

Chapter 430

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Middle Inlet as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Citations — See Ch. 14.

ARTICLE I

Parking on Municipal Property [Adopted 7-9-1996]

§ 430-1. Title.

This Article is titled the "Town of Middle Inlet Parking on Municipal Property Ordinance."

§ 430-2. Authority.

The Town Board of the Town of Middle Inlet has the specific authority, powers and duties pursuant to the specific statutory sections noted in this article and/or its adoption of village powers under § 60.10, Wis. Stats., to regulate and control the parking of vehicles on municipal property.

§ 430-3. Confirmation of powers and duties.

The Town Board of the Town of Middle Inlet has, by adoption of this article, confirmed the specific statutory authority, powers and duties noted in the specific sections of this article and has established, by these sections and this article, the regulations and controls governing the parking of vehicles on municipal property.

§ 430-4. Parking regulations.

The parking stipulations are as follows:

- A. There shall be no parking of vehicles carrying "for sale" signs.
- B. Twenty-four-hour parking will be by Chairperson approval. In lieu of the Chairperson, a Supervisor is to be contacted.
- C. Daily parking for commuting convenience will be allowed.

§ 430-5. Violations and penalties. [Amended 6-10-2004¹]

Violators shall be cited and subject to the penalty in Chapter 1, General Provisions, § 1-4.

ARTICLE II
Traffic Regulations
[Adopted 6-10-2004]

§ 430-6. Title.

This article is titled the "Town of Middle Inlet Traffic Ordinance."

§ 430-7. Authority.

The Town Board of the Town of Middle Inlet has the specific statutory authority, powers and duties, pursuant to the specific sections noted in this article and/or by its adoption of village powers under § 60.10, Wis. Stats., to regulate, control, prevent and enforce against in the Town of Middle Inlet certain uses, activities, businesses and operations by persons that may affect the traffic in the Town of Middle Inlet.

§ 430-8. Confirmation of powers and duties.

The Town Board of the Town of Middle Inlet has, by adoption of this article, confirmed the specific statutory authority, powers and duties noted in the specific sections of this article and has established, by these sections and this article, the regulations, controls and enforcement against certain uses, activities, businesses and operations by persons that may affect the traffic in the Town of Middle Inlet.

§ 430-9. State traffic laws adopted. ²

Except as specifically noted otherwise in this article, the statutory provisions in Chs. 340 to 348, inclusive, Ch. 350 and Ch. 941, Wis. Stats., describing and defining regulations with respect to vehicles, traffic and snowmobiles, for which the penalty is a forfeiture only, including penalties to be imposed and procedure for prosecution, are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference by the Town of Middle Inlet and made part of this article as if fully set forth herein. Any future amendments, modifications, revisions, additions or deletions of the above noted statutory chapters shall be incorporated herein and made part of this article in order to secure uniform state regulation of traffic on the public highways, roads, streets and alleys of the State of Wisconsin.

§ 430-10. Speed limits.

A. The provisions of §§ 346.57, 346.58 and 346.59, Wis. Stats., relating to the maximum and minimum speed of vehicles are hereby adopted as part of this section as if fully set forth herein.

1. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).

2. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).

B. The Town of Middle Inlet establishes, by this article, the following reduced speed zones which will be in effect upon the approval of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation:

- (1) All streets located within the residential area known as Sweetheart City to have reduced speed of 25 miles per hour.
- (2) Trellis Lane and Trellis Road designated as 25 miles per hour.
- (3) Cemetery Road between CTH "X" and Van Road designated as 35 miles per hour.
- (4) Elinor Driver designated as 25 miles per hour.³
- (5) Maple Beach Road between Wayside Road and Lake Noquebay designated as 35 miles per hour.
- (6) Rector Road designated as 25 miles per hour.⁴
- (7) Lake Road and Willow Road between Lake Road and Pines Road designated as 35 miles per hour.
- (8) Pines Road between Raven Road and Lake Noquebay designated as 35 miles per hour.⁵
- (9) Maple Beach Road between CTH "X" and Wayside Road, and Pines Road between CTH "X" and Raven Road designated as 45 miles per hour.

§ 430-11. Night parking during winter months restricted.

