

**CODE OF ORDINANCES**  
**OF THE**  
**CITY OF**  
**GROUND MOUND, IOWA**

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# CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND MOUND, IOWA, 2001

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## SUPPLEMENT RECORD

SUPPLEMENT		ORDINANCES AMENDING CODE		
Supp. No.	Repeals, Amends or Adds	Ord. No.	Date	Subject
Aug-01	Ch. 146	227-01	8-13-01	Manufactured and Mobile Homes
	55.12	228-01	8-13-01	Confinement of Animals
	15.05	229-01	8-13-01	Voting by Mayor
Jun-02	106.07(1)	230-02	5-13-02	Solid Waste Schedule of Fees
Nov-02	Ch. 60 (3-3-44) & (3-3-50)	230-03	10-14-02	Angle Parking; Truck Routes
Mar-03	Ch. 22	231-03	2-10-03	Park and Recreation Board
Jul-04	92.02; 99.02	232-04	6-14-04	Water and Sewer Rates
Jan-05	105.10(1)(A)	233-04	11-8-04	Residential Solid Waste Containers
	106.07(1)(E)	234-04	12-13-04	Fee for Dumpsters
Mar-05	92.02	235-05	2-14-05	Water Rates
May-05	106.07(1)	236-05	4-11-05	Solid Waste Collection Fees
Oct-05	155.31	237-05	9-12-05	Recreational Vehicles
Aug-06		238-05	Tabled	
	92.02(1)	239-06	6-12-06	Water Rates
	99.02(1)	240-06	6-12-06	Sewer Rates
Aug-07	55.09 (Sections renumbered as 55.10-55.14)	241-07	4-9-07	Unhealthful or Unsanitary Conditions
	Ch. 56	241-08	7-9-07	Licensing and Vaccination of Animals
Dec-07	Ch. 60 (3-3-22 [19 & 20])	243-07	9-10-07	Stop Signs
	Ch. 23	244-07	11-12-07	Community Club Board
May-08	Ch. 110	245-08	5-12-08	Natural Gas Franchise
	Ch. 111	246-08	5-12-08	Electric Franchise
Nov-08	Ch. 60 (3-3-88) & (3-3-89)	247-08	10-13-08	Recreational Vehicles and Utility Trailers; Unlicensed Vehicles and Utility Trailers
May-09		248-09		NOT ADOPTED
	Ch. 60 (3-3-22)	249-09	4-13-09	Stops and Yields
Dec-09	1.14	249-09	11-9-09	Standard Penalty
	80.02; 80.03	250-09	11-9-09	Abandoned Vehicles
Aug-10		251-10		NOT ADOPTED
	106.07(1)(E)	252-10	6-14-10	Solid Waste Collection Fees
Dec-10	136.08(11)	253-10	11-8-10	Sidewalk Standards
	4.04	254-10	11-8-10	Municipal Infractions
Jun-11	Ch. 160	253-11	5-9-11	Flood Plain Regulations
Aug-11	106.07(1)	254-11	7-11-11	Solid Waste Collection Fees
	Ch. 60 (3-3-28)	255-11	6-13-11	No Parking Zones
Dec-11	Ch. 60 (3-3-22)	256-11	11-14-11	Stop Signs
		257-11		NOT ADOPTED

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Feb-12	Ch. 24	258-12	1-9-12	Community Center Board
Dec-12	99.02	259-12	11-12-12	Sewer Rate
Aug-13	92.09	260-13	7-8-13	Customer Deposits
Sep-13	Ch. 111	261-13	7-8-13	Electric Franchise
	Ch. 74	262-13	8-12-13	Golf Carts
	92.07	263-13	8-12-13	Lien Exemption
Jun-14	Ch. 55	264-14	5-12-14	Animal Protection and Control
Dec-14	60.3-3-31	265-14	12-8-14	Prohibited Parking During Snow Emergency
	5.10	266-14	11-10-14	Vacancies
		267-14		NOT ADOPTED
	45.01(1)	268-14	11-10-14	Persons Under Legal Age
	46.02	269-14	11-10-14	Cigarettes and Tobacco
	121.01	270-14	11-10-14	Vapor Products
	105.02(15)	271-14	11-10-14	Solid Waste
May-15	106.07	272-15	5-11-15	Solid Waste Collection Fees
	122.05	273-15	5-11-15	Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchant License Fees
Oct-15	Ch. 141	274-15	10-12-15	Construction and Reconstruction of Roadways and Bridges
Mar-16	Ch. 136	275-16	3-14-16	Sidewalk Regulations
Aug-16	Ch. 103	276-16	7-19-16	Storm Water Drainage Utility
Sep-16	Ch. 75	277-16	9-12-16	UTVs
Oct-16	Ch. 50	278-16	10-10-16	Nuisance Abatement
Jan-17	92.04	279-16	1-9-17	Service Discontinued
Jun-17	41.13	280-17	6-12-17	First-Class Consumer Fireworks
Jul-17	105.10	281-17	7-10-17	Waste Storage Containers
Jun-18	Ch. 25	282-18	4-9-18	Planning and Zoning Commission
	Ch. 75	283-18	5-14-18	Operation of UTVs on City Streets
	Ch. 60 (3-3-81), (3-3-82), (3-3-83), (3-3-84), (3-3-85), (3-3-86), and (3-3-87)	284-18	5-14-18	Snowmobiles and ATVs
Nov-18	Ch. 136	285-18	10-8-18	Sidewalk Regulations
Dec-18	Ch. 122	286-18	12-10-18	Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants
	41.13; 41.14; 41.15; 41.16	287-18	12-10-18	Fireworks
Jan-19	Ch. 55	288-18	1-14-19	Animal Protection and Control
	Ch. 56	289-18	1-14-19	Licensing and Vaccination of Animals
	4.03	290-18	1-14-19	Schedule of Fines
Mar-19	106.07	291-19	3-11-19	Collection of Solid Waste
Jun-19	Ch. 60 (3-3-22)	292-19	5-13-19	Stop or Yield at Intersecting Highways and Other Intersections
	103.02	293-19	4-8-19	Storm Water Drainage Utility
	135.09	294-19	5-13-19	Excavations

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# CHAPTER 1

## CODE OF ORDINANCES

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**1.01 TITLE.** This code of ordinances shall be known and may be cited as the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Mound, Iowa, 2001.

**1.02 DEFINITIONS.** Where words and phrases used in this Code of Ordinances are defined in the Code of Iowa, such definitions apply to their use in this Code of Ordinances unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the Council or repugnant to the context of the provision. Other words and phrases used herein have the following meanings, unless specifically defined otherwise in another portion of this Code of Ordinances or unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the Council or repugnant to the context of the provision:

1. “Alley” means a public right-of-way, other than a street, affording secondary means of access to abutting property.
2. “City” means the City of Grand Mound, Iowa.
3. “Clerk” means the city clerk of Grand Mound, Iowa.
4. “Code” means the specific chapter of this Code of Ordinances in which a specific subject is covered and bears a descriptive title word (such as the Building Code and/or a standard code adopted by reference).
5. “Code of Ordinances” means the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Mound, Iowa, 2001.
6. “Council” means the city council of Grand Mound, Iowa.
7. “County” means Clinton County, Iowa.
8. “May” confers a power.
9. “Measure” means an ordinance, amendment, resolution or motion.

10. “Must” states a requirement.
11. “Occupant” or “tenant,” applied to a building or land, includes any person who occupies the whole or a part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.
12. “Ordinances” means the ordinances of the City of Grand Mound, Iowa, as embodied in this Code of Ordinances, ordinances not repealed by the ordinance adopting this Code of Ordinances, and those enacted hereafter.
13. “Person” means an individual, firm, partnership, domestic or foreign corporation, company, association or joint stock association, trust, or other legal entity, and includes a trustee, receiver, assignee, or similar representative thereof, but does not include a governmental body.
14. “Public way” includes any street, alley, boulevard, parkway, highway, sidewalk, or other public thoroughfare.
15. “Shall” imposes a duty.
16. “Sidewalk” means that surfaced portion of the street between the edge of the traveled way, surfacing, or curb line and the adjacent property line, intended for the use of pedestrians.
17. “State” means the State of Iowa.
18. “Statutes” or “laws” means the latest edition of the Code of Iowa, as amended.
19. “Street” or “highway” means the entire width between property lines of every way or place of whatever nature when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular traffic.

Words that are not defined in this Code of Ordinances or by the Code of Iowa have their ordinary meaning unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the Council, or repugnant to the context of the provision.

**1.03 CITY POWERS.** The City may, except as expressly limited by the Iowa Constitution, and if not inconsistent with the laws of the Iowa General Assembly, exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges and property of the City and of its residents, and preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort and convenience of its residents and each and every provision of this Code of Ordinances shall be deemed to be in the exercise of the foregoing powers and the performance of the foregoing functions.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.1)*

**1.04 INDEMNITY.** The applicant for any permit or license under this Code of Ordinances, by making such application, assumes and agrees to pay for all injury to or death of any person or persons whomsoever, and all loss of or damage to property whatsoever, including all costs and expenses incident thereto, however arising from or related to, directly, indirectly or remotely, the issuance of the permit or license, or the doing of anything thereunder, or the failure of such applicant, or the agents, employees or servants of such applicant, to abide by or comply with any of the provisions of this Code of Ordinances or the terms and conditions of such permit or license, and such applicant, by making such application, forever agrees to indemnify the City and its officers, agents and employees, and agrees to save them harmless from any and all claims, demands, lawsuits or liability whatsoever for any loss, damage, injury or death, including all costs and expenses incident thereto, by reason of the foregoing. The provisions of this section shall be deemed to be a part of any permit or license issued under this Code of Ordinances or any other ordinance of the City whether expressly recited therein or not.

