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69.01 PARKING LIMITED OR CONTROLLED. Parking of vehicles shall be controlled or limited where so indicated by designated traffic control devices in accordance with Chapter 61 of this Traffic Code. No person shall stop, park or stand a vehicle in violation of any such posted parking regulations unless in compliance with the directions of a peace officer.

69.02 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 eighteen (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)

69.03 PARK ADJACENT TO CURB — ONE-WAY STREET. 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 eighteen (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)

69.04 ANGLE PARKING — MANNER. Upon those streets or portions of streets which 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 parked within a diagonal parking district, shall extend into the roadway more than a distance of sixteen (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 forty-eight (48) hours, unless otherwise limited under the provisions of Section 69.01 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 the 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. Sidewalks. On or across a sidewalk.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [1])
4. Driveway. In front of a public or private driveway.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [2])
5. Intersection. Within, or within ten (10) feet of an intersection of any street or alley.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [3])
6. Fire Hydrant. Within five (5) feet of a fire hydrant.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [4])
7. Stop Sign or Signal. Within ten (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])
8. Railroad Crossing. Within fifty (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])

9. Fire Station. Within twenty (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 seventy-five (75) feet of said entrance when properly sign posted.

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

10. 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])

11. 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])

12. 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])

13. Theaters, Hotels, and Auditoriums. A space of not to exceed fifty (50) feet is hereby reserved at the side of the street in front of any theater, auditorium, hotel having more than twenty-five (25) sleeping rooms, or other buildings 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.

(Ord. 16-08 – Aug. 16 Supp.)

14. Alleys. No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (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 shall not apply to a vehicle parked in any alley which is eighteen (18) feet wide or less; provided said vehicle is parked to deliver goods or services.

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

15. 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])

16. Area Between Lot Line and Curb Line. That area of the public way not covered by sidewalk and lying between the lot line and the curb line, where curb has been installed. This subsection does not prohibit the parking of vehicles on the parking when the curb has been cut and the parking paved.

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.

(Ord. 02-09 – May 02 Supp.)

18. Municipal Parking Lot. In a municipal parking lot at any place where an official sign prohibits stopping or standing in the traveled lanes therein.

(Ord. 08-26 – Feb. 09 Supp.)

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

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. “Film-It” Program.
- A. The Police Department, with guidance from the Handicapped Parking Review Committee, is authorized and directed to establish a program whereby volunteers are utilized to survey streets and parking lots in the City for the purpose of photographing motor vehicles parked in violation of this section.
- B. This program shall include but not be limited to: (i) the issuance of identification cards to such volunteers with names and pictures affixed thereto to be used in the event that identification from any such volunteer is required; (ii) schedules to allow for the placement of volunteers in various areas of the City on different days on a rotating basis so as not to leave areas unpatrolled or duplicated; and (iii) a system of providing violator information to the Police Department which will then issue parking citations based upon such information.
- C. The Police Department, with guidance from the Handicapped Parking Review Committee, shall promulgate and issue such rules and regulations as shall be deemed necessary to implement the provisions of this program.
- D. The provisions of this section shall be in addition to all other enforcement provisions of this Code.
4. 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 which is properly placed under the provisions of Section 321L.2A (1) of the Code of Iowa.

(Ord. 00-29 – Aug. 00 Supp.)

69.08 TRUCK PARKING LIMITED. No person shall park a motor home, motor truck, trailer, semi-trailer, truck tractor, boat or boat trailer or other motor vehicle with trailer attached in violation of the following regulations. The provisions of this section shall not apply to pickup, light delivery or panel delivery trucks.

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

1. Business District. Excepting only when such vehicles are actually engaged in the delivery or receiving of merchandise or cargo, no person shall park or leave unattended such vehicle on any streets within the business district. When actually

receiving or delivering merchandise or cargo such vehicle shall be stopped or parked in a manner which will not interfere with other traffic.

2. Livestock. No such vehicle containing livestock, carcasses of dead animals or parts or products of dead animals shall be parked on any street, alley or highway for a period of time of more than thirty (30) minutes.

