Prairie Island Indian Community

Traffic Ordinance[1]

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[1] Note of Adoption: The Community Council adopted this Traffic Ordinance on August 20, 2003, by Resolution Number 03-08-20-70. It reformatted the Ordinance on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 to increase the usability of this ordinance and of tribal law. By Resolution Number 25-12-10-261, the Community Council also updated included references to Minnesota Statutes, and added Notes of Amendment summarizing the legislative history of this Ordinance. The notes of amendment are for convenience only and should not be relied on as mandatory authority.

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Section 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Prairie Island Indian Community Traffic Ordinance.

Section 2. Statement of Purpose, Findings, and Authority.

a. Purpose. It is the policy of the Prairie Island Indian Community Council to protect the safety and welfare of persons within the Reservation and to ensure the maintenance of law and order on the Reservation by regulating motor-vehicle traffic and safety standards.

b. Findings. [reserved]

c. Authority. The Community Council enacts this Ordinance as an exercise of its inherent authority to govern its territory, and as an exercise of its powers under Article V, Section 1(i) and Section 1(j) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Prairie Island Indian Community in Minnesota.

Section 3. Definitions.[2]

a. Unless otherwise clearly indicated in this Ordinance, the terms used in this Ordinance have the meanings given them in Minn. Stat., Section 169.011, as that section may be amended from time to time.

b. If a term is not defined by the text of this Ordinance, or by Minn. Stat., Section 169.011, then the term must be given its ordinary and plain meaning.

c. "Community" means the Prairie Island Indian Community in the State of Minnesota, a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

d. "Community Council" means the constitutionally authorized governing body of the Community, also referred to as the "Tribal Council."

e. "Community Council Member" means a person who is currently serving as a duly elected member of the Community Council.

f. "Community Elder" means a Member who is 55 or more years old. An enrolled member or descendant of another tribal nation, whether or not federally recognized, is not a Community Elder.

g. "Community Member" or "Member" means an enrolled member of the Prairie Island Indian Community.

[2] Note of Amendment: The Community Council amended the Ordinance on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 to: standardize the definitions of Appellate Court, Community, Community Council, Community Member, Nonmember, Reservation, and Tribal Court; update the definition of and Road Authority and Recognized License; and add definitions of Community Council Member, Community Elder, Community Service Officer, Department, and Recognized Plate.

h. “Community Service Officer” means an unsworn, unarmed employee of the Department who assists Law Enforcement Officers with non-enforcement activities (e.g. traffic control, animal complaints, etc.), and may issue citations, but does not have the authority to stop or arrest a person.

i. “Department” means the Prairie Island Indian Community Police Department.

j. “Law Enforcement Officer” means any full or part-time law enforcement officer employed by the Prairie Island Community Council, including the Chief of Police, and “Peace Officers” as defined by Minn. Stat., Section 626.84, subd. 1(c), as that section may be amended from time to time, subject to the limitations contained in Section 6(b) of this Ordinance. It does not include security officers employed at Treasure Island or other business enterprises operated by the Prairie Island Community Council, or Community Services Officers.[3]

k. “Nonmember” means any person who is not an enrolled member of the Prairie Island Indian Community, whether or not that person is an enrolled member of any other Indian tribe.

l. “Prairie Island Indian Community Reservation” or “Reservation” means all lands and waters within the exterior boundaries of the Prairie Island Indian Reservation, notwithstanding the issuance of any patent, easement, or rights-of-way running through the Reservation, ceded lands, and such other lands without such boundaries as may be added by purchase, exchange, transfer, gift or grant, or which are under the jurisdiction of the Community.

m. “Recognized License” means a driver’s license issued by the State of Minnesota or by any other Indian tribe, state, or foreign country that has up-to-date identifying information, has been issued and is valid under the laws of the issuing jurisdiction for the class of vehicle being driven.

n. “Recognized Plate” means a license plate issued by the State of Minnesota or by any other Indian tribe, state, or foreign country that has up-to-date identifying information, has been issued and is valid under the laws of the issuing jurisdiction for the class of vehicle being driven.

o. “Recognized Registration” means a vehicle registration certificate issued by the State of Minnesota or by any other Indian tribe, state, or foreign country that has up-to-date identifying information, has been issued and is valid under the laws of the issuing jurisdiction for the class of vehicle being driven.

p. “Road Authority” means, when interpreting any Minnesota Statute incorporated by this Ordinance, the Prairie Island Community Council.

q. “Substantive Provisions” or “Provisions” refers to the rights or prohibitions of a particular statutory section, but not to the penalties imposed.