**1.05 PERSONAL INJURIES.** When action is brought against the City for personal injuries alleged to have been caused by its negligence, the City may notify in writing any person by whose negligence it claims the injury was caused. The notice shall state the pendency of the action, the name of the plaintiff, the name and location of the court where the action is pending, a brief statement of the alleged facts from which the cause arose, that the City believes that the person notified is liable to it for any judgment rendered against the City, and asking the person to appear and defend. A judgment obtained in the suit is conclusive in any action by the City against any person so notified, as to the existence of the defect or other cause of the injury or damage, as to the liability of the City to the plaintiff in the first named action, and as to the amount of the damage or injury. The City may maintain an action against the person notified to recover the amount of the judgment together with all the expenses incurred by the City in the suit.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.14)*

**1.06 RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.** In the construction of this Code of Ordinances, the rules of statutory construction as set forth in Chapter 4 of the Code of Iowa shall be utilized to ascertain the intent of the Council with the understanding that the term “statute” as used therein will be deemed to be synonymous with the term “ordinance” when applied to this Code of Ordinances.

**1.07 EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.** Whenever an officer or employee is required or authorized to do an act by a provision of this Code of Ordinances,

the provision shall be construed as authorizing performance by a regular assistant, subordinate or a duly authorized designee of said officer or employee.

**1.08 AMENDMENTS.** All ordinances which amend, repeal or in any manner affect this Code of Ordinances shall include proper reference to chapter, section, subsection or paragraph to maintain an orderly codification of ordinances of the City.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.2)*

**1.09 CATCHLINES AND NOTES.** The catchlines of the several sections of the Code of Ordinances, titles, headings (chapter, section and subsection), editor's notes, cross references and State law references, unless set out in the body of the section itself, contained in the Code of Ordinances, do not constitute any part of the law, and are intended merely to indicate, explain, supplement or clarify the contents of a section.

**1.10 ALTERING CODE.** It is unlawful for any unauthorized person to change or amend by additions or deletions, any part or portion of the Code of Ordinances, or to insert or delete pages, or portions thereof, or to alter or tamper with the Code of Ordinances in any manner whatsoever which will cause the law of the City to be misrepresented thereby.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 718.5)*

**1.11 SEVERABILITY.** If any section, provision or part of the Code of Ordinances is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication will not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**1.12 WARRANTS.** If consent to enter upon or inspect any building, structure or property pursuant to a municipal ordinance is withheld by any person having the lawful right to exclude, the City officer or employee having the duty to enter upon or conduct the inspection may apply to the Iowa District Court in and for the County, pursuant to Section 808.14 of the Code of Iowa, for an administrative search warrant. No owner, operator or occupant or any other person having charge, care or control of any dwelling unit, rooming unit, structure, building or premises shall fail or neglect, after presentation of a search warrant, to permit entry therein by the municipal officer or employee.

**1.13 GENERAL STANDARDS FOR ACTION.** Whenever this Code of Ordinances grants any discretionary power to the Council or any commission, board or officer or employee of the City and does not specify standards to govern the exercise of the power, the power shall be exercised in light of the following standard: The discretionary power to grant, deny or revoke any matter shall be considered in light of the facts and circumstances then existing and as may be reasonably foreseeable, and due consideration shall be given to the impact upon the public health, safety and welfare, and the decision shall be that of a reasonably prudent person under similar circumstances in the exercise of the police power.

**1.14 STANDARD PENALTY.** Unless another penalty is expressly provided by this Code of Ordinances for violation of any particular provision, section, or chapter, any person failing to perform a duty required by this Code of Ordinances or otherwise violating any provision of this Code of Ordinances or any rule or regulation adopted herein by reference shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of at least sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) but not to exceed six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$625.00). The court may order imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days in lieu of a fine or in addition to a fine.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.3[2] and 903.1[1a])*

*(Ord. 249-09 – Dec. 09 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 2

# CHARTER

2.01 Title  
2.02 Form of Government  
2.03 Powers and Duties

2.04 Number and Term of Council  
2.05 Term of Mayor  
2.06 Copies on File

**2.01 TITLE.** This chapter may be cited as the charter of the City of Grand Mound, Iowa.<sup>†</sup>

**2.02 FORM OF GOVERNMENT.** The form of government of the City is the Mayor-Council form of government.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.4)*

**2.03 POWERS AND DUTIES.** The Council and Mayor and other City officers have such powers and shall perform such duties as are authorized or required by State law and by the ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations of the City.

**2.04 NUMBER AND TERM OF COUNCIL.** The Council consists of five (5) Council Members elected at large for overlapping terms of four (4) years.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 376.2)*

**2.05 TERM OF MAYOR.** The Mayor is elected for a term of two (2) years.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 376.2)*

**2.06 COPIES ON FILE.** The Clerk shall keep an official copy of the charter on file with the official records of the Clerk and the Secretary of State, and shall keep copies of the charter available at the Clerk's office for public inspection.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.1)*

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<sup>†</sup> **EDITOR'S NOTE:** Ordinance No. 156 adopting a charter for the City was passed and approved by the Council on December 11, 1972.

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## CHAPTER 3

### BOUNDARIES

**3.01 CORPORATE LIMITS.** The corporate limits of the City before the 1989 annexation were described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Seventeen (17), thence west to the northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Eighteen (18), thence south to the southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Eighteen (18), thence east to the southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Seventeen (17) thence north to the point of beginning, being in Township Eighty-one (81) North, Range Three (3) East of the 5th P.M.

After the 1989 annexation, the corporate limits are described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 8, Township 81 North, Range 3 East; thence south along the Half Section line to the southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 17, Township 81 North, Range 3 East; thence west along the south boundary line to the southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 18, Township 81 North, Range 3 East; thence north along the west boundary line to the northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 7, Township 81 North, Range 3 East; thence east along the Quarter Section line to the point of beginning.

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## CHAPTER 4

### MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS

4.01 Municipal Infraction  
4.02 Environmental Violation  
4.03 Penalties

4.04 Civil Citations  
4.05 Alternative Relief  
4.06 Criminal Penalties

**4.01 MUNICIPAL INFRACTION.** A violation of this Code of Ordinances or any ordinance or code herein adopted by reference or the omission or failure to perform any act or duty required by the same, with the exception of those provisions specifically provided under State law as a felony, an aggravated misdemeanor, or a serious misdemeanor, or a simple misdemeanor under Chapters 687 through 747 of the Code of Iowa, is a municipal infraction punishable by civil penalty as provided herein.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.22[3])*

**4.02 ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATION.** A municipal infraction which is a violation of Chapter 455B of the Code of Iowa or of a standard established by the City in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources, or both, may be classified as an environmental violation. However, the provisions of this section shall not be applicable until the City has offered to participate in informal negotiations regarding the violation or to the following specific violations:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.22 [1])*

1. A violation arising from noncompliance with a pretreatment standard or requirement referred to in 40 C.F.R. §403.8.
2. The discharge of airborne residue from grain, created by the handling, drying or storing of grain, by a person not engaged in the industrial production or manufacturing of grain products.
3. The discharge of airborne residue from grain, created by the handling, drying or storing of grain, by a person engaged in such industrial production or manufacturing if such discharge occurs from September 15 to January 15.

**4.03 PENALTIES.** A municipal infraction is punishable by the following civil penalties:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.22 [1])*

1. Standard Civil Penalties.

A. First Offense - Not to exceed \$500.00

B. Each Repeat Offense - Not to exceed \$750.00

Each day that a violation occurs or is permitted to exist constitutes a repeat offense.

2. Special Civil Penalties.

A. A municipal infraction arising from noncompliance with a pretreatment standard or requirement, referred to in 40 C.F.R. §403.8, by an industrial user is punishable by a penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each day a violation exists or continues.

B. A municipal infraction classified as an environmental violation is punishable by a penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each occurrence. However, an environmental violation is not subject to such penalty if all the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) The violation results solely from conducting an initial startup, cleaning, repairing, performing scheduled maintenance, testing, or conducting a shutdown of either equipment causing the violation or the equipment designed to reduce or eliminate the violation.

(2) The City is notified of the violation within twenty-four (24) hours from the time that the violation begins.

(3) The violation does not continue in existence for more than eight (8) hours.

3. Schedule of Fines. Any violation of this Code of Ordinances, unless otherwise set forth herein, shall carry a scheduled fine or civil penalty of a minimum of \$100.00. A violation of this Code of Ordinances constituting a second offense within a two-year period, unless otherwise set forth herein, shall have a scheduled fine/civil penalty of twice the amount for a first offense. A violation of this Code of Ordinances constituting a third offense within a two-year period, unless otherwise set forth herein, shall require a court appearance.

*(Section 4.03 – Ord. 290-18 – Jan. 19 Supp.)*

**4.04 CIVIL CITATIONS.** Any officer authorized by the City to enforce this Code of Ordinances may issue a civil citation to a person who commits a municipal infraction. A copy of the citation may be served by personal service as provided in Rule of Civil Procedure 1.305, by certified mail addressed to the defendant at defendant's last known mailing address, return receipt requested, or by publication in the manner as provided in Rule of Civil Procedure 1.310 and subject to the conditions of Rule of Civil Procedure 1.311. A copy of the citation shall be retained by the issuing officer, and the original citation shall be sent to the Clerk of the District Court. The citation shall serve as notification that a civil offense has been committed and shall contain the following information:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.22[4])*

1. The name and address of the defendant.
2. The name or description of the infraction attested to by the officer issuing the citation.
3. The location and time of the infraction.
4. The amount of civil penalty to be assessed or the alternative relief sought, or both.
5. The manner, location, and time in which the penalty may be paid.
6. The time and place of court appearance.
7. The penalty for failure to appear in court.
8. The legal description of the affected real property, if applicable.

If the citation affects real property and charges a violation relating to the condition of the property, including a building code violation, a local housing regulation violation, a housing code violation, or a public health or safety violation, after filing the citation with the Clerk of the District Court, the City shall also file the citation in the office of the County Treasurer.

