS-SIDEWALKS-BOULEVARDS

15.01---OBSTRUCTION WITH PERMIT- No person shall encumber or obstruct any street, sidewalk, alley or other public place within the limits of the City of Springfield by placing therein or thereon any building material, boxes, lumber, firewood, posts or other material or substance whatever without first having obtained permission from the City Council, which permission shall specify the portion of the street, sidewalk or other public place to be used and the period of such use, but in no case shall any person use in width more than one-half of the street. At the expiration of the permission said permission shall remove said obstruction.

15.02---WARNING ON OBSTRUCTION: It shall be the duty of every person obstruction or encumbering any portion of such street, sidewalk or other public ground or place, or making or permitting any opening or excavation therein, to keep and maintain at night a lighted lantern in front of such opening or obstruction in such manner as to afford timely warning to all persons approaching the same; such lantern shall be kept burning from dark until day and it shall be the further duty of such person at all times to keep around such opening or obstruction a substantial railing or fence which shall be at least four feet high, provided that this section shall not be constructed as permitting any obstruction or excavation except as specifically provided in this ordinance.

15.03---DIRT, ETC. IN THE STREET: No person shall throw or deposit any dirt, paper or filth, the sweeping of any house, store, office, shop or any ashes, shavings, straw, weeds, grass clippings, stone, earth or rubbish of any kind on or into any street, sidewalk, alley or public ground of the City. (Ord. 420, September 19, 2017)

15.04---REMOVING GRAVEL ETC. FROM STREET: No person shall dig, remove or carry away any earth, gravel, sand or stone from any street, alley or any public ground of said City.

15.05---DISPLAYING GOOD IN STREET: No person shall place or suffer to be placed upon any sidewalk of said City, any good, wares, or merchandise, for sale or show, beyond three feet from the front line of the lots where the goods may be exposed.

15.06---ICE AND SNOW ON SIDEWALK: That the owner or occupant of each and every tenement or building in said city, fronting on any street on which a sidewalk is laid shall clean such sidewalk of snow, ice or other substance obstructing the same, by 10 o'clock in the forenoon of each day, and cause the same to be so kept clear, and any such persons so failing or refusing to keep such sidewalk clear as aforesaid, then and in that case, the City Council may have the same cleaned and the cost thereof shall be a valid claim by said city against such owner or occupant and may be sued for and collected in a civil action.

15.07—PENALTY: Any person violating any provision of this ordinance, except section 15.06 of said ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not less than One Dollar, nor more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) and in default of the payment of such fine shall be imprisoned in the county jail of Brown County, State of Minnesota, until such fine is paid, but such imprisonment not to exceed a period of ninety days. This ordinance to take effect from and after its publication. (1891 Ord. No. 27)

15.08—SIDEWALK WIDTH: That all sidewalks hereafter built on any street in the City of Springfield, Minnesota, shall be at least six feet wide, except on such streets and portions thereof where formerly passed ordinances required another width.

15.09—CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS: That whenever any sidewalk shall be constructed upon any street or portion thereof, where the street upon which said sidewalk is constructed, is brought to grade or is now on grade, said sidewalk shall be constructed of cement and laid in accordance with plans adopted by the City Council of said City.

15.10—PENALTY: That any person violating the provisions of this ordinance without first having received permission from said City Council shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed ninety days. (1905 Ord. No. 57)

15.11—PLANTING AND CARE OF TREES AND SHRUBS: The Street Commissioner, under the direction of the City Council, shall have exclusive jurisdiction, authority, control and supervision over the planting, care, trimming, cutting and removal of all trees and shrubs in the public streets, highways, alleys and boulevards within the corporate limits of the City.

15.12—PERMIT TO PLANT TREES OR SHRUBS: Any person, firm or corporation, desiring to plant any tree or shrub upon any public highway, boulevard, alley or public place in the City of Springfield, shall make application to the Street Commissioner for a permit to do so. If the Street Commissioner approves the location and kind of tree or shrub he shall issue the permit. (1943 Ord. No. 150)

15.13—BOXELDER, COTTONWOOD AND DUTCH ELM PROHIBITED: No person, firm or corporation shall plant or cause to be planted any boxelder or cottonweed or dutch elm tree at any place within the limits of this City or allow to remain standing any diseased trees, except that the planting of seedless cottonwood trees shall not be prohibited. (2007 Ord. No. 150)

