

**CHAPTER 10-40
CHICAGO HARBOR**

Article I. Harbor Jurisdiction

- 10-40-010 Definition.**
- 10-40-020 Vessels, craft and floats defined.**
- 10-40-030 Motorboat defined.**
- 10-40-040 Power under harbor improvement act.**
- 10-40-050 Harbor district No. 1.**
- 10-40-060 Harbor district No. 2.**
- 10-40-070 Harbor district No. 3.**
- 10-40-080 Harbor district No. 4.**

Article II. Navigation of the Harbor

- 10-40-090 Control of vessels in harbor.**
- 10-40-091 Insurance requirements.**
- 10-40-100 Obstruction of harbor by vessels.**
- 10-40-110 Obstruction of harbor by piles or stones.**
- 10-40-120 Securing and removal of vessels.**
- 10-40-130 Sunken or abandoned vessels.**
- 10-40-131 Assistance to disabled vessels - Fees.**
- 10-40-140 Raft of logs or lumber in harbor.**
- 10-40-150 Tugs for vessels.**
- 10-40-160 Towing - Permits.**
- 10-40-170 Towing - Procedures.**
- 10-40-180 Interference with dredging machine.**
- 10-40-190 Assistance for fouled vessel.**
- 10-40-200 Anchor dragging.**
- 10-40-210 Moving vessel before bridge opening.**
- 10-40-220 Names on boats.**
- 10-40-230 Working vessel engines.**
- 10-40-240 Smoking prohibited on waterfront.**
- 10-40-250 Boat whistles.**
- 10-40-260 Operation restrictions.**
- 10-40-261 Restrictions on wake of vessels.**

- 10-40-270 Interference with buoys.**
- 10-40-280 Rules for vessels in harbor.**
- 10-40-281 Advertising vessels.**
- 10-40-290 Houseboats.**
- 10-40-300 Tunneling under Lake Michigan.**

Article III. Wharves and Docks

- 10-40-310 Reserved.**
- 10-40-320 Maintenance of wharves and docks.**
- 10-40-330 Construction and repair of structures in harbor.**
- 10-40-340 Permit fees to construct or repair.**
- 10-40-350 Bond for removal of old dock materials.**
- 10-40-360 Dredging permits.**
- 10-40-370 Encroachments and obstructions.**
- 10-40-380 Discharge of cargo.**
- 10-40-390 Vessels lying at docks.**
- 10-40-400 Protection from fast-moving vessels.**

Article IV. Bridges

- 10-40-410 Bridge opening authority.**
- 10-40-420 Closed hours for bridges.**
- 10-40-430 Time to remain open.**
- 10-40-440 Signal for bridge opening.**
- 10-40-450 Signal for opening of railroad bridges.**
- 10-40-460 Signal to bridge tenders.**
- 10-40-470 Obedience to bridge signals.**
- 10-40-480 Signal equipment at bridges.**
- 10-40-490 Obstruction of bridges by vessels.**
- 10-40-500 Fireboats.**
- 10-40-501 Removal or disabling of life preservers prohibited.**
- 10-40-510 Fire apparatus crossing bridges.**
- 10-40-520 Rule of the road.**
- 10-40-530 Breaking line of traffic on bridge.**
- 10-40-540 Unnecessary delay on bridge.**
- 10-40-550 Obstruction of traffic over bridge - Prohibited.**
- 10-40-560 Congregation on bridges or viaducts.**

Article V. Violations of Chapter Provisions

ARTICLE I. HARBOR JURISDICTION (10-40-010 et seq.)

10-40-010 Definition.

The harbor shall consist of the Chicago River and its branches to their respective sources and all slips adjacent to and connecting therewith. The Ogden Canal, the Calumet River and its branches and all slips connecting therewith, the waters of Lake Calumet and all slips and basins connected therewith and all piers, breakwaters, and permanent structures therein, the Drainage Canal and all piers and basins, and the waters of Lake Michigan, including all breakwaters, piers, and permanent structures therein, for a distance of three miles from the shore between the north and south lines of the city extended, to the extent that the above-named waterways are within the territorial limits of the city. The harbor as herein defined shall be subject to the control of the commissioner of transportation, and use thereof shall be governed by this Code.

(Prior code § 38-1; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-020 Vessels, craft and floats defined.

The words "vessels, craft, and floats" shall include every kind of sailing, steam or other vessel lying or floating in, or navigating the harbor.

(Prior code § 38-2)

10-40-030 Motorboat defined.

For the purpose of this chapter, a motorboat is defined as any vessel of any size and description propelled by machinery, whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

(Prior code § 38-2.1)

10-40-040 Power under harbor improvement act.

The city having elected to exercise its right under the act hereinafter named, reaffirms and ratifies such action, and confirms the said election and determination to exercise the right, power, and authority granted by an act of the general assembly of the State of Illinois, approved June 23, 1913, in force July 1, 1913, entitled "An Act to enlarge the power of cities and villages in relation to harbors, canals, slips, wharves, docks, levees, piers, quay walls, breakwaters and all harbor structures, facilities, connections, improvements and utilities constructed or operated in connection therewith and for the purpose of carrying out such power to authorize the acquisition and condemnation of property and to authorize the use, occupation, recovery and acquisition of artificially made or reclaimed lands of the state and the reclamation and acquisition of the submerged lands of the state", and to repeal an act entitled, "An Act to enlarge the power of cities in relation to harbors, canals, wharves, docks, piers, slips and other harbor structures, facilities, improvements and utilities constructed or operated in connection therewith, to authorize the acquisition and condemnation of property and the use, occupation, reclamation and acquisition of the submerged lands of the state in carrying out such power, and to repeal all Acts or parts of Acts in conflict therewith", approved June 10, 1911. For the purpose of carrying out the powers granted by the said act of the general assembly, there are created and established the four harbor districts hereinafter named.

(Prior code § 38-3)

10-40-050 Harbor district No. 1.

