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**62.01 VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS.** Any person who willfully fails or refuses to comply with any lawful order of a peace officer or direction of a Fire Department officer during a fire, or who fails to abide by the applicable provisions of the following Iowa statutory laws relating to motor vehicles and the statutory law of the road is in violation of this section. These sections of the *Code of Iowa* are adopted by reference and are as follows:

Section 321.17 - Misdemeanor to violate registration provisions.

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Section 321.263 – Information and aid.

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Section 321.265 – Striking fixtures upon a highway.

Section 321.266 – Reporting accidents.

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Section 321.276 – Use of electronic communication device while driving; text-messaging.

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Section 321.278 – Drag racing prohibited.

Section 321.281 – Actions against bicyclists.

Section 321.284 – Open container; drivers.

Section 321.284A – Open container; passengers.

Section 321.288 - Control of vehicle; reduced speed.

Section 321.295 – Limitation on bridge or elevated structures.

Section 321.297 – Driving on right-hand side of roadways; exceptions.

Section 321.298 – Meeting and turning to right.

Section 321.299 – Overtaking a vehicle.

Section 321.302 – Overtaking and passing.

Section 321.303 – Limitations on overtaking on the left.

Section 321.304 – Prohibited passing.

Section 321.306 – Roadways laned for traffic.

Section 321.307 – Following too closely.

Section 321.308 – Motor trucks and towed vehicles; distance requirements.

Section 321.309 – Towing.

Section 321.310 – Towing four-wheel trailers.

Section 321.312 – Turning on curve or crest of grade.

Section 321.313 – Starting parked vehicle.

Section 321.314 – When signal required.

Section 321.315 – Signal continuous.

Section 321.316 – Stopping.

Section 321.317 – Signals by hand and arm or signal device.

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Section 321.319 – Entering intersections from different highways.

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Section 321.322 – Vehicles entering stop or yield intersection.

Section 321.323 – Moving vehicle backward on highway.

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Section 321.324A - Funeral processions.

Section 321.329 - Duty of driver; pedestrians crossing or working on highways.

Section 321.330 – Use of crosswalks.

Section 321.332 – White canes restricted to blind persons.

Section 321.333 – Duty of drivers approaching blind persons.

Section 321.340 – Driving through safety zone.

Section 321.341 – Obedience to signal indicating approach of railroad train or railroad track equipment.

Section 321.342 – Stop at certain railroad crossings; posting warning.

Section 321.343 – Certain vehicles must stop.

Section 321.344 – Heavy equipment at crossing.

Section 321.344B – Immediate safety threat; penalty.

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Section 321.359 – Moving other vehicle.

Section 321.362 – Unattended motor vehicle.

Section 321.363 – Obstruction to driver's view.

Section 321.364 – Vehicles shipping food; preventing contamination by hazardous material.

Section 321.365 – Coasting prohibited.

Section 321.367 – Following fire apparatus.

Section 321.368 - Crossing fire hose.

Section 321.369 – Putting debris on highway.

Section 321.370 – Removing injurious material.

Section 321.371 – Clearing up wrecks.

Section 321.372 – School buses.

Section 321.381 - Movement of unsafe or improperly equipped vehicles.

Section 321.381A – Operation of low-speed vehicles.

Section 321.382 – Upgrade pulls; minimum speed.

Section 321.383 - Exceptions; slow vehicles identified.

Section 321.384 – When lighted lamps required.

Section 321.385 – Head lamps on motor vehicles.

Section 321.386 - Head lamps on motorcycles and motorized bicycles.

Section 321.387 – Rear lamps.

Section 321.388 – Illuminating plates.

Section 321.389 - Reflector requirement.

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Section 321.392 – Clearance and identification lights.

Section 321.393 – Color and mounting.

Section 321.394 – Lamp or flag on projecting load.

Section 321.395 – Lamps on parked vehicles.

Section 321.398 - Lamps on other vehicles and equipment.

Section 321.402 – Spot lamps.

Section 321.403 – Auxiliary driving lamps.

Section 321.404 – Signal lamps and signal devices.

Section 321.404A – Light-restricting devices prohibited.

Section 321.405 – Self-illumination.

Section 321.408 – Back-up lamps.

Section 321.409 – Mandatory lighting equipment.