[3] Note of Amendment: The Community Council amended this Section on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 to delete inapplicable language.

r. "Tribal Court" means the Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Community Tribal Court, including its appellate court.

Section 4. Applicability.[4] This Ordinance applies to all persons and vehicles within the geographic territory of the Reservation.

Section 5. Penalties.[5]

a. Fine Schedule. A fine schedule, developed by the Community Council or its designee, must specify fixed monetary fines for each offense. The fine schedule must be posted on the website of the Tribal Court and may be amended from time to time.

b. Repeat Offenders. Unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance, the Tribal Court, at its discretion, may double the fine amount of any person who is convicted of a third offense under this Ordinance within any 12-month period.

c. Fine Payment. Any person who chooses to plead guilty to a violation of this Ordinance may pay the designated fine and forego a Court hearing. Fines must be made payable to the Tribal Court. No Law Enforcement Officer or Community Service Officer may accept payment of a fine under this Ordinance.

Section 6. Enforcement Authority.[6] The following Law Enforcement Officers are empowered and authorized to enforce this Ordinance:

a. The Department's Chief of Police;

b. Officers of the Department who have been delegated such authority, in writing, by the Department's Chief of Police, and upon such terms and conditions as they may establish; and

c. Peace Officers employed by a state or local law-enforcement agency, but only if:

1. A mutual aid and assistance agreement, cross-jurisdictional deputization, or similar cooperative agreement is in effect between the Prairie Island Community and that law-enforcement agency; and

2. That agreement specifies the terms and conditions under which the authority may be exercised.

Section 7. Citations.

a. Authority; Form.

1. Citations may be issued by Law Enforcement Officers for violations of this Ordinance. Citations must be in the form and have the effect of a summons and

[4] Note of Amendment: The Community Council added this Section on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 to clarify the applicability of the Ordinance.
[5] Note of Amendment: The Community Council amended this Section on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 for readability and to move the fine schedule to a centralized website
[6] Note of Amendment: The Community Council amended this Section on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 to reflect the existence of the Prairie Island Community Police Department.

complaint. The Prairie Island Community Chief of Police or their designee must develop a ticket form for citations that requires the following information:

A. The time, date, and nature of the violation;

B. The name of the person cited;

C. The name or identification of the complainant; and

D. Information on how to respond to the citation.

2. Citations issued to persons subject to this Ordinance using the ticket form regularly used by state, county, or municipal law enforcement officials for enforcement of the Minnesota traffic laws will be treated the same as citations issued using the tribal ticket form, but only if the foreign ticket forms includes the following information:

A. The time, date, and nature of the violation;

B. The name of the person cited;

C. The name or identification of the complainant;

D. Information on how to respond to the citation; and

E. An indication that the ticket is issued under this Ordinance.

b. Process.

1. Filing. The Law Enforcement or Community Service Officer issuing a citation under this ordinance must promptly file the citation with the Clerk of the Tribal Court.

2. Response.[7] The citation recipient has 30 days from the date the citation is filed to respond to the citation. Where a specific fine is established for a violation of this Ordinance, the citation recipient may:

1. Mark the citation with a plea of guilty and pay the associated fine; or

2. Mark the citation with a plea of not guilty and return it to the Tribal Court within the specified time, in which case a date for trial will be set. All trials will be before the judge without a jury. The complainant may be prosecuted by:

i. A prosecutor assigned by the Community Council; or

ii. The Law Enforcement or Community Service Officer who issued the citation, regardless of whether such person is an attorney or has been admitted to appear before the Tribal Court.