No automobiles, motor trucks, buses, motorcycles or other similar motor vehicles or trailers or semitrailers used in connection therewith shall be parked on, alongside or adjacent to any Town roads between the hours from 1:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. during the months of December, January, February and March so as not to interfere with the snow removal crew.

§ 430-12. Stopping or parking in certain areas restricted.

- A. No person shall stop, park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, in any of the following places:
- (1) Within an intersection.
 - (2) Alongside or opposite any highway excavation or obstruction when such stopping or parking would obstruct traffic or when pedestrian traffic would be required to travel in the roadway.
 - (3) On the roadway side of any parked vehicle unless double parking is clearly

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indicated by official traffic signs or markers.

- (4) Upon any portion of a highway where and at the time when stopping or parking is prohibited by official traffic signs indicating the prohibition of any stopping or parking.
 - (5) Upon any bridge.
 - (6) In any place or manner so as to obstruct or hinder traffic.
- B. No person shall park any vehicle for the primary purpose of displaying advertising on any highway.
- C. No person shall park or stop a vehicle on the left side of the highway, except on one-way highways.
- D. The Town of Middle Inlet establishes, by this article, the following areas marked by the Town of Middle Inlet traffic signs as "No Parking" areas in the Town of Middle Inlet:
- (1) No parking any time at Lake Mary boat landing within 50 feet of high watermark.
 - (2) No parking any time at Pines Road boat landing and Maple Beach boat landing (both located on Lake Noquebay) within 50 feet of high watermark.
 - (3) No parking at any boat landings in Town of Middle Inlet between 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.
- E. Handicap parking.
- (1) An automobile bearing special registration plates issued pursuant to § 341.14(1), Wis. Stats., to a person disabled by paraplegia or to a disabled war veteran is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking on any highway or parking lot; however this exemption is limited to the person to whom the special plates were issued and to qualified operators acting under his express direction with the disabled person present.
 - (2) These spaces shall be marked with handicap parking signs:
 - (a) Handicap parking only in the east and west parking spaces of the fishing pier located at the Boat Landing Lake Road, boat landing on Lake Noquebay.
 - (b) Handicap parking only in the designated parking spaces located on the south side and west side of the Town of Middle Inlet Town Hall.

§ 430-13. Weight limit for heavy traffic.

- A. It is the policy of the Town of Middle Inlet to require reduced weight limits on Town roads during certain time periods to prevent excess stress on pavement and to prolong the usable life of the road systems.

- B. Reduced weight restrictions would normally be imposed for any Town of Middle Inlet roads commencing approximately March 15 and remaining in effect until conditions warrant removal. The normal gross weight restriction is eight tons for a two-axle vehicle and 18 tons for a three- or more axle unit. However, adjustment of these limits due to weather or ground frost may be necessary. All roads subject to reduced weight limits will be signed and enforced. The media will be notified when restrictions are imposed and as restrictions are removed.
- C. Vehicles involved in the following designated activities are exempt from the reduced weight restrictions:
 - (1) Perishable food haulers.
 - (2) School buses.
 - (3) Waste haulers with a single rear axle.
 - (4) Emergency vehicles.
 - (5) Waste haulers from Town collection locations.
- D. Single-use emergency permits may be granted upon request to the Town Board of Middle Inlet. Such requests will be limited in scope, such as emergency fuel deliveries and emergency septic removal. Total weight limits and time of day restrictions may be imposed on these permits. Other restrictions may be specifically imposed due to road conditions.

§ 430-14. Erection of official traffic signs; designation of through traffic arteries and controlled intersections.

- A. The Town Board shall be responsible for the erection and maintenance of appropriate standard traffic signs, signals and markings conforming to the rules of the State Department of Transportation, giving such notice as required by state law. The Town of Middle Inlet establishes, by this article, the following areas under jurisdiction of the Town of Middle Inlet, and any other controlled intersection that was previously marked with a stop sign which was erected and maintained by the Town of Middle Inlet, as designated controlled intersections, said roads being controlled with stop signs:⁶

Intersection

Big Rock Road at Quarry Road
Birch Hill Lane at Boat Landing Road
Boat Landing Road at Wayside Road
Camp Five Lane at Camp Five Road
Camp Five Road North and South at Moonshine Hill Road
Central Avenue at Western Avenue
Creek Road at North Sweetheart City Road
Dropp Road at Cemetery Road

⁶. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).