The public waters, the submerged lands, the artificially made or reclaimed lands and other lands which shall constitute and shall be known as harbor district No. 1, are hereby defined and particularly described as follows:

Harbor district No. 1 shall include all of the Chicago River, including the main stream from its mouth to the forks, and the north branch and the south branch to the city limits, including all the public waters and submerged lands within and under said river and its branches aforesaid, and said harbor district No. 1 shall also include all the territory, public waters, submerged lands, artificially made or reclaimed and other lands lying and being within the following boundaries, to wit:

Beginning at the south side of the Chicago River at the northeast corner of the old breakwater of the old United States Government lifesaving station, said point being the point of confluence of the Chicago River with Lake Michigan, thence extending in an easterly direction parallel to the north side of E. Randolph Street extended, over the waters of Lake Michigan a distance of one mile; thence extending in a northerly direction along a line running at right angles to said north line of E. Randolph Street extended east to a point where said line intersects the north line of E. Chicago Avenue extended east; thence extending in a westerly direction along the north line of said E. Chicago Avenue extended east to the present shoreline of Lake Michigan; thence running southeasterly and southerly

following said shoreline of Lake Michigan to the north line of E. Grand Avenue extended east to the shoreline of Lake Michigan; thence west along the north line of E. Grand Avenue extended east to the east line of N. Peshtigo Court as laid down and indicated on a plat of the Chicago Dock and Canal Company's Peshtigo dock addition in section ten, township thirty-nine north, range fourteen east of the third principal meridian in Cook County, Illinois, recorded September 17, 1889, in the recorder's office of Cook County, Illinois, as document number 1157023 in Book 39 of plats, page 18; thence south along the east line of N. Peshtigo Court seventy-four feet, more or less, to the south line of E. Grand Avenue; thence east along the south line of E. Grand Avenue extended east nine hundred feet, more or less, to the west line of the east one hundred feet of lot seven in the Chicago Dock and Canal Company's Peshtigo dock addition; thence south along the west line of the east one hundred feet of said lot seven, two hundred and eighteen feet, more or less, to the north line of E. Illinois Street extended east; thence west along the north line of E. Illinois Street extended east nine hundred feet, more or less, to the east line of N. Peshtigo Court; thence south along the east line of N. Peshtigo Court seventy-four feet, more or less, to the south line of E. Illinois Street; thence east along the south line of E. Illinois Street extended east nine hundred feet, more or less, to the west line of the east one hundred feet of said lot seven; thence south along the west line of the east one hundred feet of said lot seven one hundred and fifty-eight feet, more or less, to the north line of the Ogden or Michigan slip; thence east along the north line of the Ogden or Michigan slip to the wooden pier or breakwater at the southeast corner of said lot seven; thence in a southerly direction along the west line of said wooden pier or breakwater to the southwest corner of what is known as the United States Government north pier; thence in a southwesterly direction nine hundred seventy-four feet, more or less, on a straight line to the northeast corner of the old breakwater of the old United States Government lifesaving station, said last point being the place of beginning.

All of the aforesaid submerged lands, artificially made or reclaimed lands and other lands and public waters in said harbor district No. 1 are situated within the jurisdiction and corporate limits of the city and are by this section declared to be necessary and appropriate for the purposes enumerated in said act of the general assembly mentioned in Section 10-40-040.

(Prior code § 38-4)

10-40-060 Harbor district No. 2.

The public waters and all public turning basins, canals and slips, the submerged lands, the artificially made or reclaimed lands, and other lands which shall constitute and shall be known as harbor district No. 2, are hereby defined and particularly described as follows:

Harbor district No. 2 shall include all the territory, including the public waters and all public turning basins, canals, and slips, the submerged lands, the artificially made or reclaimed lands and other lands, lying and being within the following boundaries, to-wit:

Beginning on the south side of the Chicago River at a point that is 3019.28 feet east and 1436.35 feet north of the southwest corner of E. Randolph Street and N. Michigan Avenue, thence running in an easterly direction parallel to the south line of E. Randolph Street extended east, over the waters of Lake Michigan, a distance of one mile, thence at right angles running along a line in a southerly direction to the said south line of E. Randolph Street extended east, thence running in a westerly direction along the said south line of E. Randolph Street extended east, to the present shoreline or dock line of Lake Michigan, thence running in a northerly direction, but following the present dock lines of Lake Michigan, to the place of beginning.

All of the aforesaid public waters and all public turning basins, canals and slips, submerged lands, artificially made or reclaimed lands, and other lands in said harbor district No. 2 are situated within the jurisdiction and corporate limits of the city, and are by this section declared to be necessary or appropriate for the uses and purposes enumerated in said act of the general assembly mentioned in Section 10-40-040.

(Prior code § 38-5)

10-40-070 Harbor district No. 3.

The public waters, the submerged lands, the artificially made or reclaimed lands, and other lands which shall constitute and shall be known as harbor district No. 3, are hereby defined and particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point which is on a line four hundred feet south of the east and west centerline, extended east, of section twenty-two, township thirty-nine north, range fourteen, east of the third principal meridian, and thirty-two hundred and seventy-three and thirty-seven one-hundredths feet east of the westerly right-of-way line of the Illinois Central Railroad, thence southeasterly to a point fifty feet north of the centerline of E. Cermak Road extended easterly and twenty-seven hundred and thirty-two feet east of said westerly right-of-way line, thence southeasterly to a point six hundred and ninety feet north of a point which is on the centerline of E. Twenty-seventh Street extended easterly and twenty-three hundred and seventy feet east of the said westerly right-of-way line, thence southeasterly to a point seven hundred feet north of a point which is on the centerline, extended east, of E. Thirty-first Street and twenty-two hundred and forty feet east of said westerly right-of-way line, thence southeasterly on a line towards a point eight hundred and ninety feet north of a point which is on the centerline extended east of E. Thirty-fifth Street and twenty-one hundred and eighty-

five feet east of said westerly right-of-way line to the south line extended east of E. Thirty-first Street, thence due east for a distance of fifty-two hundred and eighty feet, thence due north to the line four hundred feet south of the east and west centerline extended easterly of section twenty-two, township thirty-nine north, range fourteen, east of the third principal meridian, thence west along the line four hundred feet south of the east and west centerline extended easterly of section twenty-two, township thirty-nine, range fourteen east, to the point of beginning.

In the event that the city, pursuant to clause (c) of Section 6 of the ordinance passed July 21, 1919, under which harbor district No. 3 was created, shall elect to fill in and reclaim that part of the submerged lands lying between the eastern and western boundaries of the lands described in Schedule IV of said last-mentioned ordinance and between the north and south lines of said harbor district area, respectively extended west, and to declare the same to be a part of harbor district No. 3, the said harbor district area described in this section shall be then considered to extend westward over the land so reclaimed by the city, between the north and south lines of harbor district No. 3, respectively, extended west.