[7] Note of Amendment: The Community Council amended the Ordinance on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 to increase the response period from 20 to 30 days.

3. Failure to Respond. If a citation recipient does not respond to the citation within the specified response time, their failure to respond shall constitute a plea of guilty and a waiver of the right to trial, unless the citation recipient can show that their failure to respond was due to circumstances beyond their control.

4. Collection from Adult Members. If the Tribal Court orders an adult Member to pay a fine under this Ordinance, and the Member does not pay within 30 days of the Court's order, then the Tribal Court may order garnishment of the Member's per capita distributions for the full amount of the fine.

5. Collection from Minor Members. If the Tribal Court orders a minor Member to pay a fine under this Ordinance, and the Member does not pay within 30 days of the Court's order, but the Member's parent or legal guardian is an adult Member, then the Tribal Court may order garnishment of the parent or guardian's per capita distributions for the full amount of the fine.

c. Prohibition of Traffic Quotas. Neither the Prairie Island Community Chief of Police nor any cooperating law enforcement agency may order, mandate, require, or suggest to a Law Enforcement or Community Service Officer a quota for the issuance of citations for violations of this Ordinance on a daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly or any other periodic basis.

Section 8. Jurisdiction. The Tribal Court has jurisdiction to enforce this Ordinance and to assess the civil penalties imposed by this Ordinance.

Section 9. Civil Infractions.

a. Table of Regulations.[8] Law Enforcement and Community Service Officers may issue citations for violation of the following traffic regulations, subject to the linguistic substitutions described in subsection 9(b) of this ordinance:

[8] Note of Amendment: The Community Council amended the Ordinance on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 to compile infractions into a single comprehensive table and assign unique identifiers to each regulation that may be cited as a civil infraction. This amendment added the following Regulations: License Plate Required (Regulation 13300), Speed Violation – Designated Zones (Regulation 14102), Impeding Traffic and Minimum Speed (Regulation 14103), Reckless Driving (Regulation 14300), Open Package (Regulation 14401), Driving While Impaired (Regulation 14403), Elder Parking – Privilege (Regulation 17202), Community Council Parking – Privilege (Regulation 17203), Preferred Customer Parking – Privilege (Regulation 17204), Operation of Marked Vehicle (19300). It deleted incorporation of the following Minnesota statutes: Minn. Stat., Section 169.03 (animal-drawn vehicles), Minn. Stat., Section 169.05 (private roadways), Minn. Stat., Section 169.09, subd. 8 and 10-12 (requiring collision and coroner reporting to State), Minn. Stat., Section 169.16 (speed on bridges), Minn. Stat., Section 169.21, subd. 3-6 (pedestrian may not cross between intersections, pedestrian must use right half of crosswalk, pedestrian must walk on left side of roadway, driver's education curriculum), Minn. Stat., Section 169.435 (Minn. Dept. Public Safety duties re school buses), Minn. Stat., Section 169.445: (local cooperation with Minn. Dept Public Safety), Minn. Stat., Section 169.441 (school bus identification), Minn. Stat., Section 169.442 (school bus signal), Minn. Stat., Section 169.446: (driver's ed and peace officer training about bus rules), Minn. Stat., Section 169.4475: (using school buses for special event transport if they pay a special tax to state), Minn. Stat., Section 169.448 (other busses), Minn. Stat., Section 169.449 (school bus operation), Minn. Stat., Section 169.4501

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11000: Public Order	
11100	**Compliance with Lawful Orders.** A person may not willfully fail or refuse to comply with all lawful orders or directions of any Law Enforcement or Community Service Officer invested by law with authority to direct, control, or regulate traffic under this Ordinance.
11101	**Obstruction of Legal Process Or Law Enforcement Officer.** A person may not intentionally: a. Obstruct, hinder, or prevent the lawful execution of any legal process, civil or criminal, or apprehension of another on a charge or conviction of a criminal offense; or b. Obstruct, resist, or interfere with a Law Enforcement Officer while the Officer is engaged in the performance of official duties.
11200	**Stop For Collision – Injury or Death.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.09, subds. 1 and 5a, as those sections may be amended from time to time.
11201	**Stop For Collision – Attend Vehicle.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.09, subds. 2, 4, and 5a as those sections may be amended from time to time.
11202	**Collision – Give Information.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.09, subds. 3and 5a, as those sections may be amended from time to time.
11203	**Collision – Notice of Damaged Property.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.09, subds. 5and 5a, as those sections may be amended from time to time.