15.14—TRIMMING AND CUTTING TREES: Trees or shrubs, standing in or upon any public highway, boulevard, alley or public place in this City, shall be under the supervision of the Street/Parks Superintendent at all times to be kept trimmed by the owner or owners of the lot or parcel of land on or adjacent to which such trees or shrubs are growing, or standing, so as not to interfere with persons using the public streets, sidewalks, alleys and public places in this City, and any such owner or owners shall remove all shrubs, branches and trees as endanger the life, limb or property of other persons, or which interfere with the use of such streets, sidewalks, alleys, or public places for the purpose for which the same are intended. The minimum clearance

above the street is 14 feet and the minimum clearance above the sidewalk is 8 feet. In case such owner or owners shall neglect or refuse to trim, cut or remove such trees or shrubs on being notified in writing to do by the Street/Parks Department Superintendent, it shall be the duty of such Street/Parks Department Superintendent, after ten days from date of such notice, to cause the trimming, cutting or removing to be done, and the cost thereof to be collected from such owner or owners. (Ordinance 420, September 19, 2017)

15.15—TREES PROTECTED IN PUBLIC PLACES: Except by written permit of the Street Commissioner, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to remove or destroy any tree or shrub that is planted, standing or growing in or upon any public highway, boulevard, alley or public place in this city. Any work done under such written permit must be performed in strict accordance and compliance with the terms and conditions thereof, and the provisions of this ordinance, and under the supervision and direction of the Street Commissioner.

15.16—APPEAL FROM DENIAL OF PERMIT: Any applicant for a permit from the Street Commissioner required under the provisions of this ordinance, or any person aggrieved by an order made by the Street Commissioner under the provisions of this ordinance, may appeal from refusal of the Street Commissioner to grant such permit, or from the conditions and terms thereof, or from such order of the Street Commissioner, to grant such permit, or from the conditions and terms thereof, or from such order of the Street Commissioner, to the City Council, whose action thereon shall be final.

15.17—PENALTY: Any person, firm, or corporation who shall do any of the things required to be done by this ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction thereof be punished by fine of not less than \$10.00, nor more than \$300.00, and costs, in even to failure to pay such fine or costs, or both, shall be confined in the county jail until said fine and costs are satisfied according to law, not to exceed ninety days.

15.18—ASSESSMENT FO STREET IMPROVEMENT: The cost of all street improvements hereafter made in the City of Springfield, Minnesota, upon petition of abutting property owners for tarvia or bituminous paving, shall be assessed against the abutting property owners on the basis of the number of feet fronting upon the portion of the street so to be improved; excepting that the cost of paving the street intersections involved, and the portion of the street upon which any public alley or alleys front; and one half of the cost of paving the street in front of property owned by the City, shall be borne and paid by the City of Springfield, and excepting also that one-half the cost of paving said street along the length of those lots involved that abut upon the street, but which actually face and front upon another street, shall be borne and paid by the City of Springfield out of the appropriate or general fund of the City; provided, however, that when any such lot or lots are already subdivide, then each such subdivision thereof shall be assessed in the same manner as lots that actually face upon said street so to be improved, and provided further that when any such lot or lots shall be subdivided after such street improvement is made, then one-half of the cost for the making of such improvement in front of such lot or lots, paid by the City of Springfield as hereinbefore provided, shall forthwith be refunded and paid to the City of Springfield by the owner of such lot or lots. (1950 Ord. No. 167)

15.19—PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT REQUIRED: No sidewalk or curb and gutter shall be constructed on any street, avenue, alley or public property in the municipality, unless the construction of such improvement shall first have been authorized by a permit granted by the City Council. Application for such permit shall fully describe the contemplated improvement and shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk, who shall submit the same to the Council at its next regular meeting.

15.20—PETITION TO CONSTRUCT: Sidewalks and or curb and gutter will be ordered constructed by the Council upon receipt of a petition in approved form, signed by the owners of not less than 50 percent of the property which would abut upon such sidewalk and or curb and gutter when completed.

15.21—SUFFICIENCY OF PETITION: Upon receipt of a petition provided for in Section 15.20 hereof, the City Clerk shall ascertain whether or not the same is sufficient and in approved form, and shall transmit the petition together with his report thereon to the Council at its next regular meeting.

15.22—PUBLIC HEARING: The Council shall thereupon set a time and place for a public hearing on said petition giving not less than one weeks prior published notice thereof in the official newspaper of the City; In event such petition be approved following the public hearing thereon, the Council shall adopt a resolution ordering and directing the owners of real property abutting on the proposed sidewalk and/or curb and gutter specified in the petition, to construct such improvement in accordance with the standard specifications on file in the office of the City Clerk, and on the grade established in such area, within a time specified in said resolution, not less than 90 days from the date thereof. A copy of such resolution shall be serviced upon each resident property owner affected, and mailed to the last known post office address of all non-resident property owners.