All of the aforesaid public waters, submerged lands, artificially made or reclaimed lands, and other lands and public waters in said harbor district No. 3 are situated within the jurisdiction and corporate limits of the city and are by this section declared to be necessary and appropriate for the purposes enumerated in said act of the general assembly mentioned in Section 10-40-040.

(Prior code § 38-6)

10-40-080 Harbor district No. 4.

The public waters, the submerged lands, the artificially made or reclaimed lands, and other lands which shall constitute and shall be known as harbor district No. 4, are hereby defined and particularly described as follows:

Harbor district No. 4 shall include all of the Calumet River lying within the city, all of Lake Calumet, including all the waters, submerged lands, and artificially made or reclaimed lands within or bordering upon said lake and river, the channel or connection between said Calumet River and Lake Calumet, and all public turning basins, canals and slips connected with or forming a part of said Calumet River and Lake Calumet. All of the aforesaid submerged lands, artificially made or reclaimed lands and other lands and public waters in said harbor district No. 4 are situated within the jurisdiction and corporate limits of the city, and are by this section declared to be necessary and appropriate for the uses and purposes enumerated in said act of the general assembly mentioned in Section 10-40-040.

(Prior code § 38-7)

ARTICLE II. NAVIGATION OF THE HARBOR (10-40-090 et seq.)

10-40-090 Control of vessels in harbor.

The commissioner of transportation shall give such orders and directions relative to the location, change of place or station, manner of moving or use of the harbor of or by every vessel, craft, or float lying, moving or laid up in the harbor, as may be necessary to promote good order therein and the safety and equal convenience of such vessels, craft, or floats, and to so regulate the same that the current in the Chicago River shall not be unnecessarily impeded by said vessels, craft, or floats.

He shall have power to remove any vessel, craft, or float lying at any dock, wharf, or pier, while receiving or discharging cargo or otherwise engaged, when necessary so to do to facilitate the movement of traffic in the harbor; to tie up any vessel so deeply loaded as to interrupt the traffic at the bridges or in the harbor until such a time as the vessel shall have been lightened or a rise of water in the harbor may enable it to proceed; and, to stop at any time or place vessels, craft, or floats which are passing through the harbor, so as to prevent a jam or blockade.

(Prior code § 38-13; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-091 Insurance requirements.

No person shall rent a vessel within the harbor, or provide fishing, entertainment or passenger services on a vessel within the harbor, for monetary or other consideration, without first: (1) obtaining commercial general liability insurance, issued by an insurer authorized to insure in Illinois, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage or in an amount and form approved by the risk manager in the department of finance; and (2) filing with the commissioner of transportation proof of the required insurance. In addition to the requirements stated above, and apart from and separate from any insurance requirement under this section, any person providing any of the services above-mentioned shall indemnify, defend and hold the City of Chicago and its assignees and employees harmless from all losses, damages, injuries, claims, demands and expenses arising out of the person's use of the harbor, rental of vessels and providing of services described in this section. The risk manager shall not approve any form of insurance under this section unless: (1) the City of Chicago is named as additional insured on a primary, noncontributory basis for any

liability or claim arising directly or indirectly from the person's use of the harbor, rental of vessels and providing of services described in this section; and (2) the policy of insurance requires at least 30 days' prior notice of cancellation to every insured.

(Added Coun. J. 12-10-97, p. 59008; Amend Coun. J. 10-28-15, p. 11951, Art. VI, § 42; Amend Coun. J. 11-16-16, p. 37901, Art. II, § 41)

10-40-100 Obstruction of harbor by vessels.

No vessel, craft, or float shall be moored, laid, brought to a stop, or anchored within the harbor so as to prevent the passage of any other vessel, craft, or float; nor shall any vessel, craft, or float be so moored, laid, brought to a stop, or anchored, as to range against, injure, interfere with, or hinder the opening or closing of any bridge across the river or any branch thereof; nor shall any vessel, craft, or float be so navigated, when winding, as to strike or come in contact with any bridge, bridge abutment, center pier, or the piles or other protection thereof.

(Prior code § 38-14)

10-40-110 Obstruction of harbor by piles or stones.

Every pile, timber, stone, or other substance placed or laid so as to project above or below the surface of the waters of the harbor or any part thereof or beyond any dock line established by the city council, is hereby declared a nuisance; and every person who shall place or lay any such pile, timber, stone, or substance as aforesaid, or be the owner of any premises on which the same shall be so placed or laid, shall be fined not less than \$20.00 and not more than \$100.00 for every such violation, and shall also be subject to a penalty of not less than \$20.00 and not more than \$100.00 for every three days such nuisance shall continue after notice from the commissioner of transportation to abate same.

(Prior code § 38-15; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-120 Securing and removal of vessels.

Whenever there shall be in the harbor any vessel, craft, or float insecurely fastened, adrift, sunken, or laid up, which may be required to be fastened, raised, removed or its location changed, for the benefit of other vessels navigating the river or to carry out the provisions of this Code, the harbor master shall notify the owner, master, or other person who may be in charge thereof, and he shall secure, raise, or remove such vessel, craft, or float without delay. But if the harbormaster should be unable to find the master, owner, or person in charge of such vessel, craft, or float as aforesaid, or if no person answering such description can be found by him, such notice shall not be required, and the commissioner of transportation may remove such vessel, and such vessel shall be held for all expenses and costs.

(Prior code § 38-16; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-130 Sunken or abandoned vessels.

Every vessel, craft or float which has been abandoned or allowed to sink in the harbor is hereby declared to be a nuisance. The master, owner, or person in charge or control of any such vessel, craft, or float shall immediately abate such nuisance upon notice from the commissioner of transportation. Every three days such nuisance shall continue after notice from the commissioner of transportation to abate the same shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

(Prior code § 38-17; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-131 Assistance to disabled vessels - Fees.

The owner or master of any disabled vessel shall pay to the city the following fees for the following services to the vessel:

Extinguishing fire on board.....\$300.00

Towing.....\$500.00

Pumping water from vessel.....\$100.00

(Added Coun. J. 11-10-94, p. 59125; Amend Coun. J. 12-15-04, p. 39840, § 1)

10-40-140 Raft of logs or lumber in harbor.

No person shall leave any raft of logs, lumber, or timber within the harbor where it shall be or become an obstruction, and any person having charge of any raft of logs, lumber, or timber shall remove or change the location of the raft upon the order of the commissioner of transportation.