3. No person shall park any motor home, motor truck, trailer, semi-trailer, truck tractor, boat or boat trailer or other motor vehicle with trailer attached which exceeds 72 inches in width and/or 18 feet in length on any street or alley between sunrise and sunset for a longer period than 60 minutes, or between sunset and sunrise for a longer period than 30 minutes, except for loading or unloading purposes, or while in the actual process of being loaded or unloaded or making necessary minor repairs. Persons demonstrating a special need for a longer period of parking for a limited time may request a temporary waiver of this section from the Chief of Police or his designee.

(Ord. 08-22 – Nov. 08 Supp.)

69.09 FIRE LANES. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in a fire lane as provided herein.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236)

1. Fire Lanes Established. The Fire Chief may designate fire lanes on any private road or driveway where deemed necessary to assure access to property or premises by authorized emergency vehicles.

2. Signs and Markings. Wherever a fire lane has been designated, the Fire Chief shall cause appropriate signs and markings to be placed identifying such fire lanes and the parking prohibition established by this section.

3. Exception. The provisions of this section do not apply to authorized emergency vehicles.

69.10 SNOW ROUTES. The Council may, by resolution, 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 during a declared snow route parking emergency, it is unlawful for the driver, owner, or lessee of a vehicle to park the vehicle upon a designated snow route or otherwise impede or block traffic. When conditions of snow or ice exist on the traffic surface of any street during a declared winter storm emergency, it is unlawful for the driver, owner, or lessee of a vehicle to park the vehicle upon any street not exempted from this section or otherwise impede or block traffic.

(Ord. 08-21 – Nov. 08 Supp.)

69.11 SNOW ROUTE PARKING AND WINTER STORM EMERGENCY PARKING BAN.

1. Snow Route Parking Emergency.

A. When predictions or occurrences of freezing rain, icing conditions, or snow indicate the need, the City Manager or designee, shall proclaim a snow route parking emergency is in effect, and the news media shall be contacted to publicize the proclamation and the parking rules under the emergency. The Snow Route Emergency shall remain in effect until winter maintenance operations have ceased or when normal pavement conditions have been restored.

(Ord. 11-24 – Nov. 11 Supp.)

B. No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any designated snow route, City-owned off-street parking area or any other street designated by emergency “no parking” signs during any snow route emergency parking ban proclaimed by the City Manager unless or until the snow has been removed or plowed from the street or parking area. A snow route emergency parking ban shall begin at the time stated in the snow emergency announcement and shall continue until announcement of its termination.

C. The foregoing prohibition shall not apply within the area bounded by Sixth Avenue on the south, Ninth Street on the west, Eighth Avenue on the north and Thirteenth Street on the east except during the hours from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. unless otherwise designated by emergency “no parking” signs.

2. Winter Storm Emergency.

A. When predictions or occurrences of 4 inches of snow indicate the need, the City Manager or designee, shall proclaim a winter storm emergency and shall inform the news media to publicize the proclamation and the parking rules under the emergency.

(Ord. 11-24 – Nov. 11 Supp.)

B. No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any City street during any winter storm emergency parking ban proclaimed by the City Manager unless or until the snow has been removed or plowed from the street or parking area. A winter storm emergency parking ban shall begin at the time stated in the winter storm emergency announcement and shall continue until announcement of its termination.

C. The foregoing prohibition shall not apply to vehicles that have an approved winter storm emergency parking sticker affixed thereto. The Director of the Public Works Department may issue winter storm emergency parking stickers in situations where he finds that alternative parking is not reasonably available.

(Ord. 08-21 – Nov. 08 Supp.)

69.12 PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. No person shall park a vehicle on privately owned property or an area adjacent thereto developed as an off-street parking facility, without the consent of the owner, lessee, or person in charge of the privately owned property or facility. Upon complaint of the owner, lessee or person in charge of such property or facility, a violation of this section shall place the vehicle in the status of an illegally parked vehicle. It shall be the responsibility of the owner, lessee or person in charge of the privately owned property or facility to post signs giving reasonable notice of the prohibited parking by stating *No Parking --- Private Lot --- Violators Will Be Towed at the Owner's Expense*. Before towing any such vehicle, the owner, lessee, or person in charge of the property or facility shall agree in writing to release and hold harmless the City, its agents, officers and employees against any and all damages or claims for damages arising out of the towing of the vehicle.

(Ord. 05-09 – Nov. 05 Supp.)