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## ARTICLE I

### Model Traffic Code

#### Sec. 8-1-10. Adoption.

Pursuant to Parts 1 and 2 of Article 16 of Title 31 and Part 4 of Article 15 of Title 30, C.R.S., there is hereby adopted by reference Articles I and II, inclusive, of the 2003 edition of the *Model Traffic Code for Colorado*, promulgated and published as such by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Safety and Traffic Engineering Branch, 4201 East Arkansas Avenue, Denver, CO 80222. The subject matter of the *Model Traffic Code* relates primarily to comprehensive traffic control regulations for the Town. The purpose of this Article and the adopted *Model Traffic Code* is to provide a system of traffic regulations consistent with state law and generally conforming to similar regulations throughout the State and the nation. Three (3) copies of the adopted *Model Traffic Code* are now filed in the office of the Town Clerk and may be inspected during regular business hours. (Prior code 8-1; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

#### Sec. 8-1-20. Additions and modifications.

The adopted *Model Traffic Code* is subject to the following additions and modifications:

(1) Section 107 is amended to read as follows:

**"107. Obedience to police and fire department officials.** No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer, or member of the fire department at the scene of a fire, who is invested by the law or ordinance with authority to direct, control or regulate traffic."

(2) Section 614(2) shall be modified to replace the word "sing" with the word "sign."

(3) Section 615(3) shall be modified by inserting the word "apply" in the first line between the words "not" and "if."

(4) Section 1203 is added to read as follows:

**"1203. Parking for certain purposes prohibited.** No person shall park a vehicle upon a roadway for the principal purpose of:

"(1) Displaying such vehicle for sale;

"(2) Washing, greasing, painting or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency;

"(3) Displaying advertising."

(5) Section 1204(1) is amended by adding Paragraph (1):

"(1) Within an alley except during the necessary and expeditious loading and unloading of merchandise or freight. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within an alley in such position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property."

(6) Section 1204(2) is amended by adding Paragraph (g) to read as follows:

"(g) Within less than two (2) feet clearance from adjacent vehicles."

(Prior code 8-2; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

**Sec. 8-1-30. Application.**

This Article shall apply to all streets, alleys, highways, lanes and ways, whether public or private, within the corporate limits of the Town without exception. (Prior code 8-3; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

**Sec. 8-1-40. Interpretation.**

This Article shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to conform with the State's uniform system for the regulation of vehicles and traffic. Article and section headings of this Article and the adopted *Model Traffic Code* shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or extent of the provisions of any article or section thereof. (Prior code 8-4; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

**Sec. 8-1-50. Certification.**

The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Article and make not less than three (3) copies of the adopted *Model Traffic Code* available for inspection by the public during regular business hours. (Prior code 8-5; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

**Sec. 8-1-60. Penalties.**

The following penalties, herewith set forth in full, shall apply to this Article:

(1) It is unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions adopted in this Article.

(2) Every person convicted of a violation of any provision adopted in this Article shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and/or useful public service as is allowed by specific ordinance. (Prior code 8-6; Ord. 2006-1236 §1; Ord. 2010-1392 §6)

**Sec. 8-1-70. Speeding fines doubled.**

(a) Any fine imposed as a penalty for speeding shall be doubled if such speeding took place within a school zone or a construction zone. The total fine imposed shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) pursuant to Paragraph 8-1-60(2) above.

(b) The Town Manager is hereby authorized to oversee the development and placement of appropriate street signs and to oversee the development and adoption of such other rules and

regulations as may be deemed necessary to effectuate and carry out the intent of this Section. (Prior code 8-7; Ord. 2004-1193 §1; Ord. 2006-1236 §1; Ord. 2010-1392 §6)

**Sec. 8-1-80. Electric Personal Assisted Mobility Devices.**

(a) Defined. An *Electric Personal Assisted Mobility Device (EPAMD)* is defined as a self-balancing, two-nontandem-wheeled device, designed to transport only one (1) person, with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to twelve and one-half (12.5) miles per hour or less.