(Prior code § 38-18; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-150 Tugs for vessels.

All wind-driven vessels, craft, or floats navigating the harbor, for which the opening of any bridge may be necessary, shall, while approaching and passing such bridge, be towed by a power tug.

Any other vessel, craft, or float navigating that portion of the harbor bound by the Outer Drive Bridge on the east, the Van Buren Street Bridge on the south, and the Kinzie Street Bridge on the north, all inclusive, shall have the assistance of a tug or tugs at all such times, and under such conditions as the commissioner of transportation shall by general order from time to time prescribe, and also in any specific instance where the harbormaster or assistant harbormaster shall specially so direct. It shall be unlawful for any such vessel, craft, or float to back through any bridge draw in the harbor without the assistance of a tug or tugs, unless the commissioner of transportation shall have given his consent thereto; the commissioner of transportation may give such consent whenever in his judgment it seems advisable.

Any person owning or in charge, possession or control of any such vessel, craft, or float violating any of the provisions of this section, shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each offense.

(Prior code § 38-19; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-160 Towing - Permits.

No person shall tow in the harbor, any vessel, craft or float containing material destined to be disposed of in the authorized dumping areas, without a permit from the department of transportation. The fee for each permit shall be \$16.00 per day and the day shall consist of eight hours.

(Prior code § 38-20; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-170 Towing - Procedures.

It shall be unlawful for any vessel, craft or float to tow more than two barges or similar craft in one tow within the harbor, except that tows which consist of barges that are fastened rigidly together to form a single unit for the purpose of being towed may be towed in the main sanitary and ship canal and the west fork of the south branch of the Chicago River to and including the South Ashland Avenue turning basin; in the Little Calumet and Calumet Rivers to and including turning basin number five at 129th Street; and in Chicago and Calumet Outer Harbors; provided that the total width and length of such tows do not exceed 80 and 500 feet respectively.

(Prior code § 38-21)

10-40-180 Interference with dredging machine.

No owner, master, or other person in charge of or in command of any tugboat or towing boat in the harbor shall run, or cause to be run, such tugboat or towing boat, or anything that they may have in tow, upon, against, or over any rope, chain, or other fastening, mooring, dredge or other machine used by the city, or the United States Government, for deepening, widening, and improving the harbor, so that the said dredge or other machine shall be displaced, hindered, or delayed in the working thereof.

(Prior code § 38-22)

10-40-190 Assistance for fouled vessel.

If any vessel, craft, or float, either by winding or from any other cause, shall get foul and obstruct the navigation or passage of other vessels, craft, or floats, the commissioner of transportation shall have power and is hereby authorized to order to his assistance men and tackle from any other vessel, craft, or float. The commissioner of transportation shall have power and is hereby authorized to order to his assistance any tugboat or other powerboat that may be in the vicinity or passing at the time. Every master or officer of such boat, craft, or tug shall render the assistance so ordered, and any vessel, craft, or float receiving such assistance shall pay to the person or persons rendering the same the cost or expense of such assistance, the amount thereof to be fixed by the commissioner of transportation.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00 for the first offense, and not more than \$75.00 for each subsequent offense.

(Prior code § 38-23; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-200 Anchor dragging.

All vessels, craft, or float while navigating the harbor shall not drag their anchors, nor shall any tugboat or towboat tow any vessel, craft, or float in the harbor whose anchor is dragging. The master, owner, or person in control of any vessel operated in violation of this section shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each offense.

(Prior code § 38-24)

10-40-210 Moving vessel before bridge opening.

Whenever any person having charge of any vessel, craft, or float shall wish to move it past any bridge, reasonable time shall be allowed for the opening of the bridge, and any person who shall move any vessel, craft, or float against any bridge before it shall be opened and shall injure the bridge shall be liable to the city for that injury in addition to any fine which may be levied.

(Prior code § 38-25)

10-40-220 Names on boats.

It shall be unlawful for any master, owner, or person in possession, charge, or control of any vessel, craft, or float to operate, navigate, keep, or maintain the same in the harbor unless the same shall have a name plainly and conspicuously displayed thereon which shall be large enough and in such a position as to be readily distinguishable and readable on both sides or from the rear thereof for a distance of at least 500 feet, and such name shall be of such distinctive character that any such vessel, craft, or float may be readily identified by it.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each offense.

(Prior code § 38-26)

10-40-230 Working vessel engines.

No steam vessel or other power craft while lying in the harbor or along the wharves or docks of the same shall work its engines; provided, that owners, masters, or other persons in charge of boats fitting out and desirous of working and testing their engines shall, before working or testing any such engine, station some person in such a place or position as will enable him to signal the engineer to stop such engine. Such engine shall be kept from working until all approaching vessels, craft, or floats shall have passed the wheel of said boat or boats by a distance of 200 feet. These provisions shall not apply to cases of fire.

(Prior code § 38-27)

10-40-240 Smoking prohibited on waterfront.

It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke, carry or possess a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or match upon any bulkhead, dock, shipyard, pier, wharf, warehouse or shed, except such portions thereof as may be designated by the harbormaster, or to smoke, carry or possess a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or match on board any ship, lighter, scow, or other similar floating craft or equipment when berthed or moored at any dock, wharf, pier, or to a vessel made fast thereto, within the harbor.

(Prior code § 38-27.1)

10-40-250 Boat whistles.

Any vessel, craft, or float navigating the harbor shall be equipped with a whistle for signalling purposes which shall not be heard distinctly in ordinary weather at a distance of more than one-quarter of a mile. No person shall blow the whistle of any vessel, craft, or float at any time except as a signal to a bridge tender, or as a signal of danger, or as prescribed by the laws and regulations of the United States, and as provided by this Code.

(Prior code § 38-28)

10-40-260 Operation restrictions.