15.23—CITY ENGINEERS REPORT: Upon expiration of the time specified in said resolution for the completion of said improvement by the abutting property owners, the City Engineer shall make a report to the Council setting forth the names of the property owners who have failed to comply with the resolution, and a description of the property affected; the Council shall thereupon order construction of such uncompleted portions of the improvement either by day labor or by bids, whichever method it may determine to be to the advantage of such property owners, upon completion of such improvement the cost thereof shall be determined and an assessment roll prepared by the City Clerk, setting forth a description of each lot or parcel; such proposed assessment shall be considered by the Council and a public hearing thereon following not less than two (2) weeks published prior notice thereof, at such public hearing the Council shall consider any objections to the assessment, and may modify or amend the same; the assessment as proposed or amended shall thereupon be adopted and certified to the County Auditor for collection along with the general taxes of the City.

15.24—SIDEWALK WIDTH: All sidewalks shall be not less than ten (10) feet in width in the business district of the city, and not less than six (6) feet in width in the residential districts, except where the Council shall by resolution order a different width:

All curb and gutters shall be built in accordance with the latest standard plans for curb and gutter approved by the Council and on file in the office of the City Clerk; the curb shall be six (6) inches high above the gutter and the overall width of the curb and gutter at the base shall be twenty (24) inches.

15.25—PENALTY: Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$300.00 dollars, or by imprisonment in the City or County jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

15.26—ASSESSMENT BY FRONTING FEET: The cost of all street improvements hereafter made in the City of Springfield, Minnesota, upon petition of abutting property owners for the tarvia or bituminous paving, shall be assessed against the abutting property owners on the basis of the number of feet fronting upon the portion of the street so to be improved; excepting that the cost of paving the intersections involved, and the portion of the street upon which any public alley or alleys front, and one half of the cost of the paving the street in front of property owned by the city, shall be borne and paid by the City of Springfield, Minnesota, and also that one-half of the costs of the paving said streets along the length of the lots involved that abut upon the street, but which actually face and front upon another street, shall be borne and paid by the City of Springfield, Minnesota, out of the appropriate or general fund of the City; provided, however, that when any such lot or lots are already sub-divided then each such subdivision thereto shall be assessed in the same manner as lots that actually face upon said street so to be improved, and provided further that when any such lot or lots shall be subdivided after such street improvement is made then one half of the cost for the making of such improvement in front of such lot or lots, paid by the City of Springfield, as herein before provided, shall forth with be refunded and paid to the City of Springfield, by the owner of such lot or lots.

15.27—CURB AND GUTTER INSTALLED FIRST: Before any petition for Tarvia or Bituminous paving shall be accepted and favorably acted upon by the City of Springfield, MN, it must be shown to the satisfaction of the City Council, that proper curb and gutter on and along both sides of the street to be improved by Tarvia or bituminous paving, have already been erected, laid and constructed in accordance with the requirements, specifications and Ordinances of this city, and no petition for tarvia or bituminous paving, in this City shall be accepted or acted upon, unless such curb and gutter shall first have been erected and constructed along both sides of the street intended to be improved.

15.28—ENGINEER TO INSPECT; When a petition for tarvia or bituminous paving shall have been presented to and granted by the city council of the City of Springfield, Minnesota, the Engineer of said City in charge of said work shall examine into the ground surface and subsoil conditions existing on and along the street proposed to be improved, and if upon said examination by the Engineer in charge of said work, it shall be found that it is necessary to prepare and lay an extra mat or stabilized base, or to prepare the street in a special manner to insure the prolonged life of the tarvia to be laid, then and in such case, the cost for the preparation and laying of such mat or stabilized base, necessary to securely lay said tarvia on and along the street proposed to improved, shall be assessed in the same manner as other street improvements. (1953 Ord. No. 173)

15.29-- REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS: It is hereby made the duty of all owners of land abutting on any street or avenue in the City of Springfield to construct, re-construct and maintain in good repair sidewalks, curbs and gutters along any such street or avenue in accordance with the regulations hereinafter set forth.

15.30—PERMITS OF SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS: Whenever the owner, occupant or agent of any owner or occupant within the City of Springfield shall desire to construct, re-construct, or repair, any sidewalk, curb or gutter, fronting such premises he shall apply to the Street Commissioner for a permit so to do. It shall be the duty of the Street Commissioner to issue and keep a record of such permits and to supervise and direct such construction, reconstruction, or repair, and when satisfactorily completed to accept such sidewalk, curb or gutter for the City, subject to final approval by the City Council.