(b) Operation authorized. Except as otherwise provided by the terms of this Section, the operation of EPAMDs in the Town shall be exempt from the *Model Traffic Code*, as adopted by the Town, and such other Town ordinances that regulate motorized vehicles in the Town.

(c) Regulations. For the purposes of operation, parking and equipment, and subject to the additional regulations set forth in this Section, EPAMDs shall be considered bicycles and shall be subject to the provisions and regulations concerning bicycles contained in the *Model Traffic Code*, as adopted by the Town.

(d) Minimum age. Operation of EPAMDs shall be limited to persons sixteen (16) years of age or older.

(e) Operation on state highways prohibited. It shall be unlawful to operate EPAMDs on state highways other than for the purpose of crossing such highways.

(f) Operation on Poudre River Trail. Consistent with the rules and regulations of the Poudre River Trail, it shall be unlawful to operate EPAMDs on those portions of the Poudre River Trail located within the boundaries of the Town.

(g) Violations. Violations of this Section shall be punishable in accordance with the properly adopted penalty provisions as set forth in this Code. (Ord. 2006-1238)

**ARTICLE II**

**Parking Regulations**

**Sec. 8-2-10. Parking of boats, trailers or trucks upon the streets of the Town.**

(a) No boat, trailer coach, mobile home, motor home, trailer, semi-trailer, truck or truck-tractor, all as defined in the *Model Traffic Code*, or any part of any such vehicle, shall be parked or stored upon the streets of the Town, except:

(1) Trailer coaches or trucks not exceeding twenty-two (22) feet in overall length.

(2) Motor homes not exceeding twenty-two (22) feet in overall length. As used in this Section, *motor home* means a vehicle which is designed to provide temporary living quarters and which is built into, as an integral part of or a permanent attachment to, a motor vehicle, chassis or van.

(3) Trucks or truck-tractors currently licensed by the Colorado Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, which are on business or delivery calls not exceeding eight (8) hours in length.

(4) Moving vans or similar vehicles being used for loading or unloading personal household goods for a period not exceeding twenty-four (24) hours in length.

(5) Trailers, semi-trailers and trucks or truck-tractors being used expeditiously to provide services, including but not limited to construction activities, or for special events as authorized by the Police Department.

(6) Motor homes exceeding twenty-two (22) feet in overall length, boats, trailer coaches and trailers, when engaged in loading, unloading or related activities for a time period not exceeding twenty-four (24) hours, with a maximum of four (4) such twenty-four-hour periods in any calendar month.

(b) No boat, trailer coach, mobile home, motor home, trailer, semi-trailer, truck or truck-tractor, all as defined in the *Model Traffic Code*, shall be parked or stored upon any lot in the Town closer than the parameters established by Section 16-10-10 of this Code concerning visibility at intersections. In accordance therewith, the parking of such vehicle shall be prohibited at street intersections within a triangular area described as follows: "beginning at the point of intersection of the edges of the driving surface, then to points forty (40) feet along both intersecting edges and then along a transverse line connecting those points." (Prior code 8-21; Ord. 2006-1236 §1; Ord. 2006-1254)

**Sec. 8-2-20. Parking prohibited during certain hours.**

No person, except a person on emergency calls, shall park a vehicle upon Main Street between Third Street and Seventh Street in the Town between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. of any day. (Prior code 8-22; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

**Sec. 8-2-30. Parking prohibited at certain locations.**

(a) The parking of motor vehicles on the south side of Walnut Street in the specific locations described below shall be prohibited at all times:

(1) That portion of the south side of Walnut Street commencing three hundred sixty-four (364) feet north from the center of the intersection of Walnut Street and Cottonwood Drive and continuing thereafter for one hundred (100) linear feet.