No person shall operate, or authorize or knowingly permit the operation of, a vessel upon the waters of Lake Michigan or upon any waterway within the city:

- (a) in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb, or damage the property, of others; or
- (b) in such a careless or heedless manner as to be grossly indifferent to the person or property of others; or
- (c) in such a manner as to disturb or destroy the peace and quiet of others; or

(d) within any area which has been marked by buoys or other distinguishing devices as a restricted area, except in case of emergency or for the purpose of entering or leaving any harbor or launching ramp; or

(e) within 150 feet of the shoreline of any public park or within 300 feet of any bathing beach, except in case of emergency or for the purpose of entering or leaving a pier, slip launching or docking area; or

(f) by a person under the age of 16 years unless properly supervised by an adult or as permitted by state law; or

(g) without yielding the right-of-way to any swimmer; or

(h) without complying with all applicable state and federal safety equipment requirements, including the requirements regarding personal flotation devices; or

(i) in violation of posted restrictions on wake or speed; or

(j) unless each occupant of a vessel used for recreational purposes is wearing an approved personal flotation device as defined in the Boat Registration and Safety Act, codified at 625 ILCS 45/1-1 et seq., as amended. Provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply to persons who are (1) below deck, or (2) in a totally enclosed cabin space. Provided, further, that this requirement shall not apply to the occupants of (i) any commercial passenger vessel licensed under Chapter 4-250 of this Code, (ii) any vessel used for recreational purposes that is being operated on private property, (iii) any vessel used for recreational purposes that is docked, or (iv) any vessel used for recreational purposes that is 21 feet or more in length. For purposes of this subsection (j), the term "vessel used for recreational purposes" means any watercraft, sailboat, recreational boat, personal watercraft or specialty prop-craft as defined in the Boat Registration and Safety Act, as amended.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this section shall be fined not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,500.00, or imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more than six months, or both, for each offense.

(Prior code § 38-29; Amend Coun. J. 12-10-97, p. 59008; Amend Coun. J. 9-9-09, p. 70529, § 1)

10-40-261 Restrictions on wake of vessels.

(a) No person shall operate a vessel in such a way that the boat creates a wake in any of the following areas in the Lake Michigan portions of the Chicago Harbor or upon any waterway within the City, except in the case of an actual emergency:

(1) within 150 feet of any buoy marking a bathing beach or swimming area;

(2) within 150 feet of the shoreline or a breakwater;

(3) within 150 feet of any other vessel;

(4) within 150 feet of any boat launching ramp;

(5) within 150 feet of any portion of the Chicago River Locks structure;

(6) west of the east line of Navy Pier, between the south line of Navy Pier and the south line of the Chicago River locks structure;

(7) west of the east line of Navy Pier, between the north line of Navy Pier and the south line of the Jardine Water Filtration Plant;

(8) the main branch of the Chicago River, from the Chicago River controlling Locks west to Wolf Point L, the junction of the main north and south branches.

(9) the south branch of the Chicago River, from Wolf Point to the Lake Street Bridge.

(10) the north branch of the Chicago River, from Wolf Point to the Kinzie Street Bridge.

(11) at any other location where no wake signs or markings are posted by the commissioner of transportation pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

(b) The commissioner of transportation shall post appropriate markings or signs to identify the no-wake areas listed in subsection (a) of this section. The commissioner may also mark additional no-wake areas as directed from time to time by the city council, and where an appropriate state or federal agency indicates the need for such restriction. All such signs and markings shall comply with applicable state and federal regulations;

(c) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$500.00.

(Added Coun. J. 12-10-97, p.59008; Amend Coun. J. 7-29-98, p. 75119; Amend Coun. J. 11-8-12, p. 38872, § 193)

10-40-270 Interference with buoys.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take possession of or make use of for any purpose, alter, deface, destroy, move, injure, obstruct by fastening a boat or vessel thereto or otherwise tie a boat or vessel to, or in any manner whatever impair the usefulness of, any bridge, any special purpose buoy or any marine navigational aid established and maintained by the City of Chicago, Chicago Park District, or any subdivision of said governments.

(Prior code § 38-29.1)

10-40-280 Rules for vessels in harbor.

All vessels, craft, or floats lying in or navigating the harbor shall be respectively governed by the following further provisions:

(a) Every vessel using steam shall have its smoke pipe or pipes so constructed and managed as to prevent sparks or coals of fire escaping therefrom, and shall be moved slowly at a speed not exceeding four miles per hour under a low head of steam. Every tugboat or steam vessel used chiefly for towing shall have a joint in its smoke pipe or pipes, and shall be constructed in all respects in such a manner as to be able to pass under any bridge which is not less than 13 feet above the surface of the water.

(b) No master or other person owning or having charge of any vessel, craft, or float shall leave the same in the harbor without having on board or in charge thereof some competent person to control, manage and secure the same, without first obtaining permission of the harbormaster.

(c) All vessels, craft, or floats, whether using steam or otherwise, while lying in the harbor, shall have and keep their anchors on board, and their lower yards cockbilled, and the upper yards braced up sharp.

They shall likewise have and keep out on board during the night time a conspicuous white light, and shall have extinguished or safely secured at dark all fires which may be kept on board.

(d) No vessel, craft, or float shall be suffered to lie in the harbor adrift or insecurely fastened.

(e) Vessels, craft, or floats moving with the current shall have the right-of-way.

(f) In case one vessel desires to pass another going in the same direction in the harbor the pilot of the vessel astern shall give the proper signal, indicating the side upon which he wishes to pass. Upon the pilot of one vessel astern of another giving such signal, the pilot of the vessel ahead shall immediately answer by giving the same signal; but if he does think it safe for the vessel astern to attempt to pass at that point he shall immediately signify the same by giving several short and rapid blasts of the whistle, and under no circumstances shall the steamer astern attempt to pass the steamer ahead until such time as they have reached a point where it can be safely done, when such vessel ahead shall signify her willingness by blowing the proper signals and the vessel astern shall pass the overtaken vessel, giving the overtaken vessel as wide a berth as possible.

(g) The vessel dispatcher shall keep a record of the movements of all vessels and through the bridge telephone operators give such directions to the bridge tenders or persons in charge of the bridges in regard to the opening of bridges that the provisions of this Code may be carried out.

(h) Vessels exceeding 200 tons navigating the harbor shall not proceed at a speed greater than four miles per hour.

(Prior code § 38-030)

10-40-281 Advertising vessels.

(a) For purposes of this section the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Advertising sign" means any sign displayed on a watercraft, other than:

(A) The name of the watercraft and any (A) required licensing, registration or identification markings displayed on the watercraft;
or

(B) A sign identifying the owner of the watercraft and the principal business, occupation, service, commodity or entertainment conducted, sold or offered on the watercraft.

(2) "Advertising vessel" means any boat, barge, raft or other watercraft designed or used for the display of one or more advertising signs.

