

**SECTION 950
MAXIMUM LOAD LIMITS AND
SEASONAL WEIGHT
RESTRICTIONS UPON PUBLIC
HIGHWAYS**

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950.1 PURPOSE

The City of Tonka Bay pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 169.87 has determined that the weight of motor vehicles to be operated upon certain streets or highways must be restricted to prevent serious damage or destruction of public streets or highways by reason of age, construction, deterioration, rain, snow and other climactic conditions.

950.2 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this section, the definitions contained in Minnesota Statutes, sections 169.011 and 169.822 are hereby adopted by reference.

950.3 APPLICATION

This section shall apply to streets or highways designated by ordinance by the City Council and located in the City of Tonka Bay except trunk or county state aid highways. The streets or highways designated by the City Council are:

- Woodpecker Ridge Road from Willow Woods Drive to the southerly terminus of Woodpecker Ridge Road.

950.4 AXLE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

No person, firm, or corporation shall own, operate, use or drive a vehicle, which has a weight on any single axle in excess of four tons on any street or highway within the City of Tonka Bay described in Section 950.03 above. Minnesota Statutes, section 169.85 is hereby adopted by reference.

950.5 SIGNS

The City of Tonka Bay shall erect and maintain signs plainly indicating the prohibition or restriction at each entrance to the portion of the streets or highways, subject to such restrictions

950.6 SEASONAL LOAD RESTRICTIONS

The Public Works Supervisor may further prohibit the operation of vehicles upon any street or highway subject to this ordinance and/or impose weight restrictions on vehicles to be operated on said street or highway, by reason of deterioration, the spring freeze/thaw cycle, or other climatic conditions, will be seriously damaged or destroyed.

950.7 EXEMPTIONS

The following vehicles are exempt from the terms of this Section:

- a. Emergency vehicles.
- b. School bus or buses transporting students and/or parents when the gross weight of a single axle of the bus does not exceed fourteen thousand (14,000) pounds.
- c. Recycling and garbage vehicle contracted by the City of Tonka Bay or contracted by businesses located in a C-1 or C-2 Zoning District, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance #1000 (Sections 1010 and 1011) used solely for transporting recycling and solid waste on the streets or highways of the City.
- d. Trucks and other vehicles owned and operated by the City or, in an emergency, public utilities or any contractor or material men while engaged in the repair, maintenance or construction of the public highways, public highway improvements or public highway utilities.

950.8 LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE

Any person violating this ordinance shall be liable for all damage to the street or highway and civil penalties as stated in Minnesota State Statute 169.871.

950.9 PENALTIES

Any person, firm or corporation who commits a violation of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each vehicle load carried in violation of this Section shall be a separate violation.