(2) That portion of the south side of Walnut Street commencing two hundred ninety-two (292) feet west from the center of the intersection of Walnut Street and 10th Street and continuing thereafter for one hundred (100) linear feet.

(b) The parking of motor vehicles on the north side of Main Street across from the frontages of Lots 1 and 2 of the McCarthy Subdivision in the Town, also known as 700 and 710 Main Street, shall be prohibited at all times.

(c) The parking of motor vehicles on that portion of the east side of 7th Street, north of its intersection with Main Street to the first intersecting alley, shall be prohibited at all times.

(d) The parking of motor vehicles on Main Street between 9th Street and 13th Street in the Town shall be prohibited at all times.

(e) The parking of motor vehicles on 11th Street between Main Street and Sagewood Drive in the Town shall be prohibited at all times.

(f) The parking of motor vehicles on the north side of Main Street between 7th Street and 8th Street in the Town shall be prohibited at all times.

(g) The parking of motor vehicles on the east side of 8th Street extending two hundred twenty (220) feet north from Main Street in the Town shall be prohibited at all times except as specifically provided by this Section. Authorized Windsor-Severance Fire Protection District vehicles shall be excluded from this Subsection and may at any time be parked in the restricted area established by this Subsection.

(h) The parking of motor vehicles on the north and south sides of Garden Drive from the intersection of Kenosha Court east to the end of Garden Drive in the Town shall be prohibited at all times.

(i) The parking of motor vehicles in designated fire lanes within the corporate limits of the Town, without exception.

(j) The Director of Engineering is hereby authorized and instructed to erect appropriate signs and make appropriate street and curb markings to designate the restricted parking areas established hereby. (Prior code 8-24; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

**Sec. 8-2-40. Parking prohibited after snowfall accumulation.**

(a) Upon the occurrence of a snowfall resulting in accumulation of two (2) inches or more, parking shall be prohibited on 4th Street, 5th Street and 6th Street between Walnut and Ash Streets in the Town, except those portions of 6th Street lying north of Main Street. Any vehicle, except an emergency vehicle, found parked in the designated area shall be towed or otherwise removed from the area by the Town, without delay and at the owner's expense.

(b) In addition to the costs incurred for the towing or removal of the vehicle pursuant to this Section, the owner of any vehicle parked in violation of this Section shall be in violation of provisions of this Section and subject to the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court and the penalty provisions of this Code.

(c) The Town Manager is hereby authorized to oversee the development and placement of appropriate street signs to inform the public of the restrictions set forth in this Section and to oversee the development and adoption of such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to effectuate and carry out the intent of this Section. (Prior code 8-25; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

## ARTICLE III

### Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicles

#### Sec. 8-3-10. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

*Abandoned motor vehicle* means:

a. Any motor vehicle left unattended on private property for a period of twenty-four (24) hours or longer without the consent of the owner or lessee of such property or his or her legally authorized agent.

b. Any motor vehicle left unattended on public property for a period of twenty-four (24) hours or longer, unless the owner or driver has conspicuously affixed thereto a dated notice indicating his or her intention to return or has otherwise notified the appropriate law enforcement agency of his or her intention to remove the same within seventy-two (72) hours.

*Inoperable vehicle* means any automobile, truck or self-propelled vehicle incapable of moving under its own power or which lacks a valid state license plate or does not comply with the minimum safety requirements of state motor vehicle laws.

No motor vehicle shall be deemed abandoned or inoperable under this Section if said motor vehicle is stored in a fully enclosed garage or similar structure on private property. (Prior code 8-41; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

#### Sec. 8-3-20. Inoperable vehicles unlawful.

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or any person having control over any inoperable vehicle to allow such vehicle to remain within the limits of the Town, except in areas specifically zoned for the storage, maintenance or repair of such vehicles.