(3) "Chicago Harbor" means the harbor defined in Section 10-40-010 of this Code.

(b) No person shall operate or cause to be operated any advertising vessel within the Chicago Harbor. Violation of this section shall constitute a nuisance, and the corporation counsel is authorized to prosecute an action in the appropriate court for injunction against continuation thereof. In addition, any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than \$200.00 and not more than \$500.00 for each offense. Each day that a violation shall continue shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

(Added Coun. J. 10-31-90, p. 22657)

10-40-290 Houseboats.

No person shall occupy any vessel, craft, or float upon the waters of the harbor as a residence, or for the purpose of engaging in any business, trade, or traffic for any purpose whatsoever, without first obtaining a license so to do as provided by "An Act to license shanty boats and other water craft, fixing the fees therefor and providing penalties", approved June 10, 1987. The license shall be posted and remain at all times in a conspicuous place in or on the vessel, craft or float.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00, and each and every day on which such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

(Prior code § 38-31)

10-40-300 Tunneling under Lake Michigan.

Every person performing or undertaking the work of tunnel construction under the water of Lake Michigan and within the jurisdiction of the city, and maintaining a crib in connection with such work, shall, whenever such person shall have persons employed on or about such crib or in any portion of the tunnel which is so connected with such crib that persons employed therein may pass therefrom in or onto such crib, provide on or at such crib a sufficient number of boats, of adequate and suitable design, to safely transport and convey all persons engaged in working in and about such tunnel construction to the mainland. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$200.00 for each offense, and a separate and distinct offense shall be regarded as committed each day that such violation shall continue.

(Prior code § 38-32)

ARTICLE III. WHARVES AND DOCKS (10-40-310 et seq.)

10-40-310 Reserved.

Editor's note - Coun. J. 10-7-98, p. 78568, repealed § 10-40-310, which pertained to permits at Navy Pier.

10-40-320 Maintenance of wharves and docks.

Every owner of premises abutting on the harbor, or any portion thereof, shall at all times keep and maintain in a state of good repair and in a safe condition all wharves, docks, piers, seawalls, slips, riverbank retaining walls, riverbank bulkheads, dolphins, booms, bulkheads, jetties, mooring facilities, pilings, sheetings and other similar structures on or appurtenant to such premises. Every violation of this section shall constitute a separate and distinct offense for every day such violation shall continue. The commissioner of transportation shall notify in writing such owner of any violation of this section and direct him to restore or repair such structure within a reasonable time. In addition, any nuisance now existing or which may hereafter result from an owner's failure to keep and maintain such wharves, docks, piers, seawalls, slips, riverbank retaining walls, riverbank bulkheads, dolphins, booms, bulkheads, jetties, mooring facilities, pilings, sheetings and other similar structures on or appurtenant to such premises in a state of good repair and in a safe condition shall also be subject to abatement as provided in Chapter 7-28 of this Code.

(Prior code § 38-34; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-330 Construction and repair of structures in harbor.

No person shall drive or place, or cause to be driven or placed, any pile or piles, stone, timber, earth, or other obstruction of any kind whatsoever, in the harbor, or build, construct, or repair any dock therein, or build or cause to be built any bridge or other structure across any part of the harbor, or drive or place, or cause to be driven or placed, any pile or piles of timber, or make any excavation for the purpose of furnishing or laying foundations for any building or structure, at any point within 40 feet of any part of the harbor, without obtaining a special permit in writing from the commissioner of transportation so to do. Application for said permission shall be

made in writing to the commissioner of transportation, and shall be accompanied by a sketch or plat showing the nature of the work to be done. Upon such application being made and such sketch or plat being furnished as herein required, the commissioner of transportation shall issue the permit desired, upon payment of the permit fees hereinafter provided, unless it shall appear that the work to be done will result in unduly obstructing the harbor or in endangering the safety of any dock, pier, breakwater, or other structure located upon or along the harbor.

It shall be the duty of the commissioner of transportation to require all persons who may be engaged in repairing, renewing, altering, or constructing any dock within the city to produce a permit from the department of transportation, which permit shall specify the character and location of such repairing, renewal, alteration, or construction, and in default of the production of such permit, the commissioner of transportation shall at once stop all work on such dock, and shall cause the arrest of any such persons engaged in such unlawful repairing, renewal, alteration, or construction. Any such person so arrested shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each offense. In the event of any such dock having been repaired, renewed, altered, or constructed in or upon the water area of the harbor of the city, the person thus convicted of a violation of this section, in addition to the fine hereinbefore specified, shall be required at once, and at his own expense, or cost, to remove such dock back to its former location; and, in default of such removal of such dock, the commissioner of transportation is hereby authorized to cause such dock to be removed, to such location as he deems best and to recover, from the person so convicted, the cost or expense of such removal.

(Prior code § 38-35; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-340 Permit fees to construct or repair.

The fees for permits issued under the preceding section shall be as follows:

Building Work

One-story frame under 500 square feet overall area \$10.00

One-story brick under 500 square feet overall area \$15.00

One-story frame over 500 square feet overall area \$20.00

One-story brick over 500 square feet overall area \$25.00

For each additional story (frame) \$1.00

For each additional story (brick) \$2.00

Note: Towers shall be considered as additional stories. Where no definite stories exist in buildings or towers, 15 feet of height shall be considered equivalent to one story.

Bridge Work

Substructure of span bridges - each foundation \$15.00

Superstructure of span bridges \$25.00

Pile trestles \$50.00

Water Pipe Work

8 inch diameter or less \$5.00

8 to 15 inch diameter \$10.00

15 to 36 inch diameter \$15.00

Over 36 inch diameter \$20.00

Additional fee for aerial or submarine crossing \$25.00

Additional fee for intakes \$10.00

Sewer Work

8 inch diameter or less \$5.00

8 to 15 inch diameter \$10.00

15 to 36 inch diameter \$15.00

Over 36 inch diameter \$20.00

Each manhole in addition to the above \$2.00

Electrical Work

Wooden pole - each \$2.00

Structural steel pole or tower - each \$5.00

Manhole or vault - each \$5.00

Additional fee for aerial or submarine

crossing, cable or conduit \$20.00

Tunnel \$50.00

Dock Work - Shore Protection

Jetties, cribs, docks, etc., 12-1/2 cents per lineal foot for repair work, with a minimum fee of \$5.00, new work 25 cents per lineal foot with a minimum of \$10.00

Dumping and Filling

Snow, each location (in water) \$15.00

Earth and ashes, each location (on land) \$10.00

Icehouse Work

Ice-cutting permits, per season \$25.00

Temporary ice-handling equipment, per season \$5.00

Miscellaneous Work

Fence extending to dock, each \$5.00

Fence extending along dock, each \$10.00

Trestle or conveyer \$15.00

Water tank \$10.00

Coal or material hopper \$10.00

Smokestack \$10.00

Derrick \$10.00

Ash-handling plant \$15.00

Platform or runway \$10.00

Depression in dock or pit \$10.00

Pavement \$5.00

(Prior code § 38-36)

10-40-350 Bond for removal of old dock materials.