(school bus equipment standards), Minn. Stat., Section 169.4502 (additional school bus chassis standards), Minn. Stat., Section 169.4503 (additional school bus body standards), Minn. Stat., Section 169.4504 (additional standards for specially equipped bus), Minn. Stat., Section 169.451 (annual State Patrol inspection of bus), Minn. Stat., Section 169.4511 (operation of school bus after accident), Minn. Stat., Section 169.541, subd. 2 (POST Board standards), Minn. Stat., Section 169.4581 (criminal conduct on school bus), Minn. Stat., Section 169.4582 (reportable offense on school bus), Minn. Stat., Section 169.743 (bug deflectors), Minn. Stat., Section 169.36 (brakes to be set), Minn. Stat., Section 169.39 (coasting), Minn. Stat., Section 169.792 (revocation of license), Minn. Stat., Section 169.795 (telling the public safety commissioner to make rules), Minn. Stat., Section 169.796 (telling insurance companies to release info). It also deleted the regulation previously numbered Section 3.5 concerning rental or lease of a motor vehicle to a person who does not have a license. The Community Council amended this subsection on December 17, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-17-280, to correct technical errors.

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11204	**Collision – Notice of Personal Injury.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.09, subds. 6 and 5a, as those sections may be amended from time to time.
12000: Traffic Control Devices and Signs	
12100	**Compliance With Traffic Control Devices.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.06, subd. 4 through 8, as those sections may be amended from time to time.
12101	**Unauthorized Signs Prohibited.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.07, as those sections may be amended from time to time.
12102	**Unlawful to Possess, Deface, or Remove Signs.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.08, as those sections may be amended from time to time.
12200	**Unauthorized Mailbox Installations Prohibited.** The Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.072, as that section may be amended from time to time, are incorporated into this Ordinance.
12201	**Red lighting.** No person may place, maintain, or display any red light or red sign, signal, or lighting device, or maintain it in view of any roadway or any line of railroad in such a way as to interfere with the effectiveness or efficiency of any traffic control device or signal.
13000: License, Insurance, and Plates	
13100	**Recognized License Required.** Any person who operates a motor vehicle upon any street or highway must have a Recognized License, must always keep a Recognized License in their immediate possession while operating that motor vehicle, and must display a Recognized License upon demand of a Law Enforcement Officer.
13101	**Failure to Update License.** Any person who operates a motor vehicle upon any street or highway must update their Recognized License with their correct name and address within 30 days from the date of their name or address change.
13102	**Requirement to Provide Name.** Any person who operates a motor vehicle upon any street or highway must, if requested by any Law Enforcement

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	Officer, write their name in the presence of the Officer to determine the identity and existence of a Recognized License.
13103	**Driving With Expired License.** No person may operate a motor vehicle upon any street or highway with an expired license.
13104	**Driving After Suspension, Revocation, or Cancellation.** The Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 171.24, as that section may be amended from time to time, are incorporated into this Ordinance.
13105	**License and Identification Prohibitions.** No person may: a. Display as a valid Recognized License any canceled, revoked, or suspended driver's license, except for identification purposes; b. Display as a valid Recognized License any altered, fictitious, or counterfeit license; c. Display as a valid Recognized License or represent as one's own any license not issued to that person; d. When requested, give to any Law Enforcement Officer a fictitious name or date of birth or the name or date of birth of another person;
13106	**Counterfeiting Prohibited.** No person may create a counterfeit driver's license or identification card or alter any Recognized License.
13200	**Proof of Insurance.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.791, as that section may be amended from time to time.
13201	**Fictional or Altered Proof of Insurance.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.793, as that section may be amended from time to time.
13300	**License Plate Required.** No person may operate a motor vehicle upon any street or highway unless that vehicle clearly displays an unexpired forward-facing and backward-facing Recognized Plate.
14000: Speed Restrictions, Traffic and Driving Rules	
14100	**Speed Restriction; Unsafe Speed.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.14, subdivision 1, as that section may be amended from time to time.

