

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**HELENA TOWNSHIP  
SCOTT COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**Adoption of Ordinance No. 05212025A**

**ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING ON TOWNSHIP ROADS**

The Board of Supervisors for the Town of Helena, Scott County, Minnesota, now hereby ordains that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2025, the Helena Township Board of Supervisors adopted the above Ordinance. Due to the lengthy content, a brief Summary follows:

- Section 1. Definitions – Clarifies language used in the Ordinance
- Section 2. General Prohibition on Parking – Identifies locations where parking is prohibited, except in emergency situations
- Section 3. Commercial Vehicle Parking Prohibited – Regulates parking of commercial vehicles on any public street, avenue, alley or other public way
- Section 4. Snow Removal – Describes when vehicles must be removed from public streets, avenues, alleys or other public ways based on snow fall. Absolves the Town from liability due to any damages caused by contracted snow removal operators. Places responsibility on the owners for removal of vehicles from public streets, avenues, alleys or other public ways for failure to remove vehicles as required by this Ordinance
- Section 5. Penalty for Violation – Consequences for violation(s) of this Ordinance
- Section 6. Severability – Validity of the Ordinance should a provision be declared invalid
- Section 7. Effective Date – Effective date of Ordinance

The “Ordinance Regulating Parking on Township Roads” shall take effect and be in full force immediately following its adoption and upon publication. A copy of the Ordinance can be viewed by contacting Heather M. Taylor DuCharme, Town Clerk, at 651-627-4555.

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The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Helena, Scott County, hereby ordains:

**Section 1. Definitions.**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meaning given:

- a. Commercial Vehicle: a self-propelled motor vehicle not operated on rails, having a capacity of one and one-half tons or more, or any tractor or trailer or combination thereof used for commercial purposes.
- b. Park: for purposes of this Section the term "Park" includes the terms stand, standing, stop and stopping.
- c. Person: any individual, individuals, firm, association, syndicate, co-partnership, corporation, trust or other association of persons.
- d. Town: the Helena Township in Minnesota.
- e. Vehicle: a self-propelled motor vehicle not operated on rails, including, but not limited to Commercial Vehicles.

**Section 2. General Prohibition on Parking.**

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within the Town on any public road or alley for a continuous period of time except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

- a. On any shoulder, right-of-way of any road or road in excess of 12 hours provided, however, that no vehicle may be parked or remain parked on any road between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. except where such parking is required in response to a police, fire or medical emergency;
- b. On a sidewalk;
- c. In front of a public or private driveway;
- d. Within an intersection;
- e. Within ten feet of a fire hydrant;
- f. On a crosswalk
- g. Within twenty feet of a crosswalk at an intersection;
- h. Within thirty feet upon the approach to any traffic beacon, stop sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of the roadway;

- i. Between a safety zone and adjacent curb or within thirty feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone unless a different length is indicated by signs or markings;
- j. Within fifty feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
- k. Along side or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
- l. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curve of a street;
- m. At any place where official traffic-control device prohibits stopping.

### **Section 3. Commercial Vehicle Parking Prohibited.**

A commercial vehicle may not be parked or stored on any public street, avenue, alley, or other public way for a period more than necessary for loading or unloading in the due course of business but in no event for a period of longer than 30 minutes unless such truck is directly ancillary to ongoing building construction.

### **Section 4. Snow Removal.**

No person shall park any vehicle or other object on public street, avenue, alley or other public way at anytime after three inches or more of snow has accumulated on any public street, avenue, alley or other public way, whether the accumulation is due to new fallen snow or the drifting or blowing of snow from previous snowfalls. It shall be unlawful to parking any vehicle, car, truck, van, bus, trailer, camper (whether motorized or not), wagon, motorcycle, commercial vehicle, bicycle, snowmobile or other object or piece of equipment on any public street, avenue, alley or public way until public snow removal activities have been completed on that public street, avenue, alley or public way.

**Subsection a. Forced Removal.** If the Town Board determines that a vehicle, car, truck, van, bus, trailer, camper (whether motorized or not), wagon, motorcycle, commercial vehicle, bicycle, snowmobile or other object or piece of equipment left in a road right-of-way poses an unreasonable risk to public safety or significantly interferes with snowplowing operation, the Town Board will have the item removed from the right-of-way at the owner's expense.

**Subsection b. Damage.** The Town shall not be responsible for any damage or injuries caused by independent contractors performing snow or ice control operations for the Town.

### **Section 5. Penalty for Violation.**

Any person(s) violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor as defined by Minnesota Statute § 609.02, Subd. 4A as from time to time amended and shall be fined in the amount of \$100 plus the cost of prosecution. Each day a violation shall occur shall constitute a separate violation.

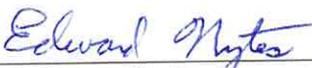
**Section 6. Severability.**

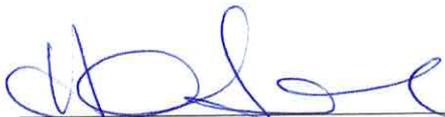
If any portion of this Ordinance shall be found unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of proper jurisdiction, all remaining provisions shall remain in effect and shall not be affected by the ruling on the invalid section.

**Section 7. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective and enforceable on the day following publication.

Adopted by the Town Board of Helena Township this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2025.

  
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Ed Nytes, Chairperson

  
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Heather M. Taylor DuCharme, Clerk