Elinor Drive at Boat Landing Road
Kennedy Drive at Central Avenue
Kennedy Drive at Western Avenue
Lake Road at Willow Road
Ledvina Lane at Moonshine Hill Road
Lewis Road at Lake Road
Louisa Street at Townline Road
Maple Beach Road North and South at Elinor Drive
Maple Beach Road at Rueff Road
McMahon Road at Creek Road
Meyer Lane at Meyer Road
Meyer Road at Moonshine Hill Road
Moonshine Hill Road East and West at McMahon Road
Norway Pine Lane at Camp 5 Road
Raven Road East and West at Lake Road
Raven Road East and West at Pines Road
Rector Road at Lake Road
Retcof Lake Road at Townline Road
Rueff Road East and West at Creek Road
Rueff Road West at Maple Beach Road
Rueff Road at HWY XX
South Sweetheart City Road at Wayside Road
Thompson Lane at Thompson Road
Trellis Lane at Trellis Road
Trudgion Road East and West at HWY XX
Van Road at Cemetery Road
Wasko Lane at Wasko Road
Wasko Road at HWY XX
Wayside Road at Pleasant Road
Wayside Road East and West at Maple Beach Road
West Sweetheart City Road at North Sweetheart City Road
Willow Road at Pines Road
Wilson Lane at Townline Road

- B. All other roads under the jurisdiction of the Town of Middle Inlet not designated above are hereby designated as through arteries.

§ 430-15. Minibikes, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles.

- A. No person shall cause, allow or permit any person to operate or maintain a minibike, all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile in the Town of Middle Inlet:
- (1) At unreasonable speeds for conditions.
 - (2) In a careless way that endangers persons or property.
 - (3) While under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages.
 - (4) Without functional headlights and muffler.

- (5) Except on the property of the owner of the vehicle or on other property only with the owner's permission.
 - (6) On any Town roads except to drive directly across the road, at right angle, and then only after stopping and yielding the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the roadway, except that snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles may be operated under the above-stated conditions on the following roads that have been designated by the Town Board.
- B. All Town roads under the jurisdiction of the Town of Middle Inlet are hereby designated as all-terrain vehicle routes subject to the following limitations:
- (1) No person may operate an all-terrain vehicle on Town roads without a valid driver's license.
 - (2) No person may operate an all-terrain vehicle on Town roads during the hours between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise.
 - (3) The head lamps and tail lamps on all-terrain vehicles shall be lighted whenever the all-terrain vehicle is operated on any Town road.
 - (4) The speed limit for all-terrain vehicles operating on any Town roads is 25 miles per hour, and the all-terrain vehicle shall be operated only when riding single file on the extreme right side of the roadway.
 - (5) Left turns shall be made as safely as possible, only after making a complete stop on the extreme right side of the roadway.
 - (6) All-terrain vehicle operators shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
 - (7) All-terrain vehicle operation on these Town roads shall be in compliance with all other provisions of § 23.33, Wis. Stats.⁷
- C. All Town roads under the jurisdiction of the Town of Middle Inlet are hereby designated as snowmobile routes during the winter season subject to the following limitations:
- (1) Snowmobiles shall be operated on the extreme right side of the roadway.
 - (2) Left turns shall be made as safely as possible from any position depending on snow cover and other prevailing conditions.
 - (3) Snowmobiles shall make a complete stop before crossing any roads.
 - (4) Snowmobile operators shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
 - (5) All snowmobile operation on these Town roads shall be in compliance with all other provisions of Ch. 350, Wis. Stats.

⁷. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II).

- (6) The speed limit for snowmobiles operating on any Town roads is 25 miles per hour.

§ 430-16. Compression brakes.⁸

No person shall use compression brakes or operate a motor vehicle using brakes which are in any way activated or operated by the compression of the engine of any such motor vehicle or any unit or part thereof, unless such brakes are necessarily used in an emergency situation. The prohibition contained in this section shall not apply to fire, police, EMS and/or other emergency vehicles.

§ 430-17. Violations and penalties.⁹

Unless specifically stated in this article, all penalties for violations of any of the provisions of this article shall be uniform with the penalties assessed for the adopted state statute counterpart. If any section does not have a state statute counterpart, the violator shall be cited and subject to the penalty in Chapter 1, General Provisions, § 1-4.

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