

CHAPTER 7-1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

7-1-1 DEFINITIONS

“Motor Vehicle” shall mean an automobile, truck, motorcycle, or other self-propelled vehicle designed primarily to transport persons or property, or any other licensed vehicle, trailer, farm implement, All Terrain Vehicle “ATV” over public streets or highways.

7-1-2 SPEED LIMITS

No person or persons shall run, use or operate any motor vehicle upon the streets of said City at a rate greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic and use of the street, or so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person, nor in any event at a greater rate of speed than twenty five (25) miles per hour, unless otherwise posted.

7-1-3 VEHICLE BRAKES

No person shall use, run, or operate any motor vehicle upon the streets of the City of Howard unless such vehicle shall be provided with adequate brakes in good working order sufficient to control such vehicle at all times when the same is in use.

7-1-4 MOTOR VEHICLE LIGHTS, HORNS, MUFFLERS AND TURN SIGNALS

All motor vehicles operated upon the streets and roads within the City of Howard shall have proper lights, horns, and turn signals as required by Title 35 of the South Dakota Codified Laws.

7-1-5 EMERGENCY VEHICLES RIGHT OF WAY

Any ambulance, physician’s automobile, police car, fire truck, or those volunteer’s vehicle responding to a call shall have the right of way over any other vehicle upon any of the streets of the City.

Authority: SDCL 32-31-1

7-1-6 FIRE HYDRANTS; STOPPING; TRAFFIC

No person driving or operating any vehicle in the City shall stop the same or permit it to remain parked upon any of the streets of the City in such a way as to interfere with the traffic of said street nor within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the parking of vehicles at the curb or sidewalk line of said street in accordance with the parking rules as hereinafter stated, except those vehicles being operated pursuant to 4-1-5.

7-1-7 GENERAL TRAFFIC RULES

The use of Main Street in the City of Howard between Market Avenue and half of the block north of Farmers Avenue by wagons, trucks, motor vehicles, and all other vehicles, shall be subject to and governed by the following rules and regulations:

1. Keep to Right.
A vehicle shall keep to the right of the center of the street.
2. Parking.
Any person desiring to park his motor vehicle in said district shall turn said car to the curb at his right hand and park at an angle of 45 degrees and as near the curb or walk line as possible, and shall park his or her motor vehicle as per designated marking or signage. No motor vehicle shall be parked within ten (10) feet of any fire hydrant.
3. Loading or unloading.
No automobile or other vehicle, except an automobile parked as heretofore provided, shall be permitted to stand and remain at the curb on said street except when loading or unloading.
4. Stop or Yield Intersections.
The City Council shall, from time to time as it deems necessary, designate certain streets intersecting and crossing Main Street as "STOP OR YIELD CROSSINGS," and shall cause such intersections to be plainly marked by a painted sign with the words "STOP" or "YIELD" painted thereon placed at the point of stop on such streets, and every driver of a motor vehicle shall, when driving onto any street from such streets bring his automobile or motor vehicle to a full stop at the point designated by such STOP sign, and shall not drive into any street until traffic conditions thereon permit him to do so to do with perfect safety. This ordinance shall also apply to all electronic signal devices located within the city limits of Howard.

Authority: SDCL 9-31-1