Section 321.415 – Required usage of lighting devices.

Section 321.417 – Single-beam road-lighting equipment.

Section 321.418 – Alternate road-lighting equipment.

Section 321.419 – Number of driving lamps required or permitted.

Section 321.420 – Number of lamps lighted.

Section 321.421 – Special restrictions on lamps.

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Section 321.423 – Flashing lights.

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Section 321.431 – Performance ability.

Section 321.432 – Horns and warning devices.

Section 321.433 – Sirens, whistles, and bells prohibited.

Section 321.434 – Bicycle sirens or whistles.

Section 321.436 – Mufflers, prevention of noise.

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Section 321.440 – Restrictions as to tire equipment.

Section 321.441 – Metal tires prohibited.

Section 321.442 – Projections on wheels.

Section 321.444 – Safety glass.

Section 321.445 – Safety belts and safety harnesses; use required.

Section 321.446 - Child restraint devices.

Section 321.449 – Motor carrier safety regulations.

Section 321.449A – Rail crew transport drivers.

Section 321.449B – Texting or using a mobile telephone while operating a commercial motor vehicle.

Section 321.450 – Hazardous materials transportation.

Section 321.454 – Width of vehicles.

Section 321.455 – Projecting loads on passenger vehicles.

Section 321.456 – Height of vehicles; permits.

Section 321.457 – Maximum length.

Section 321.458 – Loading beyond front.

Section 321.460 – Spilling loads on highways.

Section 321.461 – Trailers and towed vehicles.

Section 321.462 – Drawbars and safety chains.
Section 321.463 – Maximum gross weight.
Section 321.465 – Weighing vehicles and removal of excess.
Section 321.466 – Increased loading capacity; reregistration.

**62.02 PLAY STREETS DESIGNATED.** The Police Chief shall have authority to declare any street or part thereof a play street and cause to be placed appropriate signs or devices in the roadway indicating and helping to protect the same. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating any street or part thereof as a play street, no person shall drive a vehicle upon any such street or portion thereof except drivers of vehicles having business or whose residences are within such closed area, and then any said driver shall exercise the greatest care in driving upon any such street or portion thereof.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.255)

**62.03 VEHICLES ON SIDEWALKS.** The driver of a vehicle shall not drive upon or within any sidewalk area except at a driveway.

**62.04 CLINGING TO VEHICLE.** No person shall drive a motor vehicle on the streets of the City unless all passengers of said vehicle are inside the vehicle in the place intended for their accommodation. No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, in-line skates, sled, or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

**62.05 QUIET ZONES.** Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating a quiet zone, no person operating a motor vehicle within any such zone shall sound the horn or other warning device of such vehicle except in an emergency.

**62.06 OBSTRUCTING VIEW AT INTERSECTIONS.** It is unlawful to allow any tree, hedge, billboard, or other object to obstruct the view of an intersection by preventing persons from having a clear view of traffic approaching the intersection from cross streets. Any such obstruction is deemed a nuisance and in addition to the standard penalty may be abated in the manner provided by Chapter 50 of this Code of Ordinances.

**62.07 RIDING OR WALKING HORSES ON PUBLIC STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.** No person shall ride or walk any horse or mule upon any sidewalk or in the City parks within the City at any time. Riding or walking any horse or mule on any street within the City is prohibited from the hours of one hour before sunset to one hour after sunrise.

**62.08 ENGINE BRAKES AND COMPRESSION BRAKES.** It is unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to use or operate an engine brake, compression brake or mechanical exhaust device (commonly referred to as a Jacobs Brake), designed to aid in the braking or deceleration of any vehicle, except to avert imminent danger, within the City limits. This device converts the internal combustion engine to an air compressor for the purpose of braking without the use of wheel brakes and causes excessive noise.

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# SPEED REGULATIONS

63.01 General 63.02 State Code Speed Limits 63.03 Parks, Cemeteries, and Parking Lots 63.04 Special Speed Zones 63.05 Minimum Speed

**63.01 GENERAL.** Every driver of a motor vehicle on a street shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the street and of any other conditions then existing, and no person shall drive a vehicle on any street at a speed greater than will permit said driver to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead, such driver having the right to assume, however, that all persons using said street will observe the law.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285)

**63.02 STATE CODE SPEED LIMITS.** The following speed limits are established in Section 321.285 of the *Code of Iowa* and any speed in excess thereof is unlawful unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter as a special speed zone.