*(Ord. 254-10 – Dec. 10 Supp.)*

**4.05 ALTERNATIVE RELIEF.** Seeking a civil penalty as authorized in this chapter does not preclude the City from seeking alternative relief from the court in the same action. Such alternative relief may include, but is not limited to, an order for abatement or injunctive relief.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.22 [8])*

**4.06 CRIMINAL PENALTIES.** This chapter does not preclude a peace officer from issuing a criminal citation for a violation of this Code of Ordinances or regulation if criminal penalties are also provided for the violation. Nor does it

preclude or limit the authority of the City to enforce the provisions of this Code of Ordinances by criminal sanctions or other lawful means.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.22[11])*

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## CHAPTER 5

### OPERATING PROCEDURES

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**5.01 OATHS.** The oath of office shall be required and administered in accordance with the following:

1. Qualify for Office. Each elected or appointed officer shall qualify for office by taking the prescribed oath and by giving, when required, a bond. The oath shall be taken, and bond provided, after being certified as elected but not later than noon of the first day which is not a Sunday or a legal holiday in January of the first year of the term for which the officer was elected.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 63.1)*

2. Prescribed Oath. The prescribed oath is: “I, (name), do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and that I will faithfully and impartially, to the best of my ability, discharge all duties of the office of (name of office) in Grand Mound as now or hereafter required by law.”

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 63.10)*

3. Officers Empowered to Administer Oaths. The following are empowered to administer oaths and to take affirmations in any matter pertaining to the business of their respective office:

- A. Mayor
- B. City Clerk
- C. Members of all boards, commissions or bodies created by law.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 63A.2)*

**5.02 BONDS.** Surety bonds are provided in accordance with the following:

1. Required. The Council shall provide by resolution for a surety bond or blanket position bond running to the City and covering the

Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and such other officers and employees as may be necessary and advisable.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 64.13)*

2. Bonds Approved. Bonds shall be approved by the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 64.19)*

3. Bonds Filed. All bonds, after approval and proper record, shall be filed with the Clerk.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 64.23[6])*

4. Record. The Clerk shall keep a book, to be known as the "Record of Official Bonds" in which shall be recorded the official bonds of all City officers, elective or appointive.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 64.24[3])*

**5.03 DUTIES: GENERAL.** Each municipal officer shall exercise the powers and perform the duties prescribed by law and this Code of Ordinances, or as otherwise directed by the Council unless contrary to State law or City charter.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**5.04 BOOKS AND RECORDS.** All books and records required to be kept by law or ordinance shall be open to examination by the public upon request, unless some other provisions of law expressly limit such right or require such records to be kept confidential. Access to public records which are combined with data processing software shall be in accordance with policies and procedures established by the City.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 22.2 & 22.3A)*

**5.05 TRANSFER TO SUCCESSOR.** Each officer shall transfer to his or her successor in office all books, papers, records, documents and property in the officer's custody and appertaining to that office.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**5.06 MEETINGS.** All meetings of the Council, any board or commission, or any multi-membered body formally and directly created by any of the foregoing bodies shall be held in accordance with the following:

1. Notice of Meetings. Reasonable notice, as defined by State law, of the time, date and place of each meeting, and its tentative agenda shall be given.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.4)*

2. Meetings Open. All meetings shall be held in open session unless closed sessions are held as expressly permitted by State law.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.3)*

3. Minutes. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings showing the date, time and place, the members present, and the action taken at each meeting. The minutes shall show the results of each vote taken and information sufficient to indicate the vote of each member present. The vote of each member present shall be made public at the open session. The minutes shall be public records open to public inspection.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.3)*

4. Closed Session. A closed session may be held only by affirmative vote of either two-thirds of the body or all of the members present at the meeting and in accordance with Chapter 21 of the Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.5)*

5. Cameras and Recorders. The public may use cameras or recording devices at any open session.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.7)*

6. Electronic Meetings. A meeting may be conducted by electronic means only in circumstances where such a meeting in person is impossible or impractical and then only in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 21 of the Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.8)*

**5.07 CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** A City officer or employee shall not have an interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or job of work or material or the profits thereof or services to be furnished or performed for the City, unless expressly permitted by law. A contract entered into in violation of this section is void. The provisions of this section do not apply to:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5)*

1. Compensation of Officers. The payment of lawful compensation of a City officer or employee holding more than one City office or position, the holding of which is not incompatible with another public office or is not prohibited by law.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[1])*

2. Investment of Funds. The designation of a bank or trust company as a depository, paying agent, or for investment of funds.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[2])*

3. City Treasurer. An employee of a bank or trust company, who serves as Treasurer of the City.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[3])*

4. Stock Interests. Contracts in which a City officer or employee has an interest solely by reason of employment, or a stock interest of the kind described in subsection 8 of this section, or both, if the contract is for professional services not customarily awarded by competitive bid, if the remuneration of employment will not be directly affected as a result of the contract, and if the duties of employment do not directly involve the procurement or preparation of any part of the contract.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[5])*

5. Newspaper. The designation of an official newspaper.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[6])*

6. Existing Contracts. A contract in which a City officer or employee has an interest if the contract was made before the time the officer or employee was elected or appointed, but the contract may not be renewed.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[7])*

7. Volunteers. Contracts with volunteer fire fighters or civil defense volunteers.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[8])*

8. Corporations. A contract with a corporation in which a City officer or employee has an interest by reason of stock holdings when less than five percent (5%) of the outstanding stock of the corporation is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the officer or employee or the spouse or immediate family of such officer or employee.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[9])*

9. Contracts. Contracts made by the City upon competitive bid in writing, publicly invited and opened.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[4])*

10. Cumulative Purchases. Contracts not otherwise permitted by this section, for the purchase of goods or services that benefit a City officer or employee, if the purchases benefiting that officer or employee do not exceed a cumulative total purchase price of \$6,000.00 in a fiscal year.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[3j])*

11. Franchise Agreements. Franchise agreements between the City and a utility and contracts entered into by the City for the provision of essential City utility services.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[3k])*

12. Third Party Contracts. A contract that is a bond, note or other obligation of the City and the contract is not acquired directly from the City but is acquired in a transaction with a third party who may or may not be the original underwriter, purchaser, or obligee of the contract.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[3l])*

*(Subsections 10-12 – Ord. 299-19 – Oct. 19 Supp.)*

**5.08 RESIGNATIONS.** An elected officer who wishes to resign may do so by submitting a resignation in writing to the Clerk so that it shall be properly recorded and considered. A person who resigns from an elective office is not eligible for appointment to the same office during the time for which the person was elected, if during that time the compensation of the office has been increased.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[9])*

**5.09 REMOVAL OF APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.** Except as otherwise provided by State or City law, all persons appointed to City office or employment may be removed by the officer or body making the appointment, but every such removal shall be by written order. The order shall give the reasons, be filed in the office of the Clerk, and a copy shall be sent by certified mail to the person removed, who, upon request filed with the Clerk within thirty (30) days after the date of mailing the copy, shall be granted a public hearing before the Council on all issues connected with the removal. The hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days after the date the request is filed, unless the person removed requests a later date.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.15)*

**5.10 VACANCIES.** A vacancy in an elective City office during a term of office shall be filled, at the Council's option, by one of the two following procedures:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[2])*

1. Appointment. By appointment following public notice by the remaining members of the Council within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs, except that if the remaining members do not constitute a quorum of the full membership, or if a petition is filed requesting an election, the Council shall call a special election as provided by law.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[2a])*

2. Election. By a special election held to fill the office for the remaining balance of the unexpired term as provided by law.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[2b])*

*(Ord. 266-14 – Dec. 14 Supp.)*

**5.11 GIFTS.** Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 68B of the Code of Iowa, a public official, public employee or candidate, or that person's immediate family member, shall not, directly or indirectly, accept or receive any gift or series of gifts from a "restricted donor" as defined in Chapter 68B and a restricted donor shall not, directly or indirectly, individually or jointly with one or more other restricted donors, offer or make a gift or a series of gifts to a public official, public employee or candidate.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 68B.22)*

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## CHAPTER 6

### CITY ELECTIONS

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**6.01 NOMINATING METHOD TO BE USED.** All candidates for elective municipal offices shall be nominated under the provisions of Chapter 45 of the Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 376.3)*

**6.02 NOMINATIONS BY PETITION.** Nominations for elective municipal offices of the City may be made by nomination paper or papers signed by not less than ten (10) eligible electors, residents of the City.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 45.1)*

**6.03 ADDING NAME BY PETITION.** The name of a candidate placed upon the ballot by any other method than by petition shall not be added by petition for the same office.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 45.2)*

**6.04 PREPARATION OF PETITION AND AFFIDAVIT.** Each eligible elector who signs a nominating petition shall add to the signature the elector's residence address, and date of signing. The person whose nomination is proposed by the petition shall not sign it. Each candidate shall complete and file a signed, notarized affidavit of candidacy. The affidavit shall be filed at the same time as the nomination petition. The affidavit shall be in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State and shall include information required by the Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 45.3)*

**6.05 FILING, PRESUMPTION, WITHDRAWALS, OBJECTIONS.** The time and place of filing nomination petitions, the presumption of validity thereof, the right of a candidate so nominated to withdraw and the effect of such withdrawal, and the right to object to the legal sufficiency of such petitions, or to the eligibility of the candidate, shall be governed by the appropriate provisions of Chapter 44 of the Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 45.4)*

**6.06 PERSONS ELECTED.** The candidates who receive the greatest number of votes for each office on the ballot are elected, to the extent necessary to fill the positions open.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 376.8[3])*



## CHAPTER 7

### FISCAL MANAGEMENT

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7.03 Cash Control  
7.04 Fund Control

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**7.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to establish policies and provide for rules and regulations governing the management of the financial affairs of the City.

**7.02 FINANCE OFFICER.** The Clerk is the finance and accounting officer of the City and is responsible for the administration of the provisions of this chapter.

