

ment districts to defray part or all of the costs of improvements benefiting a special district.

Subd. 2. The city council may establish districts under this act relating to improvements including, but not limited to, sidewalks, street lighting, parking lots, beautification, malls, parks, recreation, open space, flood plains, nuisance abatement, traffic signals, pedestrian shelters, bridges, and commercial and industrial improvement and development districts.

Subd. 3. A district may include several parcels or tracts of land but shall involve only one type of improvement, and one tract of land may be located in several special assessment districts.

Sec. 2. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 707—S.F.No.1654

An act relating to motor vehicles; permissible length; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.81, Subdivisions 2 and 3.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.81, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **MOTOR VEHICLES; MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF LENGTH.** ~~No vehicle unladen or with load shall exceed a length of 40 feet extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, except that~~ The governing body of any city or village is hereby authorized by ordinance to provide for the maximum length of any motor vehicle, or combination of motor vehicles, or the number of vehicles that may be fastened together, and which may be operated upon the streets or highways of such city; provided, that such ordinance shall not prescribe a length less than that permitted by state law. Any such motor vehicle operated in compliance with such ordinance on the streets or highways of such city shall not be deemed to be in violation of this chapter. A

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truck tractor and semitrailer shall be regarded as a combination of vehicles for the purpose of determining lawful length.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 169.81, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **LENGTH OF COMBINATIONS AND SEMITRAILERS AND TRAILERS.** ~~(a)~~ No combination of vehicles coupled together unladen or with load, including truck trailers and semitrailers, shall consist of more than two units and no such combination of vehicles shall exceed a total length of 55 feet, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the transportation of telegraph poles, telephone poles, electric light and power poles, piling, or pole length pulpwood, and subject to the following further exceptions: Said length limitations shall not apply to (1) vehicles when transporting pipe, or other objects by a public utility when required for emergency or repair of public service facilities or when operated under special permits as provided in this subdivision, but in respect to night transportation every such vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps and marker lamps on both sides and upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of such load; (2) house trailers or mobile homes when coupled with a motor vehicle but such combination shall not exceed 55 feet in length. Provided further that two vehicles in transit by the drive-away method in saddle mount combinations may be drawn but such combinations may not exceed 55 feet in length. The state, as to state trunk highways, and any city, village, borough or town, as to roads or streets located therein, may issue permits authorizing the transportation of combinations of vehicles exceeding the limitations herein contained over highways, roads or streets within their boundaries.

~~(b) No single semitrailer or trailer shall have an overall length, inclusive of rear bumper, in excess of 40 feet, provided any semitrailer or trailer especially constructed and used to transport livestock or any unenclosed semitrailer or trailer especially constructed and used to transport boats or motor vehicles may exceed the length limitation set forth in this paragraph by not more than five feet. Any single semitrailer or trailer registered in this state which exceeded the length limitations set forth in this paragraph as of April 1, 1967, shall be entitled to a permit authorizing its operation within this state provided application therefor is made within 120 days from April 22, 1967. The state, as to state trunk highways, and any city, village, borough, or town, as to roads or streets located therein may issue such permits for highways, roads or streets within their jurisdictions.~~

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