15.31—GRADES, SPECIFICATIONS: All sidewalks, curbs and gutters, hereafter constructed or reconstructed within the City of Springfield shall conform to the established grade of the streets which they front. Before the owner of any premises shall commence the construction or reconstruction of any sidewalk, curb or gutter in accordance with any permit issued under Sec. 15.30 hereof, the Street Commissioner shall cause such grade to be established on the premises in question for the guidance of the owner thereof.

All sidewalks, curbs and gutters hereafter constructed or reconstructed in the City of Springfield shall be of concrete unless the use of other material shall be authorized by resolution of the City Council. The City Council shall approve specifications for the construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters as to quality of materials, width, thickness, location and general construction details for the guidance of the Street Commissioner in the performance of his duties hereunder.

15.32—FILLS: Whenever it shall become necessary to make any fills to raise the sidewalk, curb or gutter to the established grade, it shall be the obligation of the owner of such premises so to do, and to use good material sufficiently compacted to avoid future sinking or settling of any such sidewalk, curb or gutter.

15.33—CONSTRUCTION MAY BE ORDERED:

(a) Whenever the City Council shall deem it necessary that any sidewalk curb or gutter should be constructed, reconstructed, or repaired, it may, by resolution, order the owner of the premises abutting on the street or avenue where such construction, reconstruction or repair is so to be made, ordering and requiring the owner of such premises to cause such construction, reconstruction, or repair to be made forthwith in accordance with this ordinance. A duly certified copy of such resolution shall be served upon the record owner of such premises, or upon the occupant of such premises if the owner does not reside within the City of Springfield, or cannot be found therein and by mailing a certified copy of such notice to the record owner of said premises if his address is known, which notice shall state the construction, reconstruction or repair ordered to be made.

(b) If such construction, reconstruction or repair shall not be fully done and completed within 30 days from the time of service of such resolution, as aforesaid, the City Council may order the same to be done by the Street Commissioner, or cause the same to be done by contract to the

lowest responsible bidder, the entire expense hereof to be paid out of the general revenue funds of the City.

(c) At any time within 15 days after the city shall have completed such construction, reconstruction or repair the City Council shall adopt a resolution fixing the time and place when and where it will hear testimony of all persons interested or affected, and ascertain and determine the amount of the costs and benefits to the property fronting such sidewalk, curb or gutter, by reason of the construction, reconstruction or repair thereof, such resolution shall be served upon all persons named in the resolution adopted under paragraph (a) of this Section of this ordinance, and in the manner therein provided.

(d) At the time and place named in said resolution, the City Council shall hear any and all testimony offered by or on behalf of all persons interested or affected by the said construction, reconstruction or repair. Thereupon by resolution the City Council shall determine the amount of the costs and benefits caused by said construction, reconstruction or repair, to each lot, part of lot, or parcel of ground fronting upon the street or streets where such sidewalk, curb or gutter, shall have been constructed, reconstructed or repaired as aforesaid, and a full and complete record thereof shall be made and kept by the City Clerk for that purpose, which record shall contain a description of the property benefited and charged with the said construction, reconstruction or repair, the amount of the cost and benefit determined in each case as aforesaid, and when so determined the amount of each annual installment thereof when transmitted to the County Auditor of the County for assessment, the amount paid thereon, and when paid; such record to be used in making each annual levy and assessment.

(e) The amount of the cost and benefit of such construction, reconstruction or repair to each lot, part lot or parcel of ground, so determined as aforesaid, shall be and become a charge against the same and shall be assessed thereon as in the case of county, city or state taxes three annual installments. (1958 Ord. No. 180)

15.34—SEWER AND WATER PIPE PLACED FIRST: Before any public roadway in the city shall be paved, blacktopped, or covered with a permanent type of surface material, all water, sewer, and main pipes shall be laid therein and connections made therewith to the line of each lot abutting on such roadway except as herein otherwise provided.

15.35—OWNERS OF LOTS TO CONNECT SEWER AND WATER: Whenever nay public roadway shall be ordered paved, blacktopped, or covered with a permanent type surface material, all water, sewer, and main pipes shall be laid therein and connections made therewith to the line of each lot abutting on such roadway except as herein otherwise provided.