**7.03 CASH CONTROL.** To assure the proper accounting and safe custody of moneys the following shall apply:

1. Deposit of Funds. All moneys or fees collected for any purpose by any City officer shall be deposited through the office of the finance officer. If any said fees are due to an officer, they shall be paid to the officer by check drawn by the finance officer and approved by the Council only upon such officer's making adequate reports relating thereto as required by law, ordinance or Council directive.
2. Deposits and Investments. All moneys belonging to the City shall be promptly deposited in depositories selected by the Council in amounts not exceeding the authorized depository limitation established by the Council or invested in accordance with the City's written investment policy and State law, including joint investments as authorized by Section 384.21 of the Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.21, 12B.10, 12C.1)*

**7.04 FUND CONTROL.** There shall be established and maintained separate and distinct funds in accordance with the following:

1. Revenues. All moneys received by the City shall be credited to the proper fund as required by law, ordinance or resolution.
2. Expenditures. No disbursement shall be made from a fund unless such disbursement is authorized by law, ordinance or resolution, was properly budgeted, and supported by a claim approved by the Council.

3. Emergency Fund. No transfer may be made from any fund to the Emergency Fund.

*(IAC, 545-2.5 [384,388], Sec. 2.5[2])*

4. Debt Service Fund. Except where specifically prohibited by State law, moneys may be transferred from any other City fund to the Debt Service Fund to meet payments of principal and interest. Such transfers must be authorized by the original budget or a budget amendment.

*(IAC, 545-2.5[384,388] Sec. 2.5[3])*

5. Capital Improvements Reserve Fund. Except where specifically prohibited by State law, moneys may be transferred from any City fund to the Capital Improvements Reserve Fund. Such transfers must be authorized by the original budget or a budget amendment.

*(IAC, 545-2.5[384,388] Sec. 2.5[4])*

6. Utility and Enterprise Funds. A surplus in a Utility or Enterprise Fund may be transferred to any other City fund, except the Emergency Fund and Road Use Tax Funds, by resolution of the Council. A surplus may exist only after all required transfers have been made to any restricted accounts in accordance with the terms and provisions of any revenue bonds or loan agreements relating to the Utility or Enterprise Fund. A surplus is defined as the cash balance in the operating account or the unrestricted retained earnings calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in excess of:

A. The amount of the expense of disbursements for operating and maintaining the utility or enterprise for the preceding three (3) months, and

B. The amount necessary to make all required transfers to restricted accounts for the succeeding three (3) months.

*(IAC, 545-2.5[384,388], Sec. 2.5[5])*

7. Balancing of Funds. Fund accounts shall be reconciled at the close of each month and a report thereof submitted to the Council.

**7.05 OPERATING BUDGET PREPARATION.** The annual operating budget of the City shall be prepared in accordance with the following:

1. Proposal Prepared. The finance officer is responsible for preparation of the annual budget detail, for review by the Mayor and Council and adoption by the Council in accordance with directives of the Mayor and Council.

2. Boards and Commissions. All boards, commissions, and other administrative agencies of the City that are authorized to prepare and administer budgets must submit their budget proposals to the finance

officer for inclusion in the proposed City budget at such time and in such form as required by the Council.

3. Submission to Council. The finance officer shall submit the completed budget proposal to the Council each year at such time as directed by the Council.

4. Resolution Establishing Maximum Property Tax Dollars. The Council shall adopt a resolution establishing the total maximum property tax dollars that may be certified for levy that includes taxes for City government purposes under *Code of Iowa* Section 384.1, for the City's trust and agency fund under *Code of Iowa* Section 384.6, Subsection 1, for the City's emergency fund under *Code of Iowa* Section 384.8, and for the levies authorized under *Code of Iowa* Section 384.12, Subsections 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, and 21, but excluding additions approved at election under *Code of Iowa* Section 384.12, Subsection 19.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.15A)*

A. The Council shall set a time and place for a public hearing on the resolution before the date for adoption of the resolution and shall publish notice of the hearing not less than 10 nor more than 20 days prior to the hearing in a newspaper published at least once weekly and having general circulation in the City.

B. If the City has an internet site, the notice shall also be posted and clearly identified on the City's internet site for public viewing beginning on the date of the newspaper publication or public posting, as applicable. Additionally, if the City maintains a social media account on one or more social media applications, the public hearing notice or an electronic link to the public hearing notice shall be posted on each such account on the same day as the publication of the notice. All of the following shall be included in the notice:

(1) The sum of the current fiscal year's actual property taxes certified for levy under the levies specified in this subsection and the current fiscal year's combined property tax levy rate for such amount that is applicable to taxable property in the City other than property used and assessed for agricultural or horticultural purposes.

(2) The effective tax rate calculated using the sum of the current fiscal year's actual property taxes certified for levy under the levies specified in this subsection, applicable to taxable property in the City other than

property used and assessed for agricultural or horticultural purposes.

(3) The sum of the proposed maximum property tax dollars that may be certified for levy for the budget year under the levies specified in this subsection and the proposed combined property tax levy rate for such amount applicable to taxable property in the City other than property used and assessed for agricultural or horticultural purposes.

(4) If the proposed maximum property tax dollars specified under Subparagraph (3) exceed the current fiscal year's actual property tax dollars certified for levy specified in Subparagraph (1), a statement of the major reasons for the increase.

Proof of publication shall be filed with and preserved by the County Auditor. The Department of Management shall prescribe the form for the public hearing notice for cities and the form for the resolution to be adopted by the Council under Paragraph C of this subsection.

C. At the public hearing, the Council shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the City. After all objections have been received and considered, the Council may decrease, but not increase, the proposed maximum property tax dollar amount for inclusion in the resolution and shall adopt the resolution and file the resolution with the County Auditor as required under *Code of Iowa* Section 384.16, Subsection 3.

D. If the sum of the maximum property tax dollars for the budget year specified in the resolution under the levies specified in this subsection exceeds 102 percent of the sum of the current fiscal year's actual property taxes certified for levy under the levies specified in this subsection, the Council shall be required to adopt the resolution by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Council.

E. If the City has an internet site, in addition to filing the resolution with the Auditor under *Code of Iowa* Section 384.16, Subsection 3, the adopted resolution shall be posted and clearly identified on the City's internet site for public viewing within 10 days of approval by the Council. The posted resolution for a budget year shall continue to be accessible for public viewing on

the internet site along with resolutions posted for all subsequent budget years.

5. Council Review. The Council shall review the proposed budget and may make any adjustments it deems appropriate in the budget before accepting such proposal for publication, hearing, and final adoption.

6. Notice of Hearing. Following, and not until adoption of the resolution required under Subsection 4 of this section, the Council shall set a time and place for public hearing on the budget to be held before March 31 and shall publish notice of the hearing not less than 10 nor more than 20 days before the hearing. A summary of the proposed budget and a description of the procedure for protesting the City budget under Section 384.19 of the *Code of Iowa*, in the form prescribed by the Director of the Department of Management, shall be included in the notice. Proof of publication of the notice under this subsection and a copy of the resolution adopted under Subsection 4 of this section must be filed with the County Auditor.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.16[3])*

7. Copies of Budget on File. Not less than 20 days before the date that the budget must be certified to the County Auditor and not less than 10 days before the public hearing, the Clerk shall make available a sufficient number of copies of the detailed budget to meet the requests of taxpayers and organizations and have them available for distribution at the offices of the Mayor and City Clerk and have a copy posted at one of the places designated for the posting of notices.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.16[2])*

8. Adoption and Certification. After the hearing, the Council shall adopt, by resolution, a budget for at least the next fiscal year and the Clerk shall certify the necessary tax levy for the next fiscal year to the County Auditor and the County Board of Supervisors. The tax levy certified may be less than, but not more than, the amount estimated in the proposed budget submitted at the final hearing or the applicable amount specified in the resolution adopted under Subsection 4 of this section. Two copies each of the detailed budget as adopted and of the tax certificate must be transmitted to the County Auditor.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.16[5])*

*(Section 7.05 – Ord. 300-19 – Oct. 19 Supp.)*

**7.06 BUDGET AMENDMENTS.** A City budget finally adopted for the following fiscal year becomes effective July 1 and constitutes the City appropriation for each program and purpose specified therein until amended as provided by this section.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.18)*

1. Program Increase. Any increase in the amount appropriated to a program must be prepared, adopted and subject to protest in the same manner as the original budget.

*(IAC, 545-2.2 [384, 388])*

2. Program Transfer. Any transfer of appropriation from one program to another must be prepared, adopted and subject to protest in the same manner as the original budget.

*(IAC, 545-2.3 [384, 388])*

3. Activity Transfer. Any transfer of appropriation from one activity to another activity within a program must be approved by resolution of the Council.

*(IAC, 545-2.4 [384, 388])*

4. Administrative Transfers. The finance officer shall have the authority to adjust, by transfer or otherwise, the appropriations allocated within a specific activity without prior Council approval.

*(IAC, 545-2.4 [384, 388])*

**7.07 ACCOUNTING.** The accounting records of the City shall consist of not less than the following:

1. Books of Original Entry. There shall be established and maintained books of original entry to provide a chronological record of cash received and disbursed.

2. General Ledger. There shall be established and maintained a general ledger controlling all cash transactions, budgetary accounts and for recording unappropriated surpluses.

3. Checks. Two signatures are required on all City checks. Checks shall be prenumbered and signed by any two of the following: the Clerk, Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, following Council approval, except as provided by subsection 5 hereof.

4. Budget Accounts. There shall be established such individual accounts to record receipts by source and expenditures by program and activity as will provide adequate information and control for budgeting purposes as planned and approved by the Council. Each individual account shall be maintained within its proper fund and so kept that receipts can be immediately and directly compared with revenue estimates and expenditures can be related to the authorizing appropriation. No expenditure shall be posted except to the appropriation for the function and purpose for which the expense was incurred.

