

SECTION 715
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

715.01 DAMAGING PROPERTY

Every person, firm or corporation who shall willfully or maliciously displace, remove, disfigure, injure or destroy any of the following shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 1 Highway or private way

A highway or private way laid out by authority of law, or a bridge upon such public or private way.

Subd. 2 Dams and streams

A pile or other material fixed in the ground designed for securing any bank or dam or any stream or other water.

Subd. 3 Markers

A tree, rock, post or other monument which has been erected or marked for the purpose of designating a point in any boundary or any mark or inscription thereon.

Subd. 4 Mileposts

A mile board, milestone or guide post erected by any highway, street, alley or road or any inscription thereon.

Subd. 5 Telephone and power lines

A line of telegraph or telephone or electric light, heat, or power or any part thereof or any appurtenance or apparatus connection with the working of any magnetic or electric telegraph or telephone or electric line.

Subd. 6 Utility pipes

A pipe or main for conducting gas, water, heat, or electricity or any works erected for supplying buildings with any such utility or any appurtenance or appendage connection therewith.

Subd. 7 Sewers

Any public sewer or drain or pipe or main connection therewith or forming a part thereof.

Subd. 8 Fences, signs and lights

Any fence, guidepost, signboard, awning, light pole, light or lantern in any street, park, square or public place in the city.

Subd. 9 Trees

Any wood or tree standing or growing, which on having been cut down is lying upon the lands of another.

Subd. 10 Soil

Any earth, soil or stone from any lot or land or from any lands included within the limits of any street, avenue, alley, park or public property.

Subd. 11 Crops

Any produce, crop or anything attached to the freehold of another.

Subd. 12 Shrubs

Any shrub, trees, flowers, vine or fruit being or growing within any orchard, garden, vineyard or upon any such ground or any building, framework or erection thereon, without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof.

Subd. 13 Gravestones and monuments

Any gravestone, monument, work of art, useful or ornamental improvement, shade tree, shrubbery, flowers or ornamental plant, whether upon private ground or upon a lot, street, sidewalk, cemetery or public park, or mar, deface, paint or stain any buildings or signboard or other property not his own or break, extinguish, destroy or remove any lamp or lamp post or any railing or post erected on a bridge, sidewalk, street, alley or highway.

715.02 OBSTRUCTING STREETS

No person, firm or corporation shall obstruct any public road, including right of way, street, alley, or driveway by leaving, placing, keeping or causing to be left, placed or kept any obstruction, including the engine or train of cars, for a longer period than 5 minutes, without special written permission from the City Council.

715.03 DAMAGING PROPERTY

No person shall in any manner, willfully damage any building or part thereof or throw any stone or any missile at, or break any window therein.

715.04 BARBED WIRE FENCE

No person, firm or corporation shall place any barbed wire or any sharp iron points on any railing or posts anywhere in the city of Tonka Bay without special permission in writing from the City Council.

715.05 BARRIERS AND GUARDS

It shall be the duty of every person who shall have charge of the construction of any excavation or obstruction adjacent to or under any sidewalk or street, during the progress of such work, to cause such excavation to be securely guarded by a fence with at least two strings of good six-inch boards nailed not less than eighteen inches apart to posts securely fixed in place. Such posts shall be not more than six feet apart and the top of the highest post shall be not less than four feet and a half from the surface of the sidewalk or street, and from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, such excavation or obstruction shall be illuminated with red lights sufficient in number and so placed as to show the full extent thereof. Any person violating any of the provisions of this subdivision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

715.06 REMOVING BARRICADES

No person, firm or corporation shall remove, throw down, run over or interfere with any barricade or barricades lawfully erected, placed to guard and protect any grading, paving, sidewalk construction or other work.

715.07 HAULING LOOSE MATERIAL

No person, firm or corporation shall haul or cause or permit to be hauled over the streets, alleys, or highways of this city, any loose material of any kind except in a vehicle having a tight box so constructed as to prevent the splashing, spilling, or distributing of any such substances therein.

715.08 HEDGE FENCES

No person, firm or corporation owning or controlling any property at any intersection of streets, alleys or public thoroughfares shall permit or allow any shrubs, hedges or fence bordering upon any street or sidewalk to grow to a height which obstructs the vision of persons driving a vehicle on any such street or thoroughfare.

715.09 POSTING BILLS

No person, firm or corporation shall place, put up or cause to be placed or put up any hand bill, advertisement, poster, show bill or other sign on any public or private property not his or without permission from the owner thereof or the City Administrator.

715.10 PENALTY

Subd. 1 Every person who shall commit or maintain a public nuisance for which no special punishment is prescribed or who shall willfully omit or refuse to perform any legal duty relating to the removal of such nuisance and every person who shall let or permit to be used any building or portion thereof, knowing it is intended to be in such a way as to constitute a public nuisance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2 Any person violating any of the provisions of this section for which a penalty is not specifically prescribed shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.