- 1. Business District -20 miles per hour.
- 2. Residence or School District 25 miles per hour.
- 3. Suburban District 45 miles per hour.

**63.03 PARKS, CEMETERIES, AND PARKING LOTS.** A speed in excess of 15 miles per hour in any public park, cemetery, or parking lot, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236*[5])

**63.04 SPECIAL SPEED ZONES.** In accordance with requirements of the Iowa Department of Transportation, or whenever the Council shall determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any speed limit listed in Section 63.02 is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place or upon any part of the City street system, the Council shall determine and adopt by ordinance such higher or lower speed limit as it deems reasonable and safe at such location. The following special speed zones have been established:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.290)

**1. Special 5 MPH Speed Zones.** A speed in excess of five miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. West-east alley from Fourth Street to Fifth Street, located between Jefferson Street and Washington Street;

B. The south half of the north-south alley from Washington Street to Jefferson Street, located between Fourth Street and Fifth Street.

2. Special 15 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of 15 miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. Fourth Street, from Main Street to Washington Street;

B. Main Street, from Fourth Street to Fifth Street;

C. Fifth Street, from Main Street to Washington Street.

**3. Special 25 MPH Speed Zones.** A speed in excess of 25 miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. Iowa Highway No. 92, from a point  $50' \pm \text{east}$  of Third Street to a point  $50' \pm \text{east}$  of Fifth Street.

4. Special 35 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of 35 miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. Iowa Highway No. 92, from a point  $50' \pm \text{east}$  of Fifth Street to a point  $550' \pm \text{east}$  of Ninth Street;

B. Iowa Highway No. 92, from a point  $50' \pm \text{east}$  of Third Street to a point  $300' \pm \text{west}$  of West Washington Street.

5. Special 45 MPH Speed Zones. A speed in excess of 45 miles per hour is unlawful on any of the following designated streets or parts thereof.

A. Iowa Highway No. 92, from a point  $550' \pm \text{east}$  of Ninth Street to Iowa Department of Transportation Station  $96 \pm$ ;

B. Iowa Highway No. 92, from a point  $300' \pm$  west of West Washington Street to Iowa Department of Transportation Station  $391 \pm$ .

**63.05 MINIMUM SPEED.** A person shall not drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation, or in compliance with law.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.294*)

# **TURNING REGULATIONS**

64.01 Turning at Intersections 64.02 U-Turns 64.03 Left Turn for Parking

**64.01 TURNING AT INTERSECTIONS.** The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall do so as follows:

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.311*)

1. Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practical to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

2. Approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the centerline thereof and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to depart from the intersection to the right of the centerline of the roadway being entered.

3. Approach for a left turn from a two-way street into a one-way street shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the centerline thereof and by passing to the right of such centerline where it enters the intersection. A left turn from a one-way street into a two-way street shall be made by passing to the right of the centerline of the street being entered upon leaving the intersection.

The Police Chief may cause markers, buttons or signs to be placed within or adjacent to intersections and thereby require and direct, as traffic conditions require, that a different course from that specified above be traveled by vehicles turning at intersections, and when markers, buttons or signs are so placed, no driver of a vehicle shall turn a vehicle at an intersection other than as directed and required by such markers, buttons or signs.

**64.02** U-TURNS. It is unlawful for a driver to make a U-turn except at an intersection; however, U-turns are prohibited within the business district. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[9])* 

**64.03 LEFT TURN FOR PARKING.** No person shall make a left hand turn, crossing the centerline of the street, for the purpose of parking on said street.