5. Immediate Payment Authorized. The Council may by resolution authorize the Clerk to issue checks for immediate payment of amounts due, which if not paid promptly would result in loss of discount, penalty for late payment or additional interest cost. Any such payments made shall be reported to the Council for review and approval with and in the same manner as other claims at the next meeting following such payment. The resolution authorizing immediate payment shall specify the type of payment so authorized and may include but is not limited to payment of utility bills, contractual obligations, payroll and bond principal and interest.

6. Utilities. The finance officer shall perform and be responsible for accounting functions of the municipally owned utilities.

**7.08 FINANCIAL REPORTS.** The finance officer shall prepare and file the following financial reports:

1. Monthly Reports. There shall be submitted to the Council each month a report showing the activity and status of each fund, program, sub-program and activity for the preceding month.

2. Annual Report. Not later than December first of each year there shall be published an annual report containing a summary for the preceding fiscal year of all collections and receipts, all accounts due the City, and all expenditures, the current public debt of the City, and the legal debt limit of the City for the current fiscal year. A copy of the annual report must be filed with the Auditor of State not later than December 1 of each year.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.22)*

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## CHAPTER 15

### MAYOR

15.01 Term of Office  
15.02 Powers and Duties  
15.03 Appointments

15.04 Compensation  
15.05 Voting

**15.01 TERM OF OFFICE.** The Mayor is elected for a term of two (2) years.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 376.2)*

**15.02 POWERS AND DUTIES.** The powers and duties of the Mayor are as follows:

1. Chief Executive Officer. Act as the chief executive officer of the City and presiding officer of the Council, supervise all departments of the City, give direction to department heads concerning the functions of the departments, and have the power to examine all functions of the municipal departments, their records and to call for special reports from department heads at any time.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.14[1])*

2. Proclamation of Emergency. Have authority to take command of the police and govern the City by proclamation, upon making a determination that a time of emergency or public danger exists. Within the City limits, the Mayor has all the powers conferred upon the Sheriff to suppress disorders.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.14[2])*

3. Special Meetings. Call special meetings of the Council when the Mayor deems such meetings necessary to the interests of the City.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.14[1])*

4. Mayor's Veto. Sign, veto or take no action on an ordinance, amendment or resolution passed by the Council. The Mayor may veto an ordinance, amendment or resolution within fourteen days after passage. The Mayor shall explain the reasons for the veto in a written message to the Council at the time of the veto.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.5 & 380.6[2])*

5. Reports to Council. Make such oral or written reports to the Council as required. These reports shall concern municipal affairs generally, the municipal departments, and recommendations suitable for Council action.

6. Negotiations. Represent the City in all negotiations properly entered into in accordance with law or ordinance. The Mayor shall not represent the City where this duty is specifically delegated to another officer by law, ordinance, or Council direction.
7. Contracts. Whenever authorized by the Council, sign contracts on behalf of the City.
8. Professional Services. Upon order of the Council, secure for the City such specialized and professional services not already available to the City. In executing the order of the Council, the Mayor shall act in accordance with the Code of Ordinances and the laws of the State.
9. Licenses and Permits. Sign all licenses and permits which have been granted by the Council, except those designated by law or ordinance to be issued by another municipal officer.
10. Nuisances. Issue written order for removal, at public expense, any nuisance for which no person can be found responsible and liable.
11. Absentee Officer. Make appropriate provision that duties of any absentee officer be carried on during such absence.

**15.03 APPOINTMENTS.** The Mayor shall appoint the following officials:  
(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.4*)

1. Mayor Pro Tem
2. City Tree Board (with Council approval)
3. Cemetery Superintendent
4. Building Official
5. Community Tree Consultant

**15.04 COMPENSATION.** The salary of the Mayor is four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per month.  
(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[8]*)

**15.05 VOTING.** The Mayor is not a member of the Council and shall not vote as a member of the Council. (*Ord. 229-01 – Aug. 01 Supp.*)  
(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.4*)

## CHAPTER 16

### MAYOR PRO TEM

16.01 Vice President of Council  
16.02 Powers and Duties

16.03 Voting Rights  
16.04 Compensation

**16.01 VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.** The Mayor Pro Tem is vice president of the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.14[3])*

**16.02 POWERS AND DUTIES.** Except for the limitations otherwise provided herein, the Mayor Pro Tem shall perform the duties of the Mayor in cases of absence or inability of the Mayor to perform such duties. In the exercise of the duties of the office the Mayor Pro Tem shall not have power to employ, or discharge from employment, officers or employees that the Mayor has the power to appoint, employ or discharge without the approval of the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.14[3])*

**16.03 VOTING RIGHTS.** The Mayor Pro Tem shall have the right to vote as a member of the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.14[3])*

**16.04 COMPENSATION.** If the Mayor Pro Tem performs the duties of the Mayor during the Mayor's absence or disability for a continuous period of fifteen (15) days or more, the Mayor Pro Tem may be paid for that period the compensation as determined by the Council, based upon the Mayor Pro Tem's performance of the Mayor's duties and upon the compensation of the Mayor.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[8])*

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## CHAPTER 17

### COUNCIL

17.01 Number and Term of Council

17.02 Powers and Duties

17.03 Exercise of Power

17.04 Council Meetings

17.05 Appointments

17.06 Compensation

**17.01 NUMBER AND TERM OF COUNCIL.** The Council consists of five (5) Council members elected at large for overlapping terms of four (4) years.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.4 & 376.2)*

**17.02 POWERS AND DUTIES.** The powers and duties of the Council include, but are not limited to the following:

1. General. All powers of the City are vested in the Council except as otherwise provided by law or ordinance.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.2[1])*

2. Wards. By ordinance, the Council may divide the City into wards based upon population, change the boundaries of wards, eliminate wards or create new wards.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[7])*

3. Fiscal Authority. The Council shall apportion and appropriate all funds, and audit and allow all bills, accounts, payrolls and claims, and order payment thereof. It shall make all assessments for the cost of street improvements, sidewalks, sewers and other work, improvement or repairs which may be specially assessed.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.2[1], 384.16 & 384.38 [1])*

4. Public Improvements. The Council shall make all orders for the construction of any improvements, bridges or buildings.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.2[1])*

5. Contracts. The Council shall make or authorize the making of all contracts. No contract shall bind or be obligatory upon the City unless adopted by resolution of the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.100)*

6. Employees. The Council shall authorize, by resolution, the number, duties, term of office and compensation of employees or officers not otherwise provided for by State law or the Code of Ordinances.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

7. Setting Compensation for Elected Officers. By ordinance, the Council shall prescribe the compensation of the Mayor, Council members, and other elected City officers, but a change in the compensation of the Mayor does not become effective during the term in which the change is adopted, and the Council shall not adopt such an ordinance changing the compensation of any elected officer during the months of November and December in the year of a regular City election. A change in the compensation of Council members becomes effective for all Council members at the beginning of the term of the Council members elected at the election next following the change in compensation.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[8])*

**17.03 EXERCISE OF POWER.** The Council shall exercise a power only by the passage of a motion, a resolution, an amendment or an ordinance in the following manner:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.3[1])*

1. Action by Council. Passage of an ordinance, amendment or resolution requires a majority vote of all of the members of the Council. Passage of a motion requires a majority vote of a quorum of the Council. A resolution must be passed to spend public funds in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) on any one project, or to accept public improvements and facilities upon their completion. Each Council member's vote on a measure must be recorded. A measure which fails to receive sufficient votes for passage shall be considered defeated.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.4)*

2. Overriding Mayor's Veto. Within thirty (30) days after the Mayor's veto, the Council may pass the measure again by a vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.6[2])*

3. Measures Become Effective. Measures passed by the Council become effective in one of the following ways:

A. An ordinance or amendment signed by the Mayor becomes effective when the ordinance or a summary of the ordinance is published, unless a subsequent effective date is provided within the ordinance or amendment.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.6[1a])*

B. A resolution signed by the Mayor becomes effective immediately upon signing.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.6[1b])*

C. A motion becomes effective immediately upon passage of the motion by the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.6[1c])*

D. If the Mayor vetoes an ordinance, amendment or resolution and the Council repasses the measure after the Mayor's veto, a resolution becomes effective immediately upon repassage, and an ordinance or amendment becomes a law when the ordinance or a summary of the ordinance is published, unless a subsequent effective date is provided within the ordinance or amendment.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.6[2])*

E. If the Mayor takes no action on an ordinance, amendment or resolution, a resolution becomes effective fourteen (14) days after the date of passage, and an ordinance or amendment becomes law when the ordinance or a summary of the ordinance is published, but not sooner than fourteen (14) days after the date of passage, unless a subsequent effective date is provided within the ordinance or amendment.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.6[3])*

"All of the members of the Council" refers to all of the seats of the Council including a vacant seat and a seat where the member is absent, but does not include a seat where the Council member declines to vote by reason of a conflict of interest.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.4)*

**17.04 COUNCIL MEETINGS.** Procedures for giving notice of meetings of the Council and other provisions regarding the conduct of Council meetings are contained in Section 5.06 of this Code of Ordinances. Additional particulars relating to Council meetings are the following:

1. Regular Meetings. The time and place of the regular meetings of the Council shall be fixed by resolution of the Council.

2. Special Meetings. Special meetings shall be held upon call of the Mayor or upon the written request of a majority of the members of the Council submitted to the Clerk. Notice of a special meeting shall specify the date, time, place and subject of the meeting and such notice shall be given personally or left at the usual place of residence of each member of the Council. A record of the service of notice shall be maintained by the Clerk.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[5])*

3. Quorum. A majority of all Council members is a quorum.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[1])*

4. Rules of Procedure. The Council shall determine its own rules and maintain records of its proceedings.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[5])*

5. Compelling Attendance. Any three (3) members of the Council can compel the attendance of the absent members at any regular, adjourned or duly called meeting, by serving a written notice upon the absent members to attend at once.

