

## CHAPTER 160

## ROADS, GENERAL PROVISIONS

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**160.232 MOWING DITCHES OUTSIDE CITIES.**

Road authorities may not mow or till the right-of-way of a highway located outside of a home rule charter or statutory city except as allowed in this section and section 160.23.

(a) On any highway, the first eight feet away from the road surface, or shoulder if one exists, may be mowed at any time.

(b) An entire right-of-way may be mowed after July 31. From August 31 to the following July 31, the entire right-of-way may only be mowed if necessary for safety reasons, and may not be mowed to a height of less than 12 inches.

(c) A right-of-way may be mowed as necessary to maintain sight distance for safety and may be mowed at other times under rules of the commissioner, or by ordinance of a local road authority not conflicting with the rules of the commissioner.

(d) A right-of-way may be mowed, burned, or tilled to prepare the right-of-way for the establishment of permanent vegetative cover or for prairie vegetation management.

*History: 1989 c 179 s 1*

**160.27 PARTICULAR USES OF RIGHT-OF-WAY; MISDEMEANORS.**

*[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.1988]*

Subd. 5. **Misdemeanors.** Except for the actions of the road authorities, their agents, employees, contractors, and utilities in carrying out their duties imposed by law or contract, and except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful to:

- (1) Obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon;
- (2) Plow or perform any other detrimental operation within the road right-of-way except in the preparation of the land for planting permanent vegetative cover or as authorized under section 160.232;
- (3) Erect a fence on the right-of-way of a trunk highway, county state-aid highway, county highway or town road, except to erect a lane fence to the ends of a livestock pass;
- (4) Dig any holes in any highway; except to locate markers placed to identify sectional corner positions and private boundary corners;
- (5) Remove any earth, gravel or rock from any highway;
- (6) Obstruct any ditch draining any highway or drain any noisome materials into any ditch;
- (7) Place or maintain any building or structure within the limits of any highway;
- (8) Place or maintain any advertisement within the limits of any highway;
- (9) Paint, print, place, or affix any advertisement or any object within the limits of any highway;
- (10) Deface, mar, damage, or tamper with any structure, work, material, equipment, tools, signs, markers, signals, paving, guardrails, drains, or any other highway appurtenance on or along any highway;
- (11) Remove, injure, displace, or destroy right-of-way markers, or reference or witness monuments, or markers placed to preserve section or quarter section corners;
- (12) Improperly place or fail to place warning signs and detour signs as provided by law;

(13) Drive over, through, or around any barricade, fence, or obstruction erected for the purpose of preventing traffic from passing over a portion of a highway closed to public travel or to remove, deface, or damage any such barricade, fence, or obstruction.

Any violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor.

*[For text of subd 6, see M.S.1988]*

**History:** 1989 c 179 s 2

#### **160.292 INFORMATION SIGNS FOR RESORTS AND RECREATIONAL CAMPING AREAS; DEFINITIONS.**

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1988]*

Subd. 2. "Specific service sign" means a rectangular sign panel not greater than 1-1/2 feet by six feet displaying the name of a rural agricultural or tourist-oriented business, place of worship, motel, restaurant, resort, or recreational camping area and, where appropriate, the direction to and distance to the rural agricultural or tourist-oriented business, camping area, motel, restaurant, or resort.

*[For text of subds 3 to 9, see M.S.1988]*

Subd. 10. "Specific service" means restaurants, rural agricultural or tourist-oriented businesses, places of worship, and motels, resorts, or recreational camping areas that provide sleeping accommodations for the traveling public. "Tourist-oriented business" means a business, service, or activity that receives the major portion of its income or visitors during the normal business season from motorists not residing in the immediate area of the business or activity. "Tourist-oriented business" includes, but is not limited to: (1) a greenhouse or nursery, (2) a bait and tackle shop, (3) a marina, and (4) a gift or antique shop.

**History:** 1989 c 181 s 1,2

#### **160.293 INTENDED USE.**

*[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1988]*

Subd. 3. **Number of trunk highway intersections.** A specific service sign for a rural agricultural or tourist-oriented business, place of worship, restaurant, motel, resort, or recreational camping area is limited to one intersection on the trunk highway system.

*[For text of subds 4 to 6, see M.S.1988]*

**History:** 1989 c 181 s 3

#### **160.295 CRITERIA FOR SPECIFIC SERVICE SIGNS.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 4, see M.S.1988]*

Subd. 5. **Rural agricultural business or tourist-oriented business.** A rural agricultural or tourist-oriented business must be open a minimum of eight hours per day, six days per week, and 12 months per year. However, a seasonal business may qualify if it is open eight hours per day and six days per week during the normal seasonal period.

**History:** 1989 c 181 s 4