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# **STOP OR YIELD REQUIRED**

65.01 Through Streets 65.02 Stop Required 65.03 Four-Way Stop Intersections 65.04 Yield Required 65.05 School Stops 65.06 Stop Before Crossing Sidewalk 65.07 Stop When Traffic Is Obstructed 65.08 Yield to Pedestrians in Crosswalks

**65.01 THROUGH STREETS.** Every driver of a vehicle shall stop, unless a yield is permitted by this chapter, before entering an intersection with the following designated through streets.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.345)

1. Iowa Highway 92 (Washington Street) from the west corporate limits to the east corporate limits.

**65.02 STOP REQUIRED.** Every driver of a vehicle shall stop in accordance with the following:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.345)

1. Scott Street. Vehicles traveling on Scott Street shall stop at Fourth Street;

2. Main Street. Vehicles traveling east on Main Street shall stop at Third Street, Fourth Street and Eighth Street; vehicles traveling west on Main Street shall stop at First Street, Third Street, Fifth Street and Eighth Street;

3. Jefferson Street. Vehicles traveling on Jefferson Street shall stop at Fourth Street and Sixth Street; vehicles traveling west on Jefferson Street shall stop at First Street;

4. Maple Street. Vehicles traveling on Maple Street shall stop at Fourth Street and Seventh Street;

5. Third Street. Vehicles traveling on Third Street shall stop at Main Street;

6. Fourth Street. Vehicles traveling south on Fourth Street shall stop at Main Street;

7. Fifth Street. Vehicles traveling south on Fifth Street shall stop at Main Street;

8. Second Street. Vehicles traveling north or south on Second Street shall stop at Maple Street.

**65.03** FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS. Every driver of a vehicle shall stop before entering the following designated four-way stop intersections: (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.345*)

- 1. The intersection of Sixth Street and Main Street.
- 2. The intersection of Second Street and Scott Street.
- 3. The intersection of First Street and Maple Street.

**65.04 YIELD REQUIRED.** Every driver of a vehicle shall yield in accordance with the following:

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.345*)

1. Third Street. Vehicles traveling north or south on Third Street shall yield at Scott Street.

**65.05 SCHOOL STOPS.** At the following school crossing zones every driver of a vehicle approaching said zone shall bring the vehicle to a full stop at a point ten (10) feet from the approach side of the crosswalk marked by an authorized school stop sign and thereafter proceed in a careful and prudent manner until the vehicle shall have passed through such school crossing zone.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.249)

- 1. Intersection of First Street and Jefferson Street;
- 2. Intersection of First Street and Washington Street (Highway 92).

**65.06 STOP BEFORE CROSSING SIDEWALK.** The driver of a vehicle emerging from a private roadway, alley, driveway, or building shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto the sidewalk area and thereafter shall proceed into the sidewalk area only when able to do so without danger to pedestrian traffic and shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicular traffic on the street into which the vehicle is entering.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.353)

**65.07 STOP WHEN TRAFFIC IS OBSTRUCTED.** Notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed, no driver shall enter an intersection or a marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle.

**65.08 YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS.** Where traffic control signals are not in place or in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping, if need be, to yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.327)

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### LOAD AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

66.01 Temporary Embargo 66.02 Permits for Excess Size and Weight 66.03 Load Limits Upon Certain Streets 66.04 Load Limits on Bridges 66.05 Truck Route

**66.01 TEMPORARY EMBARGO.** If the Council declares an embargo when it appears by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions that certain streets will be seriously damaged or destroyed by vehicles weighing in excess of an amount specified by the signs, no such vehicles shall be operated on streets so designated by such signs.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.471 & 472)

**66.02 PERMITS FOR EXCESS SIZE AND WEIGHT.** The Police Chief may, upon application and good cause being shown, issue a special permit in writing authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight or load exceeding the maximum specified by State law or the City over those streets or bridges named in the permit which are under the jurisdiction of the City and for which the City is responsible for maintenance.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473 & 321E.1)

**66.03 LOAD LIMITS UPON CERTAIN STREETS.** When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall operate any vehicle with a gross weight in excess of the amounts specified on such signs at any time upon any of the following streets or parts of streets: (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473 & 475*)

- NONE -

**66.04 LOAD LIMITS ON BRIDGES.** Where it has been determined that any City bridge has a capacity less than the maximum permitted on the streets of the City, or on the street serving the bridge, the Police Chief may cause to be posted and maintained signs on said bridge and at suitable distances ahead of the entrances thereof to warn drivers of such maximum load limits. No person shall drive upon said bridge any vehicle weighing, loaded or unloaded, in excess of such posted limit.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.471)

66.05 **TRUCK ROUTE.** Truck route regulations are established as follows:

1. Truck Routes Designated. Every motor vehicle weighing five tons or more, when loaded or empty, having no fixed terminal within the City or making no scheduled or definite stops within the City for the purpose of loading or unloading shall travel over or upon the following streets within the City and none other: (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473)