**17.05 APPOINTMENTS.** The Council shall appoint the following officials and prescribe their powers, duties, compensation and term of office:

1. City Clerk
2. City Attorney
3. Water/Sewer Superintendent

**17.06 COMPENSATION.** The salary of each Council member shall be as follows:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[8])*

1. Council Meetings. For each regular and special session Council meeting attended by a Council member, said Council member shall be entitled to receive the sum of:
  - A. Thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each special session Council meeting and
  - B. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each regular session meeting and
  - C. Sixty dollars (\$60.00) for a joint special and regular Council session where a regular session meeting is preceded by a short special Council meeting.
2. Other Meetings. For each meeting (other than regular and special Council meetings) attended by a Council member in connection with the duties of said member, each Council member shall be entitled to receive:
  - A. The sum of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each meeting and



B. Reasonable automobile travel expenses, plus reasonable lodging and meal expenses actually incurred, if any.

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## CHAPTER 18

### CITY CLERK

18.01 Appointment and Compensation  
18.02 Powers and Duties: General  
18.03 Publication of Minutes  
18.04 Recording Measures  
18.05 Publication  
18.06 Authentication  
18.07 Certify Measures

18.08 Records  
18.09 Attendance at Meetings  
18.10 Issue Licenses and Permits  
18.11 Notify Appointees  
18.12 Elections  
18.13 City Seal

**18.01 APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION.** The Council shall appoint by majority vote a City Clerk to serve at the discretion of the Council. The Clerk shall receive such compensation as established by resolution of the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[3])*

**18.02 POWERS AND DUTIES: GENERAL.** The Clerk, or in the Clerk's absence or inability to act, the Deputy Clerk, has the powers and duties as provided in this chapter, this Code of Ordinances and the law.

**18.03 PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.** The Clerk shall attend all regular and special Council meetings and within fifteen (15) days following a regular or special meeting shall cause the minutes of the proceedings thereof to be published. Such publication shall include a list of all claims allowed and a summary of all receipts and shall show the gross amount of the claim.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[6])*

**18.04 RECORDING MEASURES.** The Clerk shall promptly record each measure considered by the Council and record a statement with the measure, where applicable, indicating whether the Mayor signed, vetoed or took no action on the measure, and whether the measure was repassed after the Mayor's veto.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.7[1 & 2])*

**18.05 PUBLICATION.** The Clerk shall cause to be published all ordinances, enactments, proceedings and official notices requiring publication as follows:

1. Time. If notice of an election, hearing, or other official action is required by this Code of Ordinances or law, the notice must be published at least once, not less than four (4) nor more than twenty (20) days before

the date of the election, hearing or other action, unless otherwise provided by law.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.3[1])*

2. Manner of Publication. A publication required by this Code of Ordinances or law must be in a newspaper published at least once weekly and having general circulation in the City, except that ordinances and amendments may be published by posting in the following places:

First Trust and Savings Bank  
Post Office  
City Hall

The Clerk is hereby directed to post promptly such ordinances and amendments, and to leave them so posted for not less than ten (10) days after the first date of posting. Unauthorized removal of the posted ordinance or amendment prior to the completion of the ten days shall not affect the validity of said ordinance or amendment. The Clerk shall note the first date of such posting on the official copy of the ordinance and in the official ordinance book immediately following the ordinance.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.3[2])*

**18.06 AUTHENTICATION.** The Clerk shall authenticate all measures except motions with the Clerk's signature, certifying the time and manner of publication when required.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.7[4])*

**18.07 CERTIFY MEASURES.** The Clerk shall certify all measures establishing any zoning district, building lines, or fire limits and a plat showing the district, lines, or limits to the recorder of the County containing the affected parts of the City.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.11)*

**18.08 RECORDS.** The Clerk shall maintain the specified City records in the following manner:

1. Ordinances and Codes. Maintain copies of all effective City ordinances and codes for public use.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.7[5])*

2. Custody. Have custody and be responsible for the safekeeping of all writings or documents in which the City is a party in interest unless otherwise specifically directed by law or ordinance.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

3. Maintenance. Maintain all City records and documents, or accurate reproductions, for at least five (5) years except that ordinances, resolutions, Council proceedings, records and documents, or accurate reproductions, relating to the issuance, cancellation, transfer, redemption or replacement of public bonds or obligations shall be kept for at least eleven (11) years following the final maturity of the bonds or obligations. Ordinances, resolutions, Council proceedings, records and documents, or accurate reproductions, relating to real property transactions shall be maintained permanently.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[3 & 5])*

4. Provide Copy. Furnish upon request to any municipal officer a copy of any record, paper or public document under the Clerk's control when it may be necessary to such officer in the discharge of such officer's duty; furnish a copy to any citizen when requested upon payment of the fee set by Council resolution; under the direction of the Mayor or other authorized officer, affix the seal of the City to those public documents or instruments which by ordinance and Code of Ordinances are required to be attested by the affixing of the seal.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4 & 5] and 380.7[5])*

5. Filing of Communications. Keep and file all communications and petitions directed to the Council or to the City generally. The Clerk shall endorse thereon the action of the Council taken upon matters considered in such communications and petitions.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**18.09 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.** At the direction of the Council, the Clerk shall attend meetings of committees, boards and commissions. The Clerk shall record and preserve a correct record of the proceedings of such meetings.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**18.10 ISSUE LICENSES AND PERMITS.** The Clerk shall issue or revoke licenses and permits when authorized by this Code of Ordinances, and keep a record of licenses and permits issued which shall show date of issuance, license or permit number, official receipt number, name of person to whom issued, term of license or permit and purpose for which issued.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**18.11 NOTIFY APPOINTEES.** The Clerk shall inform all persons appointed by the Mayor or Council to offices in the City government of their position and the time at which they shall assume the duties of their office.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**18.12 ELECTIONS.** The Clerk shall perform the following duties relating to elections and nominations:

1. In the event of a change in the method of nomination process used by the City, certify to the Commissioner of Elections the type of nomination process to be used by the City no later than seventy-seven (77) days before the date of the regular City election.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 376.6)*

2. Accept the nomination petition of a candidate for a City office for filing if on its face it appears to have the requisite number of signatures and is timely filed.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 376.4)*

3. Designate other employees or officials of the City who are ordinarily available to accept nomination papers if the Clerk is not readily available during normal working hours.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 376.4)*

4. Note upon each petition and affidavit accepted for filing the date and time that the petition was filed.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 376.4)*

5. Deliver all nomination petitions, together with the text of any public measure being submitted by the Council to the electorate, to the County Commissioner of Elections not later than five o'clock (5:00) p.m. on the day following the last day on which nomination petitions can be filed.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 376.4)*

**18.13 CITY SEAL.** The City seal is in the custody of the Clerk and shall be attached by the Clerk to all transcripts, orders and certificates which it may be necessary or proper to authenticate. The City seal is circular in form, in the center of which are the words "CITY SEAL" and around the margin the words "TOWN OF GRAND MOUND."

## CHAPTER 19

### CITY TREASURER

19.01 Appointment  
19.02 Compensation

19.03 Duties of Treasurer

**19.01 APPOINTMENT.** The City Clerk is the Treasurer and performs all functions required of the position of Treasurer.

**19.02 COMPENSATION.** The Clerk receives no additional compensation for performing the duties of the Treasurer.

**19.03 DUTIES OF TREASURER.** The duties of the Treasurer are as follows:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

1. Custody of Funds. Be responsible for the safe custody of all funds of the City in the manner provided by law, and Council direction.
2. Record of Fund. Keep the record of each fund separate.
3. Record Receipts. Keep an accurate record of all money or securities received by the Treasurer on behalf of the City and specify the date, from whom, and for what purpose received.
4. Record Disbursements. Keep an accurate account of all disbursements, money or property, specifying date, to whom, and from what fund paid.
5. Special Assessments. Keep a separate account of all money received by the Treasurer from special assessments.
6. Deposit Funds. Upon receipt of moneys to be held in the Treasurer's custody and belonging to the City, deposit the same in depositories selected by the Council.
7. Reconciliation. Reconcile depository statements with the Treasurer's books and certify monthly to the Council the balance of cash and investments of each fund and amounts received and disbursed.
8. Debt Service. Keep a register of all bonds outstanding and record all payments of interest and principal.
9. Other Duties. Perform such other duties as specified by the Council by resolution or ordinance.

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## CHAPTER 20

### CITY ATTORNEY

20.01 Appointment and Compensation  
20.02 Attorney for City  
20.03 Power of Attorney  
20.04 Ordinance Preparation

20.05 Review and Comment  
20.06 Provide Legal Opinion  
20.07 Attendance at Council Meetings  
20.08 Prepare Documents

**20.01 APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION.** The Council shall appoint by majority vote a City Attorney to serve at the discretion of the Council. The City Attorney shall receive such compensation as established by resolution of the Council.

**20.02 ATTORNEY FOR CITY.** The City Attorney shall act as attorney for the City in all matters affecting the City's interest and appear on behalf of the City before any court, tribunal, commission or board. The City Attorney shall prosecute or defend all actions and proceedings when so requested by the Mayor or Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**20.03 POWER OF ATTORNEY.** The City Attorney shall sign the name of the City to all appeal bonds and to all other bonds or papers of any kind that may be essential to the prosecution of any cause in court, and when so signed the City shall be bound upon the same.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**20.04 ORDINANCE PREPARATION.** The City Attorney shall prepare those ordinances which the Council may desire and direct to be prepared and report to the Council upon all such ordinances before their final passage by the Council and publication.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**20.05 REVIEW AND COMMENT.** The City Attorney shall, upon request, make a report to the Council giving an opinion on all contracts, documents, resolutions, or ordinances submitted to or coming under the City Attorney's notice.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**20.06 PROVIDE LEGAL OPINION.** The City Attorney shall give advice or a written legal opinion on City contracts and all questions of law relating to City matters submitted by the Mayor, Council or Clerk.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**20.07 ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS.** The City Attorney shall attend meetings of the Council at the request of the Mayor or Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**20.08 PREPARE DOCUMENTS.** The City Attorney shall, upon request, formulate drafts for contracts, forms and other writings which may be required for the use of the City.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

## CHAPTER 21

### CITY TREE BOARD

21.01 Creation and Establishment of City Tree Board  
21.02 Community Tree Consultant  
21.03 Term of Office  
21.04 Vacancy  
21.05 Compensation

21.06 Duties and Responsibilities  
21.07 Operation  
21.08 Interference with City Tree Board  
21.09 Review by Council

#### **21.01 CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY TREE BOARD.**

There is hereby created and established a City Tree Board for the City, which shall consist of five (5) members, citizens and residents of the City, who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council.