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14101	**Speed Limits.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.14, subdivision 2 through 3 and subdivisions 7 through 12, as those sections may be amended from time to time.
14102	**Speed Violation – Designated Zones.** Any person who violates Regulation 14101 (Speed Limits) in a zone designated under Minn. Stat., Section 169.14, subd. 4, as that section may be amended from time to time, is subject to an enhanced penalty.
14103	**Impeding Traffic and Minimum Speed.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Sections 169.14, subd. 8, and 169.15, as those sections may be amended from time to time.
14110	**Emergency Vehicles; Warning Required.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.17, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14200	**Emergency Vehicles; Warning Required.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.17, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14201	**Implements of Husbandry.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.801, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14202	**Disregard of Barricade**. No person may 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.
14203	**Passing and Lane Violations.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.18, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14204	**Turning, Starting, and Signaling.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.19, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14205	**Right-of-Way.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.20, as that section may be amended from time to time.

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14206	**Yield Sign.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.201, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14207	**Hitchhiking; Solicitation of Business.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.22, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14208	**Designation of Through Highways.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.30, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14209	**Controlled Access Rules and Penalties.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.305 subd. 1 and subd. 2, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14210	**Stop at Sidewalks.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.31, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14211	**Opening and Closing Vehicle Doors.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.315, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14300	**Reckless Driving.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.13, subd. 1, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14301	**Careless Driving.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.13, subd. 2, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14302	**Pressurized Flammable Gas; Sign Required.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.762 subds. 1 and 2, as those sections may be amended from time to time.
14400	**Open Bottle.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169A.35, as that section may be amended from time to time.

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14401	**Open Package.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169A.36, as that section may be amended from time to time.
14402	**Underage Drinking & Driving.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169A.33, subd. 1 through 5, as those subsections may be amended from time to time.
14403	**Driving While Impaired.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169A.20, subd. 1(1) through subd. 1(4), and subd. 1(8), as those subsections may be amended from time to time.
14500	**Driver's Duties; Pedestrians.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.21, subd. 2., as that section may be amended from time to time. A second violation of this Infraction within one year of a previous conviction for violating the same Infraction is chargeable as a Repeat Offense under Section 5(b) (Repeat Offenders) of this Ordinance.
14501	**Driver's Duties; School Buses.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Sections 169.444, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15000: Equipment	
15100	**Unsafe Vehicles.** No vehicle owner or operator may cause or knowingly permit to be driven on any road within the Reservation any vehicle or combination of vehicles in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person.
15101	**Hitching Behind Vehicles.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.46, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15102	**Unsafe Equipment.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.47, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15200	**Television; Headphones.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.471, as that section may be amended from time to time.

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15201	**Use of Wireless Communications Device.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.475, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15300	**Vehicle Lighting.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.48, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15301	**Headlamps, Rear Lamps, Signals, and Other Lights.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.49 – 169.53 and Minn. Stat., Section 169.55 – 169.64, as those sections may be amended from time to time.
15302	**Slow-Moving Vehicle; Sign Required.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.522, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15303	**Flares, Flags, and Reflectors.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section169.75, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15400	**Horn, Siren.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.68, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15500	**Mufflers.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.69, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15501	**Motor Vehicle Noise Limits.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.693, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15600	**Rear View Mirrors.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.70, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15601	**Windshields.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section169.71, as that section may be amended from time to time.