A. N72 from the north City limits to the south City limits;

B. Highway 92 from the east City limits to the west City limits.

2. Deliveries Off Truck Route. Any motor vehicle weighing five tons or more, when loaded or empty, having a fixed terminal, making a scheduled or definite stop

within the City for the purpose of loading or unloading shall proceed over or upon the designated routes set out in this section to the nearest point of its scheduled or definite stop and shall proceed thereto, load or unload, and return by the most direct route to its point of departure from said designated route.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473*)

3. Employer's Responsibility. The owner or any other person employing or otherwise directing the driver of any vehicle shall not require or knowingly permit the operation of such vehicle upon a street in any manner contrary to this section.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473)

# PEDESTRIANS

67.01 Walking in Street 67.02 Hitchhiking 67.03 Pedestrian Crossing67.04 Use of Sidewalks

**67.01** WALKING IN STREET. Pedestrians shall at all times when walking on or along a street, walk on the left side of the street.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.326)

**67.02 HITCHHIKING.** No person shall stand in the traveled portion of a street for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any private vehicle. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.331)* 

**67.03 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.** Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.328)

**67.04 USE OF SIDEWALKS.** Where sidewalks are provided it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent street.

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# **ONE-WAY TRAFFIC**

**68.01 ONE-WAY TRAFFIC REQUIRED.** Upon the following streets and alleys, vehicular traffic, other than permitted cross traffic, shall move only in the indicated direction when appropriate signs are in place.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[4])

1. South half of the alley from Washington Street to Jefferson Street between Fourth Street and Fifth Street shall run north to south only. . . . . . . . . . . .

### **PARKING REGULATIONS**

69.01 Park Adjacent to Curb
69.02 Parking on One-Way Streets
69.03 Angle Parking
69.04 Manner of Angle Parking
69.05 Parking for Certain Purposes Illegal
69.06 Parking Prohibited

69.07 Persons With Disabilities Parking
69.08 No Parking Zones
69.09 All Night Parking Prohibited
69.10 Parking Limited to One Hour
69.11 Snow Removal
69.12 Snow Routes

**69.01 PARK ADJACENT TO CURB.** No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle within 18 inches of the curb or edge of the roadway except as hereinafter provided in the case of angle parking and vehicles parked on the left-hand side of one-way streets.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)

**69.02 PARKING ON ONE-WAY STREETS.** No person shall stand or park a vehicle on the left-hand side of a one-way street other than parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with the left-hand wheels of the vehicle within 18 inches of the curb or edge of the roadway except as hereinafter provided in the case of angle parking.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)

**69.03 ANGLE PARKING.** Angle or diagonal parking is permitted only in the following locations:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)

- 1. Main Street, on the north side, from Fifth Street to Fourth Street;
- 2. Main Street, on the south side, from Fifth Street to Fourth Street;
- 3. Fifth Street, on the east side, from Washington Street to Main Street;
- 4. Fifth Street, on the west side, from Main Street to Washington Street;
- 5. Fourth Street, on the east side, from Main Street to Washington Street;
- 6. Fourth Street, on the west side, from Main Street to Washington Street;
- 7. Washington Street, on the north side, from Fourth Street to Fifth Street;

8. Washington Street, on the north side, from Fourth Street to the east side of the north-south alley between Third Street and Fourth Street.

**69.04 MANNER OF ANGLE PARKING.** Upon those streets or portions of streets that have been signed or marked for angle parking, no person shall park or stand a vehicle other than at an angle to the curb or edge of the roadway or in the center of the roadway as indicated by such signs and markings. No part of any vehicle or the load thereon, when said vehicle is parked within a diagonal parking district, shall extend into the roadway more than a distance of 16 feet when measured at right angles to the adjacent curb or edge of roadway.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)

**69.05 PARKING FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES ILLEGAL.** No person shall park a vehicle upon public property for more than 72 hours, unless otherwise limited under the provisions of this chapter, or for any of the following principal purposes:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1])

1. Sale. Displaying such vehicle for sale.

2. Repairing. For lubricating, repairing or for commercial washing of such vehicle except such repairs as are necessitated by an emergency.