**21.02 COMMUNITY TREE CONSULTANT.** The Mayor shall appoint the Community Tree Consultant who shall also serve on the Tree Board as liaison between the Council and the Tree Board.

**21.03 TERM OF OFFICE.** The full term of office for members of the City Tree Board is three (3) years, and the terms are staggered, so that in one year, two members are appointed and the next year three members are appointed.

**21.04 VACANCY.** In the event that a vacancy occurs on the Board, it shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor with the approval of the Council, and such appointee shall fill out the unexpired term of the member whose office was vacated.

**21.05 COMPENSATION.** Members of the Board shall serve without compensation.

**21.06 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.** It is the responsibility of the Board to study, investigate, counsel, develop and/or update annually and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs along City streets or on any City property. The Board, when requested by the Council, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or question coming within the scope of its work.

**21.07 OPERATION.** The Board shall choose its own officers, make its own rules and regulations and keep a journal of its proceedings. A majority of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

**21.08 INTERFERENCE WITH CITY TREE BOARD.** It is unlawful for any person to prevent, delay or interfere with the City Tree Board or any of its agents while engaging in and about the planting, cultivating, mulching, pruning or removing of any street trees, park trees or trees on private grounds.

**21.09 REVIEW BY COUNCIL.** The Council shall have the right to review the conduct, acts and decisions of the City Tree Board. Any person may appeal from any ruling or order of the Board to the Council, who may hear the matter and make final decision.

## CHAPTER 22

### PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

22.01 Parks and Recreation Board Created  
22.02 Board Organization  
22.03 Duties of the Board

22.04 Reports  
22.05 Rules

**22.01 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD CREATED.** A Parks and Recreation Board is hereby created to advise the Council on the needed facilities to provide open space such as parks and playgrounds to enhance the leisure time activities of the City's residents of all ages.

**22.02 BOARD ORGANIZATION.** The Board shall consist of three (3) members, all residents of the City, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council. Members shall consist of two (2) members from the Grand Mound Ball Club and one member from the City Council. Members shall serve without compensation.

**22.03 DUTIES OF THE BOARD.** In addition to its duty to make a plan for recreation and for the facilities for recreation, and to update and revise these plans as required, the Board has authority over the properties and personnel devoted to parks and recreation.

**22.04 REPORTS.** The Board shall make written reports to the Council of its activities from time to time as it deems advisable, or upon Council request.

**22.05 RULES.** The Board has the power to make rules and regulations for the use of parks or other recreational facilities or for the conduct of recreation programs, subject to the approval of the rules by the Council. Such rules shall be either posted on the facility or otherwise publicized in a manner to provide adequate notice to the using public. Violation of a rule or regulation so posted or publicized may be cause for denial of use of the facility or if it is a violation of this Code of Ordinances may be prosecuted as a simple misdemeanor.

*(Ch. 22 – Ord. 231-03 – Mar. 03 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 23

### COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD

23.01 Community Club Board Created  
23.02 Board Organization  
23.03 Duties of the Board

23.04 Reports  
23.05 Rules

**23.01 COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD CREATED.** A Community Club Board is hereby created to advise the Council on the activities and events which enhance and promote community spirit of the City's residents of all ages.

**23.02 BOARD ORGANIZATION.** The Board shall consist of 3 members, all residents of the City, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council. Members shall consist of 2 members from the Grand Mound Community Club and one member from the City Council. Members shall serve without compensation.

**23.03 DUTIES OF THE BOARD.** In addition to its duty to make a plan for community events, and to update and revise these plans as required, the Board has authority over the activities and events.

**23.04 REPORTS.** The Board shall make written reports to the Council of its activities from time to time as it deems advisable, or upon Council request.

**23.05 RULES.** The Board has the power to make rules and regulations for planned activities and events, subject to the approval of the rules by the Council. Such rules shall be either posted or otherwise publicized in a manner to provide adequate notice to the using public. Violation of a rule or regulation so posted or publicized may be cause for denial of use of the facility or if it is a violation of this Code of Ordinances may be prosecuted as a simple misdemeanor.

*(Ch. 23 – Ord. 244-07 – Dec. 07 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 24

### COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD

24.01 Community Center Board Created  
24.02 Board Organization  
24.03 Duties of the Board

24.04 Reports  
24.05 Rules

**24.01 COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD CREATED.** A Community Center Board is hereby created to advise the Council on the activities and events taking place at the Grand Mound Community Center to enhance and promote community spirit of the City's residents of all ages.

**24.02 BOARD ORGANIZATION.** The Board shall consist of 5 members, all residents of the City, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council. Members shall consist of 4 members from the Grand Mound Community Club and one member from the City Council. Members shall serve without compensation.

**24.03 DUTIES OF THE BOARD.** In addition to its duty to make a plan for community events, and to update and revise these plans as required, the Board has authority over the activities and events.

**24.04 REPORTS.** The Board shall make written reports to the Council of its activities from time to time as it deems advisable, or upon Council request.

**24.05 RULES.** The Board has the power to make rules and regulations for planned activities and events, subject to the approval of the rules by the Council. Such rules shall be either posted or otherwise publicized in a manner to provide adequate notice to the using public. Violation of a rule or regulation so posted or publicized may be cause for denial of use of the facility or if it is a violation of this Code of Ordinances may be prosecuted as a simple misdemeanor.

*(Ch. 24 – Ord. 258-012 – Feb. 12 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 25

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

25.01 Planning and Zoning Commission  
25.02 Term of Office  
25.03 Removal from Office  
25.04 Meeting Attendance Required

25.05 Vacancies  
25.06 Compensation  
25.07 Powers and Duties

**25.01 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.** There shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the City Council, a City Planning and Zoning Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, consisting of five (5) members, who shall be residents of the City and qualified by knowledge or experience to act in matters pertaining to the development of a City plan.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 414.6 & 392.1)*

**25.02 TERM OF OFFICE.** The term of office of the members of the Commission shall be five (5) years. The terms of not more than one-third of the members will expire in any one year.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)*

**25.03 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.** Any member of the Commission may be removed from office by written order of the Council, which shall give the reasons therefore.

**25.04 MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUIRED.** Any Commission member who has three (3) or more consecutive, unexcused absences shall be recommended to the City Council for removal from office. The Commission shall determine what is an “unexcused absence.”

**25.05 VACANCIES.** If any vacancy exists on the Commission caused by resignation, or otherwise, a successor shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointee.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)*

**25.06 COMPENSATION.** All members of the Commission shall serve with compensation, at a rate of \$30.00 (thirty dollars) per meeting, and may request reimbursement for their actual expenses, which shall be subject to the approval of the Council. Compensation shall be paid on a semi-annual basis on the last payroll of June and December each year, for all meetings attended in that time period.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)*

**25.07 POWERS AND DUTIES.** The Planning and Zoning Commission shall possess the following powers, in addition to any others conferred by law:

1. Selection of Officers. The Commission shall choose annually at its first regular meeting, one of its members to act as Chairperson and another as Vice Chairperson, who shall perform all the duties of the Chairperson during the Chairperson's absence or disability.
2. Adopt Rules and Regulations. The Commission shall adopt such rules and regulations governing its organization and procedure as it may deem necessary.
3. Comprehensive Plan. The Commission shall have full power and authority to make or cause to be made such surveys, studies, maps, or charts of the whole or any portion of the City or of any land outside thereof, which in the opinion of the Commission bears relation to the comprehensive plan and shall bring it to the attention of the Council and may publish its studies and recommendations.
4. Comprehensive Plan: Preparation. For the purpose of making a comprehensive plan for the physical development of the City, the Commission shall make careful and comprehensive studies of present conditions and future growth of the City and with due regard to its relation to neighboring territory. The plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the City and its environs which will, in accordance with the present and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development.
5. Comprehensive Plan: Public Hearing. Before adopting a comprehensive plan as referred to in the preceding paragraph, or any part of it, or any substantial amendment thereof, the Commission shall hold at least one (1) public hearing thereon, notice of the time of which shall be given by one (1) publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and by posting a copy thereof in public places within the City, one of which shall be the City Hall, not less than seven (7) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of hearing. The adoption of the plan or part or amendment thereof shall be by motion of the Commission carried by the affirmative vote of not less than four (4) of the members of the Commission. After adoption of said plan by the Commission an attested copy thereof shall be certified to the Council and the Council may approve the same. When said plan or any modification or amendment thereof shall receive the approval of the Council, the said plan, until subsequently modified or amended as herein authorized, shall constitute the official City plan.

6. Comprehensive Plan: Amendments. When the comprehensive plan as herein provided has been adopted, no substantial amendment or modification thereof shall be made without such proposed change first being referred to the Commission for its recommendation; or, the Commission itself may initiate the proposal. The Commission shall then make such study of the proposal as it deems necessary and hold the public hearing and certify a copy of its adoption or disapproval of the proposed change to the Council. If the Commission disapproved the proposed change it may be adopted by the Council only by the affirmative vote of at least four (4) of the members of the said Council.