15.36—LOT SIZES: In the commercial zone of the City, the word “lot” shall be construed to mean a subdivision of 22 feet front, in the residential zone of the city platted before 1950, a subdivision of 50 feet front, and in the city platted since 1950, a subdivision of 75 feet front. In all cases, however, the Council shall determine the size of a lot for the purpose of ordering connections therewith with the sewer and water pipes in a roadway abutting the same, and shall construe the other provisions of this ordinance.

15.37—CITY TO ACT IF OWNER DOES NOT: Should any lots abutting on any roadway ordered to be paved, blacktopped, or covered with a permanent type of material not be connected with water and sewer to the front line thereof as herein required or otherwise expected within 30 days after notice from the City to have the same done, the City shall proceed and cause all such water pipes and sewers to be put in and the connections made.

15.38—NOTICE: Notice shall consist of delivering a copy thereof to the record owner of the lot if he lives in the City, or by mailing a copy to him at his last known address, or serving a copy thereof upon the occupant of the lot. The notice shall state the work to be done and nature of the proceedings taken and to be taken.

15.39—NOTICE OF HEARING PUBLISHED: Thereafter the Council shall publish a notice in the official newspaper at least 10 day prior thereto stating the time and place it will meet to hear persons interested or affected by the same, and that the purpose thereof will be to determine the costs of such work, the benefits accruing to each lot, and the amounts to be assessed against each lot.

15.40—LOT ASSESSMENT DETERMINED: After such meeting the Council shall determine the costs and benefits of such work and amounts to be assessed against each lot, and shall determine the installments and interest to be assessed against each lot, and shall send a copy thereof to the County Auditor to be used in making the annual levy and assessment. Such assessments shall be a charge against each lot until paid.

15.41—PERMISSION TO DIG OR TUNNEL UNDER ROADWAY:

No person shall dig into or tunnel under any improved roadway of the City without first obtaining written permission from the City. Any consent given shall be on the terms stated therein. (1959 Ord. No. 190)

15.42—OWNER TO CUT WEEDS: Every owner or occupant of real property in the City shall keep cut the grass, weeds and brush thereon and on the boulevard or portion of the street reserved for sidewalk abutting on his property.

15.43—CITY TO INSPECT: The Street Commissioner, the Weed Inspector and the City Clerk of said City, and each of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to perform the duties required hereunder for the proper enforcement of this Ordinance.

15.44—CITY TO ACT IF OWNER DOES NOT: If any such owner or occupant fails to cut the grass, weeds, or brush on a lot, parcel or land or on the boulevard or said portion of street abutting on said premises, to the point where the height of the grass, weeds or brush is 8 inches or higher, a written notice shall be given by an authorized official or representative of the city mentioned in Section 15.43 of this Ordinance, specifying the conditions which is a violation of this Ordinance. If the owner or occupant fails to abate such violation within 5 days of such notice, the City shall cause such grass, weeds or brush to be cut and removed and the expenses thus incurred shall be a lien on such real estate. The city Council shall certify to the county Auditor of Brown county, Minnesota, a statement of the amount of the cost paid or incurred by the city, with request that the County Auditor enter such amount on the tax books as a tax upon

the land and such costs shall be collected in the same manner as other real estate taxes. (2005 Ord. No. 379)

15.45—SNOW, ICE ETC. A NUISANCE: All snow, ice, dirt and rubbish remaining on a public sidewalk more than 24 hours after its deposit thereon is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The owner and the occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use due diligence to keep such walk safe for pedestrians. No such owner or occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall allow snow, ice, dirt or rubbish to remain on the walk longer than 24 hours after its deposit thereon.

15.46—CITY TO REMOVE IF OWNER DOES NOT: The City of Springfield, through a designated official, shall remove from all public sidewalks, all snow, ice, dirt and rubbish as soon as possible, beginning 24 hours after any such matter has been deposited thereon, or after the snow has ceased to fall. Such designated officials of the City shall keep a record showing the cost of such removal adjacent to each separate lot and parcel and shall deliver such information to the City Clerk.

15.47—PLACING OF SNOW ETC. IN STREETS AND BOULEVARDS: It shall be unlawful and a nuisance, prohibited by the terms of this ordinance, for the owner, tenant, occupant, or person in charge to any real property to move, transport, carry or otherwise cause to be move, any snow, ice or rubbish accumulations from private property to or upon the boulevards or public streets, alleys, right-of-ways, and crosswalks of the City of Springfield. This section of the ordinance shall not, however, prohibit the cleaning of public sidewalks only upon the boulevards or upon the public streets where there is not boulevard. (Amend 2001 Ord. 349)

15.48—COST ASSESSED: The cost of removing any snow, ice, dirt or rubbish under Section 16.46 or 16.47 above by the City Street Department shall be assessed against the owner of said private property at a rate set from time to time by the City Council.