3. Advertising. Displaying advertising.

4. Merchandise Sales. Selling merchandise from such vehicle except in a duly established market place or when so authorized or licensed under this Code of Ordinances.

**69.06 PARKING PROHIBITED.** No one shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or traffic control device, in any of the following places:

1. Crosswalk. On a crosswalk.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[5])

2. Center Parkway. On the center parkway or dividing area of any divided street. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1]*)

3. Mailboxes. Within 20 feet on either side of a mailbox that is so placed and so equipped as to permit the depositing of mail from vehicles on the roadway. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1])* 

- 4. Sidewalks. On or across a sidewalk. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[1])
- 5. Driveway. In front of a public or private driveway. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[2]*)

6. Intersection. Within an intersection or within 10 feet of an intersection of any street or alley.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[3])

7. Fire Hydrant. Within five feet of a fire hydrant. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[4]*)

8. Stop Sign or Signal. Within 10 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop or yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[6])* 

9. Railroad Crossing. Within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing, except when parked parallel with such rail and not exhibiting a red light. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[8])* 

10. Fire Station. Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of said entrance when properly sign posted.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[9]*)

11. Excavations. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[10])

12. Double Parking. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[11])

13. Hazardous Locations. When, because of restricted visibility or when standing or parked vehicles would constitute a hazard to moving traffic, or when other traffic conditions require, the Council may cause curbs to be painted with a yellow color and erect no parking or standing signs.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[13])

14. Churches, Nursing Homes and Other Buildings. A space of 50 feet is hereby reserved at the side of the street in front of any theatre, auditorium, hotel having more than 25 sleeping rooms, hospital, nursing home, taxicab stand, bus depot, church, or other building where large assemblages of people are being held, within which space, when clearly marked as such, no motor vehicle shall be left standing, parked or stopped except in taking on or discharging passengers or freight, and then only for such length of time as is necessary for such purpose.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.360)

15. Alleys. No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than 10 feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic, and no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle within an alley in such a position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a vehicle parked in any alley that is 18 feet wide or less, provided that said vehicle is parked to deliver goods or services.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1])

16. Ramps. In front of a curb cut or ramp which is located on public or private property in a manner which blocks access to the curb cut or ramp.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[15])

17. In More Than One Space. In any designated parking space so that any part of the vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the markings designating such space.

**69.07 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PARKING.** The following regulations shall apply to the establishment and use of persons with disabilities parking spaces:

1. Establishment. Persons with disabilities parking spaces shall be established and designated in accordance with Chapter 321L of the *Code of Iowa* and Iowa Administrative Code, 661-18. No unauthorized person shall establish any on-street persons with disabilities parking space without first obtaining Council approval.

2. Improper Use. The following uses of a persons with disabilities parking space, located on either public or private property, constitute improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit, which is a violation of this Code of Ordinances:

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321L.4[2]*)

A. Use by an operator of a vehicle not displaying a persons with disabilities parking permit.

B. Use by an operator of a vehicle displaying a persons with disabilities parking permit but not being used by a person issued a permit or being transported in accordance with Section 321L.2[1b] of the *Code of Iowa*.

C. Use by a vehicle in violation of the rules adopted under Section 321L.8 of the *Code of Iowa*.

3. Wheelchair Parking Cones. No person shall use or interfere with a wheelchair parking cone in violation of the following:

A. A person issued a persons with disabilities parking permit must comply with the requirements of Section 321L.2A[1] of the *Code of Iowa* when utilizing a wheelchair parking cone.

B. A person shall not interfere with a wheelchair parking cone that is properly placed under the provisions of Section 321L.2A[1] of the *Code of Iowa*.

**69.08 NO PARKING ZONES.** No one shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in any of the following specifically designated no parking zones except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a peace officer or traffic control signal. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1]*)

1. Iowa Highway No. 92 (Washington Street) from the east corporate line to Fifth Street;

2. First Street, on the west side, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from Maple Street to Washington Street; and, on the east side, from Maple Street to Washington Street;

3. Iowa Highway No. 92 (Washington Street) for a distance of 55 feet in advance of the near crosswalk and a distance of 22 feet beyond the far crosswalk at the intersections of Fourth Street and Fifth Street;