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15602	**Safety Glass.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.74, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15700	**Surface of Tires; Metal Studs.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.72, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15701	**Unsafe Tires.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.721 and 169.723, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15702	**Prohibition; Operating Automobile with Unsafe Tires.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.724, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15800	**Seat Belts & Child Restraint Systems – Installation.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.685, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15801	**Seat Belts & Child Restraint Systems – Use Required.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Section 169.686, subds. 1 and 2, as those sections may be amended from time to time.
15900	**Brakes.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 167.67, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15901	**Bumpers, Safeguards.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.73, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15902	**Wheel Flaps on Trucks and Trailers.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.733, as that section may be amended from time to time.
15903	**Automobile Fenders.** All drivers, owners, and vehicles must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.734, as that section may be amended from time to time.

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15904	**Swinging Gate on Truck.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.43, as that section may be amended from time to time.
16000: Pedestrians and Passengers	
16100	**Traffic-Control Signals.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.21, subd. 1, as that section may be amended from time to time.
16200	**Obstructing View of Driver.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.37, as that section may be amended from time to time.
17000: Parking	
17100	**Stopping, Standing, and Parking on Highway.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.32, as that section may be amended from time to time.
17101	**Stopping and Parking Prohibitions.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.34, as that section may be amended from time to time, and as modified by the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.342, as that section may be amended from time to time.
17102	**Parking Angle.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat, Section 169.35, as that section may be amended from time to time.
17200	**Physical-Disability Parking - Space Designation.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.346, subdivisions 2(a) and 2(b), as those sections may be amended from time to time.

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17201	**Physical-Disability Parking –Privilege.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.345, subdivision 1, and Minn. Stat., Section 169.346, subdivisions 1 and 1a, as those section may be amended from time to time. A person parked in a parking space for physically disabled persons without the required certificate, license plate, or temporary permit must not be convicted if that person produces in court, or before the court appearance, the required certificate, license plate, or temporary permit, or evidence that the required certificate, license plate or temporary permit has been issued.
17202	**Community Elder Parking - Privilege.** No person may park a vehicle in a parking space designated as an Elder Parking Space under Section 13 unless that vehicle prominently displays the pass authorized by Section 13(a)(1)(A) of this Ordinance (Elder Parking Pass) and that vehicle was parked by or solely for the benefit of a Community Elder.
17203	**Community Council Parking – Privilege.** No person may park a vehicle in a parking space designated as a Council Parking Space under Section 13 unless that vehicle prominently displays the pass authorized by Section 13(a)(1)(B) of this Ordinance (Council Parking Pass) and that vehicle was parked by or solely for the benefit of a Community Council Member.
17204	**Preferred Customer Parking – Privilege.** No person may park a vehicle in a parking space designated as a Preferred Customer Parking Space under Section 13 unless that vehicle prominently displays the pass authorized by Section 13(a)(1)(C) of this Ordinance (Preferred Customer Parking Pass) and that vehicle was parked by or solely for the benefit of the customer who received the pass.
19000: Miscellaneous	
19100	**Safety of School Children; Bus Driver's Duties.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Sections 169.443, as that section may be amended from time to time.
19101	**School Bus and Head Start Bus Safety.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Sections 169.447, as that section may be amended from time to time.
19102	**Type III Vehicle Fire Extinguisher Standards.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Sections 169.454, as that section may be amended from time to time.

Regulation	Description
19200	**Fire Truck; Fire Scene; Fire Stations.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.40, as that section may be amended from time to time
19201	**Crossing Fire Hose.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.41, as that section may be amended from time to time.
19300	**Operation of Marked Vehicle**. A motor vehicle of the Department marked under Section 10(b)(1) of this Ordinance may only be operated by a Law Enforcement Officer or Community Service Officer or by a person who is moving the vehicle for storage or maintenance at the direction of a Law Enforcement Officer or Community Service Officer.
19400	**Littering.** All persons must comply with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.42, as that section may be amended from time to time.

b. Language Substitutions.[9] Where this Ordinance incorporates any Minnesota Statute, the incorporation must be read with the following substitutions:

1. Relevant Sovereign.

A. Where a Minnesota Statute says "state," substitute "Prairie Island Indian Community;"

B. Where a Minnesota Statute says "local authority," or "local authority authorized by this section," substitute "Prairie Island Indian Community;"

C. Where a Minnesota Statute says "peace officer," substitute "Law Enforcement Officer;"

D. Where a Minnesota Statute says "police officer," substitute "Law Enforcement Officer;"

E. Where a Minnesota Statute says "political subdivision," substitute Prairie Island Indian Community;" and

F. Where a Minnesota Statute uses any other language that suggests that the Ordinance is enforceable by any jurisdiction other than the Community, the

[9] Note of Amendment: The Community Council amended the Ordinance on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 to clarify linguistic substitutions that confirm that Prairie Island Indian Community is the relevant sovereign under the Ordinance, and that all enforcement under this Ordinance is an exercise of the Community's civil jurisdiction.

incorporated language must be read as though the relevant sovereign is the Prairie Island Indian Community.

2. Civil Jurisdiction.

   A. Where a Minnesota Statute says "crime," substitute "civil infraction;"

   B. Where a Minnesota Statute is substituted for "criminal," the phrase "civil" is substituted for "criminal,"

   C. Where a Minnesota Statute says "misdemeanor" or "petty misdemeanor," substitute "civil infraction;" and

   D. Where a Minnesota Statute uses any other language that suggests the exercise of criminal jurisdiction, the incorporated language must be read as an exercise of civil jurisdiction.

Section 10. Additional Specialized Traffic Rules.[10]

a. Motor Carriers. Any vehicle, driver, or carrier that is subject to the motor-carrier-safety regulations incorporated in Minn. Stat., Section 221.0314 or 221.605, as those sections may be amended from time to time, must comply with the more stringent or additional requirement imposed by the Substantive Provisions of the motor carrier safety regulation.

b. Law Enforcement Vehicles.

   1. Vehicle Color and Marking. Law Enforcement vehicles must conform with the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.98, subdivisions 1, as that section may be amended from time to time, and vehicles of the Department will be treated as a motor vehicle of a municipal police department for the purposes of that section.

   2. Lighting Exemption for Law Enforcement. Regulation 15300 (Vehicle Lighting) does not apply to a Law Enforcement Officer operating a motor vehicle of the Department in the performance of that officer's law enforcement duties if:

      A. The officer's conduct is reasonable and is consistent with current professional standards applicable to that Law Enforcement Officer; and

      B. The officer reasonably believes that operating the vehicle without lights is necessary under the circumstances to investigate a criminal violation or suspected criminal violation of state laws, rules, or orders or local laws, ordinances, or regulations.

[10] Note of Amendment: The Community Council amended the Ordinance on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 to centralize those regulations that apply to specific situations and vehicles instead of to all persons within the Reservation.

c. Security Officer Vehicles. All vehicles operated by a security officer in the course of their employment duties must be clearly marked as Security Vehicles.

d. Emergency Vehicles. The driver of any authorized emergency vehicle must comply with all Sections of this Ordinance, except in those situations described in enumerated in Minn. Stat., Section 169.03, subdivisions 2 through 5, as those sections may be amended from time to time.

e. Vehicle Impoundment; Redemption.[11] The Department must follow Minn. Stat., Section 169A.042, as that section may be amended from time to time.

Section 11. License Exemptions and Opportunity to Cure.

a. Exemptions. The following persons are exempt from the requirements of Regulation 13100 (License Requirement and Possession):

1. A person in the employ of the United States federal government while driving or operating a motor vehicle owned by or leased to the United States federal government; and

2. Any person while driving or operating any farm tractor or implement of husbandry temporarily operated or moved on a highway. For purposes of this exemption, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and off-road vehicles, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, are not farm tractors or implements of husbandry.

b. Ability to Cure. No person may be convicted for a violation of Regulation 13100 (License Requirement and Possession) if:

1. The cited person produces in Court or in the office of the arresting officer a Recognized License previously issued to that person for the class of vehicle being driven, and the Recognized License was valid at the time of citation; or

2. The cited person offers other satisfactory proof that, at the time of citation, the person was validly licensed for the class of vehicle being driven.

