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Section 50.01: MINNESOTA STATE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC CODE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. The City adopts and incorporates into this Ordinance by reference the Minnesota State Highway Traffic Code, Chapters 168, 169 and 171, as amended, as a traffic ordinance regulating the use of highways, streets, alleys and other lands within the City.

Subd. 1: Penalty. Any person violating any statute this Ordinance adopts by reference shall be guilty of an offense and shall be punished by the penalty the respective statute prescribes. In the event that a person commits an offense that constitutes a petty misdemeanor under the applicable statute, the offense may be charged through the administrative process if a fee has been established for such offense in Appendix A.

Subd. 2: Preservation of Rights. Except as provided in M.S.A. 169.89, Subd. 3, as amended, the repeal of any Ordinance or portion of it shall not affect or impair any act done or right vested or accrued, or proceedings, suit or prosecution had or commenced shall remain in full force and effect as if the Ordinance or part of it so repealed had remained in force.

Section 50.02: UNREASONABLE ACCELERATION AND BRAKING.

Subd. 1: Definitions.

- a) Unreasonable Acceleration. Means acceleration that is not the result of an emergency and is done in such a way
1. To cause squealing or screeching sounds, or throwing of sand or gravel, or the creation of smoke by the vehicle's tires, or
  2. On snow-packed or ice-covered surface to cause the vehicle's back tires to fishtail or slide sideways, resulting in the rear of the vehicle rotating 90 degrees or more from the vehicle's original direction of travel.
- b) Unreasonable Braking. Means braking, not in the course of an emergency, in such a way to cause a squealing or screeching sound of the vehicle's tires.

Subd. 2: Declared a Nuisance. Any unreasonable acceleration or unreasonable braking of any motor vehicle on any public highway, roadway, street, alley, sidewalk, public or private parking lot open to public use, or any other public right-of-way or public property within the City will be a nuisance and prohibited.

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Subd. 3: Penalty. Any person violating this Section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and/or a fee as established in Appendix A.

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