15.49—PENALTY: Any person who maintains a nuisance in violation of this ordinance, or any person who interferes with the City employee or otherwise authorized person in the performance of any of the services provided by this ordinance, or any person who violated any terms or sections thereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor, subject to a fine of no more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) or imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days.

15.50—STUMP REMOVAL: Following the removal of all trees from any boulevard, including trees removed prior to the adoption of this ordinance, the adjoining landowner or owners shall cause to be removed any remaining stumps from the ground.

15.51---In the event such owner or owners shall neglect or refuse to remove such stumps, the street commissioner shall notify in writing the owner or owners of the premises of such fact and order that the stumps be removed. The notice shall be served in person or by certified or registered mail. The notice shall specify that the stumps be removed within thirty (30) days. If the notice is not complied with within the time specified, the street commissioner shall report that fact forthwith to the city council. Thereafter the council may, after notice to the owner or owners and an opportunity to be heard, provide for removal of the stumps by the city. The notice

shall be served in the same manner as notice by the street commissioner is served and shall be given at least ten (10) days before the date started in the notice when the council will consider the matter.

15.52—As soon as the work has been completed and the cost determine, the city clerk or other official designated by the Council shall prepare a bill for the cost and mail it to the owner. Thereupon the amount shall be immediately due and payable at the office of the city clerk.

15.53—If following the billing from the city the costs are not paid, the clerk shall, or on before the following September 1st, list the total unpaid charges along with all other charges as well as other charges for current services to be assessed under M.S.A. Section 429.101 against each separate lot or parcel to which the charges are attributable. The Council may spread the charges against such property under that statute or other pertinent statutes for certification to the county auditor and collection along with current taxes the following year or in annual installments not exceeding 10, as the council may determine in each case. (1987 Ord. no. 291)

15.54—The operation of motorized golf carts shall hereafter be allowed on all streets located within the city limits of Springfield except those hereinafter restricted, by those persons securing a permit as hereinafter provided, according to the conditions of this ordinance.

15.55 Permits to operate a motorized golf cart may be issued to anyone who has a valid Minnesota Driver's License or to a non-licensed person who submits a certificate signed by a physician that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart. Such permits shall be issued by the Chief of Police upon application of any eligible person, providing such person furnishes evidence of: 1) insurance complying with the provisions of M.S.A. §65B.48 Subd. 5; 2) driver's license information or the required physicians statement; and 3) such other information as may be reasonably required by the Chief of Police. Such permits shall be granted for a period of one (1) year, and may be renewed annually. The City Council may revoke such permits at any time if there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart.

15.56 Operation of such motorized golf carts by persons granted a permit shall be allowed on all streets within the city limits of the City of Springfield except: State Highway 14; Cass Avenue from Highway 14 south to Central Street; and Central Street from Cass Avenue west to Range Road. The operator of the motorized golf cart may cross the above named streets at right angles at any intersection, but shall not otherwise operate the golf cart on such highway.

15.57 Motorized golf carts may only be operated by the permittee from sunrise to sunset, and shall not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions, or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

15.58 No person operating a motorized golf cart on a roadway in the City of Springfield shall have more than one (1) passenger on said golf cart, unless such golf cart is specifically designed to accommodate multiple passengers.

15.59 All motorized golf carts operated on the public streets shall display a slow moving vehicle emblem as provided in M.S.A. §169.522; and shall be equipped with a rear view mirror so located as to reflect to the operator a view of the roadway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle.

15.60 An organization transporting physically handicapped persons is allowed to operate a golf cart on the streets exempted in Section 15.56, except State Highway 14.

15.61 Any person operating a motorized golf cart under this ordinance shall have in their possession evidence of liability insurance complying with the provisions of M.S.A. §65B.48, Subd. 5. In the event a person operating said vehicle cannot obtain liability insurance in the private market, that person shall be allowed to purchase automobile insurance including no-fault coverage from the Minnesota Automobile Assigned Risk Plan at a rate to be determined by the commissioner of commerce.

15.62 Any person operating the motorized golf cart shall be subject to all rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other motor vehicle operated on the public streets, except when these provisions cannot reasonably be applied to a motorized golf cart and except as otherwise provided by M.S.A. §169.045, Subd. 7.
(Ord. 390, October 21, 2008)