(b) Inoperable vehicles found in areas other than those specifically zoned as aforesaid may be towed and impounded in accordance with the provisions of state law and this Code. (Prior code 8-42; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

#### Sec. 8-3-30. Abandonment of motor vehicles unlawful.

It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon any motor vehicle upon public property or upon private property other than his or her own property. Abandoned vehicles may be towed and impounded in accordance with the provisions of state law and this Code. (Prior code 8-43; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

**Sec. 8-3-40. Storage and disposal of abandoned or inoperable vehicles.**

Vehicles removed from public or private property within the Town and placed in storage as provided in this Code shall be stored and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of state law and this Code. (Prior code 8-44; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

**Sec. 8-3-50. Notice and hearing concerning impounded vehicles.**

(a) Whenever a motor vehicle is impounded pursuant to this Code and state law, the Police Department shall notify the registered owner of record of the impoundment of such vehicle and of the owner's opportunity to request a hearing to determine the validity of the impoundment.

(b) Notice under this Section shall be sent by certified mail to the owner of the motor vehicle within forty-eight (48) hours of impoundment, excluding weekends and holidays, and shall set forth the following information:

(1) The address, telephone number and current hours of the Police Department.

(2) The location of storage of the motor vehicle.

(3) A description of the motor vehicle, including the make, model, license plate number, mileage and vehicle identification number, if available.

(4) A brief statement of the reason for which the motor vehicle was impounded.

(5) That the owner may request a hearing concerning the validity of the impoundment and that such hearing must be requested through the Police Department within ten (10) days after the date appearing on the notice.

(c) Hearings requested hereunder shall be conducted by the Municipal Judge and shall take place within seventy-two (72) hours after the receipt of a request for hearing, excluding weekends and holidays. The failure of the owner of a motor vehicle to request or to attend a scheduled hearing shall be conclusive of the validity of the impoundment and shall satisfy the hearing requirement of this Section.

(d) Hearings conducted hereunder shall be limited to the sole issue of the legality of the impoundment of the motor vehicle. The burden of proof shall be upon the Police Department to establish probable cause for the impoundment. The hearing shall be conducted in an informal manner and shall not be governed by technical rules of evidence. The Municipal Court may, in its discretion, adopt procedural rules for conducting such hearings.

(e) At the conclusion of the hearing, the Municipal Judge shall prepare a written decision and shall provide a copy thereof to the Police Department and the owner of the impounded vehicle. The decision of the Municipal Judge shall be final.

(f) In the event the Municipal Judge determines that the impoundment was invalid, the Town shall be responsible for the costs incurred in the towing and storage of the motor vehicle in question. (Prior code 8-45; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

## ARTICLE IV

### Truck Routes

#### Sec. 8-4-10. Definitions.

The following terms, as used in this Article, shall have the meaning hereinafter designated, unless the context specifically indicates otherwise or unless such meaning is excluded by express provision:

*Immediate area of operation* means a segment of a restricted route between successive intersecting streets, including any restricted route which provides the only practical access to that segment of the restricted route.

*Restricted route* means any street, highway, public way or portion thereof prohibited to the operation of through truck travel.

*Through truck travel* means operation of a truck without an origin or destination in the immediate area of operation. *Origin or destination* shall not include the residence of the owner, lessee or operator of the truck.

*Truck* means any motor vehicle, including tractor/semitrailer combinations but excluding privately owned recreational vehicles and publicly owned mass transportation motor vehicles, of or in excess of forty-five (45) feet in length inclusive of front and rear bumpers, or in excess of thirty thousand (30,000) pounds of empty weight.

*Truck route* means an street, highway, public way or portion thereof designated specifically for the operation of trucks. (Prior code 8-61; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

#### Sec. 8-4-20. Designation of routes, maps.

(a) The Town Board shall have the authority to designate those streets, highways, public ways or portion thereof upon which trucks shall operate. The Town Board shall likewise have the authority to restrict the operation of trucks upon streets, highways, public ways or portions thereof. Such designations and restrictions shall be made upon the recommendation of the Town Engineer and shall be based upon traffic engineering investigations and studies, environmental considerations and neighborhood characteristics of affected areas.