Any person that shall do any dock work wherein it shall be necessary to remove existing piles or sheeting, or in cases where an entirely new and original dock is to be constructed, shall furnish a bond in the sum of \$2,000.00 approved by the commissioner of transportation, payable to the city and conditioned for the satisfactory removal of any and all earth, stone, or other material which may have escaped into the waters of any part of the harbor area, and for the satisfactory removal of earth, stone, or other material that may have been moved harborwards of any new and original dock. Said earth, stone, or other material herein mentioned shall be removed to a depth equal to the navigable depth fixed or existing at the time when, and location where, said dock work is being done.

(Prior code § 38-37; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-360 Dredging permits.

No person shall dredge in, on, or along the waters of the harbor without a permit from the department of transportation. The fee for such permit shall not exceed \$16.00 per day and the day shall consist of eight hours.

No additional fee shall be charged for the removal, or dredging in connection with the removal of old dock materials unless the material so removed shall be deposited in the lake, in which case a towing permit shall be necessary in addition to the dock permit.

(Prior code § 38-38; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-370 Encroachments and obstructions.

It shall be the duty of the commissioner of transportation to report to the city engineer any and all encroachments upon the harbor lines as now established or which may hereafter be established, and thereupon the said harbormaster and city engineer shall take such action as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this Code and to remove or cause to be removed any such obstruction or encroachment. If it shall be found that any pile, stone, timber, earth, dock, bridge, or other obstruction whatever, has been placed in any part of the harbor in violation of the provisions of this Code and that the person who has placed same or caused it to be placed therein refuses or neglects to remove such obstruction upon being requested so to do by the city engineer, or commissioner of transportation, the commissioner of transportation shall have the power, and it is hereby made his duty, to proceed forthwith to remove such obstruction and to charge the expense of such removal to the person who placed such obstruction in the harbor, or caused it to be so placed, and the imposition of any fine or penalty hereby provided for against any person obstructing the harbor shall not be held to exempt any such person from a recovery by the city of the cost of removing any such obstruction.

(Prior code § 38-39; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-380 Discharge of cargo.

No owner, lessee, or person in possession of any wharf or dock at which any vessel shall have been discharging its cargo shall suffer or permit any part of such cargo so discharged to project from such wharf or dock over or into the harbor after the vessel so unloaded shall have removed from such wharf or dock.

(Prior code § 38-40)

10-40-390 Vessels lying at docks.

It shall be unlawful for any mud scow, flatboat, dredge, or any such craft to be placed or laid alongside of another while lying at any of the docks or wharves of the harbor during the navigable season of the year, without first having obtained permission from the commissioner of transportation.

(Prior code § 38-41; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-400 Protection from fast-moving vessels.

All docks, wharves, bridges, piers, protections, or other places where persons or property are endangered by the fast moving of vessels or craft shall have a blue flag flying in the most conspicuous place thereon and as near the point of danger as possible. At night a blue light shall take the place of the flag. No vessel or craft shall run past such a blue flag or light at a rate faster than two miles per hour. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00 for each

offense, and shall be held liable for any damage to any person or property sustained by reason of such violation.

(Prior code § 38-42)

ARTICLE IV. BRIDGES (10-40-410 et seq.)

10-40-410 Bridge opening authority.

All movable bridges crossing any part of the harbor, including railroad bridges, shall be under the control of the commissioner of transportation, and he shall have power to order the opening and closing of the same at any time when in his judgment it is necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code.

(Prior code § 38-43; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-420 Closed hours for bridges.

No bridge within the city, on any day of the week, excepting Sunday, shall be opened during the times herein specified:

Across Ogden Slip at Outer Drive, across the main river and across the south branch of the Chicago River, from its junction with the main river south to and including W. Roosevelt Road, and across the north branch of the Chicago River at W. Kinzie Street, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and on any day excepting Saturday between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. and between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; provided, however, that the Outer-Link Bridge across the main river shall be opened to permit the passage of passenger boats operating on a fixed schedule between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Across the north branch of the Chicago River north of W. Kinzie Street to and including N. Halsted Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Across the south branch of the Chicago River south of W. Roosevelt Road to and including S. Halsted Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Across the north branch of the Chicago River north of N. Halsted Street and across the south branch of the Chicago River south of S. Halsted Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to bridges which have a clearance of less than 16 feet above Chicago City datum. Such bridges shall open at any time, except as hereinafter provided, to permit the passage of tugs and tug boats.

(Prior code § 38-44)

10-40-430 Time to remain open.

During the hours between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight, it shall be unlawful to keep open any bridge within the city for the purpose of permitting vessels to pass through the same for a longer period, at any one time, than ten minutes, at the expiration of which period it shall be the duty of the bridge tender or other person in charge of the bridge to display the proper signal and immediately close such bridge and keep it closed for fully ten minutes for such persons or vehicles as may be waiting to pass over, if so much time shall be required, when the said bridge shall again be opened (if necessary for vessels to pass) for a like period, and so on alternately (if necessary) during the hours last aforesaid; and in every instance where any such bridge shall be opened for the passage of any vessel, and closed before the expiration of ten minutes from the time of opening, said bridge shall then, in every such case, remain closed for fully ten minutes, if necessary, in order to allow all persons and vehicles waiting to pass over said bridge; provided, this section shall not be construed as being in conflict with the preceding section, nor as requiring the opening of bridges during the time specified in said section for the same to remain closed; provided further, that all vessels having passed through Michigan Avenue bridge going out previous to closed bridge hours, morning and evening, shall be permitted to pass out to the lake.

(Prior code § 38-45)

10-40-440 Signal for bridge opening.

When any vessel shall signal for any bridge across the Chicago River or any of its branches, the bridge tender shall immediately open the bridge.