Section 12. Towing and Moving Vehicles.

a. Towing.

1. Towing Authority. The Prairie Island Community Council is a "towing authority" as that term is used in Minn. Stat., Section 168B.035, subd. 1., as that section may be amended from time to time.

2. Towing Authorized. The Community Council, or its authorized agent, has the authority to tow any vehicle within the Reservation boundaries in the manner provided by Minn. Stat., Section 168B.035, subd. 2 through 4, and Section

[11] Note of Amendment: The Community Council amended the Ordinance on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 to add this subsection.

169.042, as those sections may be amended from time to time. For purpose of this section, "public property" includes, but is not limited to:

A. Land held in trust for the benefit of the Prairie Island Indian Community;

B. A Community Homesite Assignment made under the Prairie Island Indian Community Homesite Assignment Ordinance; and

C. Land held in fee by the Prairie Island Indian Community.[12]

b. Law Enforcement May Move Cars. When any Law Enforcement Officer finds a vehicle in violation of Regulation 17100 (Stopping, Standing, and Parking), the Officer may follow the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.33, as those sections may be amended from time to time**.**

Section 13. Designated Parking.[13]

a. Parking Passes.

1. To use a specialty parking space, the owner of the vehicle must display one of the following passes in the corresponding parking space:

A. Elder Parking Pass. A pass issued by the Chief of Police or their designee to Community Elders;

B. Council Parking Pass. A pass issued by the Chief of Police or their designee to a Community Council Member;

C. Preferred Customer Parking. A pass issued by an enterprise of the Community to a customer at its discretion; or

D. Disability Parking Pass. A pass issued by the State of Minnesota under the Substantive Provisions of Minn. Stat., Section 169.345, subdivision 1, and Minn. Stat., Section 169.346, subdivisions 1 and 1a, as those sections may be amended from time to time.

b. Space Designation. To reserve a specialty parking space other than in accordance with Minn. Stat., Section 169.346 (Disability Parking Areas; Criteria, Enforcement) the tribal governmental unit or enterprise responsible for the parking lot must clearly designate on the space or a sign clearly applicable to the space:

1. The type of pass that must be displayed to park in the space (e.g. Community Elder, Tribal Council, Handicap, Preferred Customer, etc.); and

2. This statement: Violators may be fined or towed at the owner's expense.

[12] Note of Amendment: The Community Council amended the Ordinance on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 to clarify the regulation's applicability to all tribal lands.
[13] Note of Amendment: The Community Council amended the Ordinance on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 to add this Section.

c. Enforcement.

1. If a person violates Regulation 17201, 17202, 17203, or 17204, the Chief of Police or their designee may, at their option and on a case-by-case basis, issue a citation to the violator or tow the offending vehicle.

2. Regardless of how a violation is enforced, a second violation of Regulation 17201-17204 within one year of a previous conviction for violating the same Infraction is chargeable as a Repeat Offense under Section 5(b) (Repeat Offenders) of this Ordinance.

Section 14. Records.

a. The Tribal Court shall keep a full record of every case in which a person is convicted of a violation of any part of this Ordinance and shall make that record, or an abstract thereof, available to the Department of Public Safety of the State of Minnesota upon request.

b. No record of the conviction of any person under this Ordinance shall be admissible as evidence in any court in any civil action, nor shall such record impair the credibility of such persons as a witness in any legal proceeding, except that the Tribal Court may consider the existence of a previous conviction or convictions to determine whether a person is a "Repeat Offender" under Section 5(b) of this Ordinance.[14]

Section 15. Miscellaneous Provisions.

a. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstance is not affected.

b. [reserved]

[14] Note of Amendment: The Community Council amended the Ordinance on December 10, 2025, by Resolution Number 25-12-10-261 to clarify that records of conviction are allowable evidence of whether a person is a repeat offender.