(b) The Town Engineer shall maintain in his or her office maps designating truck and restricted routes. Copies of such maps shall be made available to the public through the office of the Town Clerk. (Prior code 8-62; Ord. 2004-1193 §1; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

#### Sec. 8-4-30. Signs.

The Town Engineer shall post with appropriate signs all restricted routes. The Town Engineer may, in his or her discretion, also post designated truck routes with appropriate signs. (Prior code 8-63; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

**Sec. 8-4-40. Unlawful travel on restricted routes.**

Through truck travel shall be unlawful upon restricted routes. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or cause to be operated a truck, upon a restricted route, without an origin or destination in the immediate area of operation. (Prior code 8-64; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

**Sec. 8-4-50. Exclusive use of truck routes.**

Upon the designation of truck routes, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a truck or cause a truck to be operated on any other street, highway, public way or portion thereof. (Prior code 8-65; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

**Sec. 8-4-60. Evidence to justify travel required.**

Any person operating a truck upon a street, highway, public way or portion thereof that is not a truck route, or upon a restricted route, shall have in his or her possession a log book, delivery slip or other evidence of his or her point of origin and destination to justify the presence of the vehicle upon such route. Failure to produce such evidence upon the reasonable request of a police officer shall be unlawful. (Prior code 8-66; Ord. 2006-1236 §1)

**ARTICLE V**

**Motorized Utility Vehicles**

**Sec. 8-5-10. Motorized utility vehicle defined.**

*A motorized utility vehicle (MUV)* is defined as either:

(1) A four- or six-wheeled chassis and cargo bed powered by a 4-cycle gasoline or diesel motor; a drivetrain consisting of a continuously variable transmission; seating for a driver and one (1) passenger side-by-side; designed to travel at speeds not to exceed twenty (20) miles per hour; maintains a low center of gravity riding upon high-flotation tires; may be equipped with a trailer, cab enclosure, headlights, implements and similar attachments; and primarily designed for transporting loads, freight and maintenance equipment; or

(2) Any motorized equipment used for cutting grass, cutting weeds, maintaining landscaping and related purposes. (Ord. 2008-1324)

**Sec. 8-5-20. Operation of MUVs authorized.**

Except as otherwise provided by the terms of this Article, the operation of MUVs within the Town shall be prohibited. MUVs shall be operated within the Town only by the Town, the local school district, any local special districts, any local metropolitan districts and other private property owners with significant commercial property maintenance duties. MUVs shall be used only for the property maintenance-related functions of the Town, the local school district, any local special districts, any local metropolitan districts and other private property owners with significant commercial property maintenance duties. MUVs may be operated on any trail owned or operated by the Town or any duly-

constituted trail authority for the purpose of maintaining property owned or operated by the Town or any such trail authority. (Ord. 2006-1273 §2)

**Sec. 8-5-30. MUV parking and equipment regulations.**

MUVs shall not be parked on Town streets in violation of posted vehicle parking regulations, nor in any manner impede the safe passage of vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Except as may be necessary for the Town's maintenance of its property, no MUV shall be parked or left unattended on any sidewalk within the Town. (Ord. 2006-1273 §3)

**Sec. 8-5-40. Minimum age for operation of MUVs.**

The operation of MUVs shall be limited to persons sixteen (16) years of age or older, and such operators shall have a valid Colorado driver's license on his or her person at all times while operating an MUV within the Town. (Ord. 2006-1273 §4)

**Sec. 8-5-50. Operation of MUVs on state highways prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful to operate any MUV on any state highway, unless such MUV is equipped as required under Model Traffic Code Sections 204 through 231, inclusive. All MUVs operated upon any roadway within the Town shall at all times be equipped with the slow-moving vehicle emblem described in Model Traffic Code Section 234. All MUVs operated upon any roadway within the Town shall bear a visible insignia, label or decal indicating the owner's name. (Ord. 2006-1273 §5)