4. Washington Street, on the north side, between Second Street and Third Street.

**69.09 ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED.** No person, except physicians or other persons on emergency calls, shall park a vehicle on any of the following named streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. of any day.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1])

1. Fourth Street from Washington Street to Main Street on the west side of the street.

2. Main Street from Fourth Street to Fifth Street on the north side of the street.

3. Fifth Street from Washington Street to Main Street on the east side of the street.

4. Washington Street from Fourth Street to Fifth Street on the south side of the street.

**69.10 PARKING LIMITED TO ONE HOUR.** It is unlawful to park any vehicle for a continuous period of more than one hour between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on each weekday upon the following designated streets:

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1]*)

1. Washington Street, on the south side, from Fourth Street to Fifth Street.

**69.11 SNOW REMOVAL.** No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during snow removal operations unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall.

(Code of Iowa, 321.236[1])

**69.12 SNOW ROUTES.** The Council may designate certain streets in the City as snow routes. When conditions of snow or ice exist on the traffic surface of a designated snow route, it is unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to impede or block traffic.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[12])

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### **TRAFFIC CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES**

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**70.01 ARREST OR CITATION.** Whenever a peace officer has reasonable cause to believe that a person has violated any provision of the Traffic Code, such officer may:

1. Immediate Arrest. Immediately arrest such person and take such person before a local magistrate; or

2. Issue Citation. Without arresting the person, prepare in quintuplicate a combined traffic citation and complaint as adopted by the Iowa Commissioner of Public Safety, or issue a uniform citation and complaint utilizing a State-approved computerized device.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 805.6 & 321.485)

**70.02** SCHEDULED VIOLATIONS. For violations of the Traffic Code that are designated by Section 805.8A of the *Code of Iowa* to be scheduled violations, the scheduled fine for each of those violations shall be as specified in Section 805.8A of the *Code of Iowa*.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 805.8 & 805.8A)

**70.03 PARKING VIOLATIONS: ALTERNATE.** Uncontested violations of parking restrictions imposed by this Code of Ordinances shall be charged upon a simple notice of a fine payable at the office of the City Clerk. The simple notice of a fine shall be in the amount of \$15.00 for all violations except snow route parking violations and improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit. If such fine is not paid within 30 days, it shall be increased by \$5.00. The simple notice of a fine for snow route parking violations<sup>†</sup> is \$25.00, and the simple notice of a fine for improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit is \$100.00.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1b] & 321L.4[2])

**70.04 PARKING VIOLATIONS: VEHICLE UNATTENDED.** When a vehicle is parked in violation of any provision of the Traffic Code, and the driver is not present, the notice of fine or citation as herein provided shall be attached to the vehicle in a conspicuous place.

**70.05 PRESUMPTION IN REFERENCE TO ILLEGAL PARKING.** In any proceeding charging a standing or parking violation, a prima facie presumption that the registered owner was the person who parked or placed such vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which, such violation occurred shall be raised by proof that:

1. Described Vehicle. The particular vehicle described in the information was parked in violation of the Traffic Code; and

2. Registered Owner. The defendant named in the information was the registered owner at the time in question.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> **EDITOR'S NOTE:** A snow route parking violation occurs when the driver of a vehicle impedes or blocks traffic on a designated snow route. (See Section 69.12.)

**70.06 IMPOUNDING VEHICLES.** A peace officer is hereby authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, a vehicle from a street, public alley, public parking lot or highway to the nearest garage or other place of safety, or to a garage designated or maintained by the City, under the circumstances hereinafter enumerated:

1. Disabled Vehicle. When a vehicle is so disabled as to constitute an obstruction to traffic and the person or persons in charge of the vehicle are by reason of physical injury incapacitated to such an extent as to be unable to provide for its custody or removal.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1])

2. Illegally Parked Vehicle. When any vehicle is left unattended and is so illegally parked as to constitute a definite hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1]*)

3. Snow Removal. When any vehicle is left parked in violation of a ban on parking during snow removal operations.

4. Parked Over Limited Time Period. When any vehicle is left parked for a continuous period in violation of any limited parking time. If the owner can be located, the owner shall be given an opportunity to remove the vehicle.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1])

5. Costs. In addition to the standard penalties provided, the owner or driver of any vehicle impounded for the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be required to pay the reasonable cost of towing and storage.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec.* 321.236[1])

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