If, from any cause, the bridge tender cannot open the bridge, he shall immediately notify the vessel by waving a red flag by day and a red lantern by night and continue waving the same until the vessel has stopped, continuing thereafter to display the same until the bridge can be opened. As soon as the cause for stopping the vessel has been removed, the bridge shall be immediately opened.

It shall be unlawful for the owner, officer, or other person in charge of any vessel in transit upon the Chicago River and its branches to attempt to navigate any such vessel past any of the bridges over said river or branches, while a stop signal is being given or displayed.

(Prior code § 38-46)

10-40-450 Signal for opening of railroad bridges.

When any vessel shall signal for any railroad bridge across any part of the harbor, the bridge tender shall immediately open the bridge, unless a train be on the bridge or approaching it so closely as to be unable to stop, and in that case the bridge may be kept closed long enough for the passage of one train and no more.

If, from any cause, the bridge tender cannot open the bridge, he shall immediately notify the vessel by waving a red flag by day and a red lantern by night and continue waving the same until the vessel has stopped, continuing thereafter to display the same until the bridge can be opened. As soon as the cause for stopping the vessel has been removed, the bridge shall be immediately opened.

It shall be unlawful for the owner, officer or other person in charge of any vessel to attempt to pass any railroad bridge while a stop signal is being given or displayed by the bridge tender.

Nothing in this or the preceding section shall be considered as superseding the bridge hours as set forth in this Code.

(Prior code § 38-47)

10-40-460 Signal to bridge tenders.

Every owner, officer, or person in charge of any vessel, craft or float navigating the harbor shall sound or cause to be sounded a steam whistle to signal bridge tenders to open and swing bridges, and such signal shall be three sharp, short sounds of the whistle, to be given in succession as quickly as possible and not to be prolonged, and the whistle used for this purpose shall be of suitable size to be heard; provided, such signal shall be four sharp, short sounds of the whistle for vessels approaching the Northwestern Railway Bridge near W. Kinzie Street, and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway Bridge near W. North Avenue from either direction, and shall be five sharp, short sounds of the whistle for vessels approaching the Lake Street Bridge from the north.

(Prior code § 38-48)

10-40-470 Obedience to bridge signals.

It shall be unlawful for any person to attempt to drive a vehicle upon any bridge after a signal has been given, warning traffic to stop crossing said bridge.

(Prior code § 38-49)

10-40-480 Signal equipment at bridges.

The commissioner of transportation is hereby required to provide and maintain at the several bridges over the harbor, in the best and most practicable manner, vessel signals as required by this Code.

(Prior code § 38-50; Amend Coun. J. 12-11-91, p. 10832)

10-40-490 Obstruction of bridges by vessels.

All vessels, craft, or floats navigating the harbor, when passing any bridge shall be moved past the same as expeditiously as is consistent with a proper movement in the harbor; but in no case shall any such vessel, craft, or float while passing any bridge and obstructing the passage across such bridge, move at a rate of speed less than two miles per hour, and in no case shall any vessel, craft, or float, while passing any bridge and obstructing the same, remain or obstruct the passage across such bridge more than five minutes; and no vessel, craft, or float shall be so anchored, laid, moored, fastened or brought to a stop as to prevent any bridge from a free and speedy opening or closing, or any vessel from a free and direct passage, nor shall any line or fastening be so thrown, laid, or made fast as to cross the track of any bridge or vessel. The master or other person having charge of such vessel, craft, or float which violates any provision of this section shall be fined not less than \$25.00 for each offense.

(Prior code § 38-51)

10-40-500 Fireboats.

Whenever, upon any alarm of fire, any fireboat shall approach a bridge and sound the proper signal for such bridge to open, the bridge tender shall, if such bridge is closed, open the same as soon as practicable; or, if open, shall keep such bridge open until such

fireboat shall have had opportunity to pass through the draw of said bridge notwithstanding that the street traffic may thereby be delayed.

(Prior code § 38-52)

10-40-501 Removal or disabling of life preservers prohibited.

No person shall remove or disable any life preserver, life ring, personal flotation device or other safety equipment located on any bridge or in any place where such safety equipment is required by law, except for use in an emergency. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$300.00 and not more than \$800.00.

(Added Coun. J. 7-29-98, p. 75096; Amend Coun. J. 9-13-06. p. 85195, § 1)

10-40-510 Fire apparatus crossing bridges.

Whenever, at any alarm of fire, any fire engine, hose cart, or other fire apparatus shall approach any bridge, for the purpose of crossing the same toward such fire, the bridge tender shall, if such bridge is open, close the same as soon as practicable, and after the same is closed, or if closed at the time, keep it closed until such engine, hose cart, or other fire apparatus shall have had an opportunity to pass over said bridge, notwithstanding that vessels may thereby be delayed.

(Prior code § 38-53)

10-40-520 Rule of the road.

It shall be the duty of all drivers or persons in charge of any vehicle to keep to the right when crossing any bridge in the city.

(Prior code § 38-54)

10-40-530 Breaking line of traffic on bridge.

No person driving a vehicle across a bridge shall cross, attempt to cross, or break into, the line of vehicles while crossing or attempting to cross any bridge, nor shall any person disobey or resist any officer in charge of any bridge or crossing within the city.

(Prior code § 38-55)

10-40-540 Unnecessary delay on bridge.

No person shall unnecessarily or wilfully remain or stop with any vehicle upon any of the bridges within the city, or in and upon any approach to any such bridge.

(Prior code § 38-56)

10-40-550 Obstruction of traffic over bridge - Prohibited.

No person shall engage in any conduct which obstructs or interferes with the free flow of pedestrians or vehicles across a bridge.

(Prior code § 38-57; Amend Coun. J. 7-26-06, p. 81941, § 1)

10-40-560 Congregation on bridges or viaducts.

It shall be unlawful for any person to form or cause an accumulation of persons, animals or vehicles on any public bridge or viaduct, to any extent which may jeopardize the safety of such bridge or viaduct. No person shall persist in causing such accumulation, after being warned by a bridge tender, police officer or other person having supervision of such bridge or viaduct.

(Prior code § 38-58)

ARTICLE V. VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER PROVISIONS

10-40-570 Violation - Penalty.

Except as is otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, any person, including bridge tenders or other persons in charge of bridges within the city, violating any provision of this chapter shall be fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each offense.

(Prior code § 38-59)