**Sec. 8-5-60. Violations.**

Violations of this Article shall be punishable in accordance with the properly adopted penalty provisions as set forth in this Code. (Ord. 2006-1273 §6)

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Golf Cars**

**Sec. 8-6-10. Golf car defined.**

A *golf car* is a self-propelled vehicle not designed primarily for operation on roadways and that has:

- (1) A design speed of less than twenty (20) miles per hour;
- (2) At least three (3) wheels in contact with the ground;
- (3) An empty weight of not more than one thousand three hundred (1,300) pounds; and
- (4) A carrying capacity of not more than four (4) persons. (Ord. 2009-1357 §1)

**Sec. 8-6-20. Operation of golf cars authorized.**

(a) Except as authorized and as provided by the terms of this Article, the operation of golf cars within the Town shall be unlawful.

(b) The operation of golf cars shall be permitted only pursuant to the following requirements:

(1) Permits for the operation of a golf car upon Town streets shall be issued only for particular neighborhoods and subdivisions, and only by resolution of the Town Board.

(2) Any person wishing to seek Town Board permission for operation of a golf car upon Town streets within a particular neighborhood or subdivision shall first obtain the written consent of the homeowners' association within the applicable neighborhood or subdivision or the written approval in the form of a signed petition from a majority of the residents within the applicable neighborhood or subdivision.

(3) Any person wishing to seek Town Board permission for operation of a golf car upon Town streets shall submit to the Police Department the written consent required under Paragraph (2) above, together with a legible map of the neighborhood or subdivision for which permission is sought pursuant to this Section. The Chief of Police shall, upon receipt of the required documentation under this Section, refer the permit request to the Town Board for consideration.

(4) The Town Board shall have the authority to deny a golf car permit application or revoke a permit previously issued if, in its sole discretion, it determines that the safety of the public cannot be assured.

(5) The Town Board may, in its sole discretion, attach such limitations and conditions as it deems fit to any permit issued under this Section to assure the safety of the public. (Ord. 2009-1357 §1)

**Sec. 8-6-30. Golf cars, restricted operations.**

Notwithstanding the issuance of any permit under Section 8-6-20 above, the following restrictions shall apply:

(1) No golf car shall be operated by any person under the age of sixteen (16) years.

(2) No golf car shall be operated by any person unless such person holds valid driving privileges pursuant to Title 42, C.R.S., or the equivalent under the law of any other jurisdiction within the United States.

(3) No golf car shall be operated upon any sidewalk, pedestrian trail or recreational facility within the Town, whether or not such trail or recreational facility is operated under authority of the Town, with the exception of golf courses and associated golf facilities.

(4) Golf cars shall not be operated upon or across any portion of Colorado State Highway 392 or Colorado State Highway 257.

(5) The operator of a golf car must obey all traffic and parking regulations otherwise applicable to motor vehicles.

(6) No golf car shall be operated between sunset and sunrise or at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of one thousand (1,000) feet ahead, unless such golf car is equipped and illuminated with head lamps, tail lamps, stop lamps and turn signals as required under Title 42, Article 4, Part 2, C.R.S.

(7) No golf car shall be operated in violation of any limitation or condition imposed by the Town Board pursuant to the authority provided under Paragraph 8-6-20(b)(5) above. (Ord. 2009-1357 §1)

**Sec. 8-6-40. Golf cars, operation within roadway.**

Golf cars shall be operated as close to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when approaching, overtaking or passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction or when approaching, overtaking or passing a pedestrian or bicyclist. (Ord. 2009-1357 §1)

**Sec. 8-6-50. Violations.**

Violations of this Article shall be punishable in accordance with the penalty provisions as set forth in this Code. (Ord. 2009-1357 §1)