7. Recommendations on Improvements. No statuery, memorial, or work of art in a public place, and no public building, bridge, viaducts, street structures, public structure or appurtenances, shall be located or erected, or site heretofore obtained, nor shall any permit be issued by any department of the City for the erection or location thereof until and unless the design and proposed location of any such improvement shall have been submitted to the Commission and its recommendations thereon obtained, except such requirements and recommendations shall not act as a stay upon action for any such improvements when the Commission after thirty (30) days written notice requesting such recommendations, shall have failed to file same.

8. Review and Comment on Plats. All plans, plats, or re-plats of subdivisions or resubdivisions of land embraced in the City or adjacent thereto, laid out in lots or plats with the streets, alleys, or other portions of the same intended to be dedicated to the public in the City, shall first be submitted to the Commission and its recommendations obtained before approval by the Council, except such requirement and recommendations shall not act as a stay upon action on any such plans or plats when the Commission after thirty (30) days' written notice requesting such recommendations, shall have failed to file same.

9. Review and Comment of Street and Park Improvements. No plan for any street, park, parkway, boulevard, trafficway, riverfront, or other public improvement affecting the City plan shall be finally approved by the City or the character or location thereof determined, unless such proposal shall first have been submitted to the Commission and the latter shall have had thirty (30) days within which to file its recommendations thereon.

10. Zoning. The Commission shall have and exercise all the powers and duties and privileges in establishing the City zoning regulations and other related matters and may from time to time recommend to the

Council amendments, supplements, changes or modifications, all as provided by Chapter 414 of the *Code of Iowa*.

11. Fiscal Responsibilities. The Commission shall have full, complete and exclusive authority to expend for and on behalf of the City all sums of money appropriated to it, and to use and expend all gifts, donations or payments whatsoever which are received by the City for City planning and zoning purposes.

12. Limitation on Entering Contracts. The Commission shall have no power to contract debts beyond the amount of its original or amended appropriation as approved by the Council for the present year.

13. Professional Consultants. The Commission may contract with professional consultants, the State of Iowa, and the federal government, or with any one or more of them, for local planning assistance, and may agree with each or all of them as to the amount, if any, to be paid for such planning assistance, provided, however, that any such contract must be executed or ratified and confirmed by the City Administrator with the approval of the Council, otherwise the same to be void.

14. Implementation of City Plan. To prepare and recommend to the Council from time to time, plans and specifications for specific improvements in pursuance of the Official City Plan, which the Commission believes should have the early consideration of the Council and to give aid to the City officials charged with the directions or projects for improvements embraced within the Official City Plan, to further the making of such improvements, and generally to promote the realization of said Plan.

15. Cooperative Action. To cooperate with other municipal or regional planning commissions, the State of Iowa and other agencies or groups to further the local planning program and to assure harmonious and integrated planning for the City.

16. Annual Report. The Commission shall each year make a report to the Mayor and Council of its proceedings, with a full statement of its receipts, disbursements and the progress of its work during the preceding fiscal year.

(Ch. 25 – Ord. 282-18 – Jun. 18 Supp.)

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## CHAPTER 26

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD

26.01 Historical Society Board Created  
26.02 Board Organization  
26.03 Duties of the Board

26.04 Reports  
26.05 Rules

**26.01 HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD CREATED.** A Historical Society Board is hereby created to advise the Council on the activities and events taking place at the Grand Mound Historical Museum and to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through recognition, enhancement, and perpetuation of sites and districts of historical and cultural significance; and to safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage by preserving sites and districts of historical and cultural significance.

**26.02 BOARD ORGANIZATION.** The Board shall consist of five (5) members, all residents of the City, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council. Members shall serve without compensation.

**26.03 DUTIES OF THE BOARD.** The duty of the Board shall be to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through recognition, enhancement, and perpetuation of sites and districts of historical and cultural significance; and to safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage by preserving sites and districts of historical and cultural significance.

**26.04 REPORTS.** The Board shall make written reports to the Council of its activities from time as it deems advisable or upon request of the Council.

**26.05 RULES.** The Board has the power to make rules and regulations for the museum, its property, planned activities and events, subject to the approval of the rules by the Council. Such rules shall be either posted or otherwise publicized in a manner to provide adequate notice to the public. Violation of a rule or regulation so posted or publicized may be cause for denial of access to or use of a facility or if it is a violation of this Code of Ordinances may be prosecuted as a simple misdemeanor.

*(Chapter 26 – Ord. 296-19 – Jun. 19 Supp.)*

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## **CHAPTER 30**

### **CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**30.01 CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT.** The Council may contract with the County Sheriff or any other qualified lawful entity to provide law enforcement services within the City, and the Sheriff or such other entity shall have and exercise the powers and duties as provided in said contract and as required by law or ordinance.

*Code of Iowa, 28E.30)*

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## **CHAPTER 35**

### **FIRE PROTECTION**

**35.01 FIRE PROTECTION.** Pursuant to an agreement made and entered into by and between the Grand Mound Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and the City, the Grand Mound Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. shall furnish fire protection for all persons and property situated within the corporate limits of the City.

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## CHAPTER 40

### PUBLIC PEACE

40.01 Assault  
40.02 Harassment  
40.03 Disorderly Conduct

40.04 Unlawful Assembly  
40.05 Failure to Disperse

**40.01 ASSAULT.** No person shall, without justification, commit any of the following:

1. Pain or Injury. Any act which is intended to cause pain or injury to, or which is intended to result in physical contact which will be insulting or offensive to another, coupled with the apparent ability to execute the act.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 708.1 [1])*

2. Threat of Pain or Injury. Any act which is intended to place another in fear of immediate physical contact which will be painful, injurious, insulting, or offensive, coupled with the apparent ability to execute the act.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 708.1 [2])*

However, where the person doing any of the above enumerated acts, and such other person, are voluntary participants in a sport, social or other activity, not in itself criminal, and such act is a reasonably foreseeable incident of such sport or activity, and does not create an unreasonable risk or serious injury or breach of the peace, the act is not an assault. Provided, where the person doing any of the above enumerated acts is employed by a school district or accredited nonpublic school, or is an area education agency staff member who provides services to a school or school district, and intervenes in a fight or physical struggle, or other disruptive situation that takes place in the presence of the employee or staff member performing employment duties in a school building, on school grounds or at an official school function regardless of the location, the act is not an assault, whether the fight or physical struggle or other disruptive situation is between students or other individuals if the degree and the force of the intervention is reasonably necessary to restore order and to protect the safety of those assembled.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 708.1)*

**40.02 HARASSMENT.** No person shall commit harassment.

1. A person commits harassment when, with intent to intimidate, annoy or alarm another person, the person does any of the following:

A. Communicates with another by telephone, telegraph, writing or via electronic communication without legitimate purpose and in a manner likely to cause the other person annoyance or harm.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 708.7)*

B. Places any simulated explosive or simulated incendiary device in or near any building, vehicle, airplane, railroad engine or railroad car, or boat occupied by the other person.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 708.7)*

C. Orders merchandise or services in the name of another, or to be delivered to another, without such other person's knowledge or consent.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 708.7)*

D. Reports or causes to be reported false information to a law enforcement authority implicating another in some criminal activity, knowing that the information is false, or reports the alleged occurrence of a criminal act, knowing the same did not occur.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 708.7)*

2. A person commits harassment when the person, purposefully and without legitimate purpose, has personal contact with another person, with the intent to threaten, intimidate or alarm that other person. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "personal contact" means an encounter in which two or more people are in visual or physical proximity to each other. "Personal contact" does not require a physical touching or oral communication, although it may include these types of contacts.

**40.03 DISORDERLY CONDUCT.** No person shall do any of the following:

1. Fighting. Engage in fighting or violent behavior in any public place or in or near any lawful assembly of persons, provided that participants in athletic contests may engage in such conduct which is reasonably related to that sport.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 723.4 [1])*

2. Noise. Make loud and raucous noise in the vicinity of any residence or public building which causes unreasonable distress to the occupants thereof.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 723.4 [2])*

3. Abusive Language. Direct abusive epithets or make any threatening gesture which the person knows or reasonably should know is likely to provoke a violent reaction by another.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 723.4 [3])*

4. Disrupt Lawful Assembly. Without lawful authority or color of authority, disturb any lawful assembly or meeting of persons by conduct intended to disrupt the meeting or assembly.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 723.4 [4])*

5. False Report of Catastrophe. By words or action, initiate or circulate a report or warning of fire, epidemic, or other catastrophe, knowing such report to be false or such warning to be baseless.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 723.4 [5])*

6. Disrespect of Flag. Knowingly and publicly use the flag of the United States in such a manner as to show disrespect for the flag as a symbol of the United States, with the intent or reasonable expectation that such use will provoke or encourage another to commit a public offense.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 723.4 [6])*

7. Obstruct Use of Street. Without authority or justification, obstruct any street, sidewalk, highway, or other public way, with the intent to prevent or hinder its lawful use by others.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 723.4 [7])*

**40.04 UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY.** It is unlawful for three (3) or more persons to assemble together, with them or any of them acting in a violent manner, and with intent that they or any of them will commit a public offense. No person shall willingly join in or remain part of an unlawful assembly, knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe it is such.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 723.2)*

**40.05 FAILURE TO DISPERSE.** A peace officer may order the participants in a riot or unlawful assembly or persons in the immediate vicinity of a riot or unlawful assembly to disperse. No person within hearing distance of such command shall refuse to obey.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 723.3)*

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## CHAPTER 41

### PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

41.01 Distributing Dangerous Substances	41.09 Throwing and Shooting
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**41.01 DISTRIBUTING DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES.** No person shall distribute samples of any drugs or medicine, or any corrosive, caustic, poisonous or other injurious substance unless the person delivers such into the hands of a competent person, or otherwise takes reasonable precautions that the substance will not be taken by children or animals from the place where the substance is deposited.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 727.1)*

**41.02 FALSE REPORTS TO OR COMMUNICATIONS WITH PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITIES.** No person shall do any of the following:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 718.6)*

1. Report or cause to be reported false information to a fire department, a law enforcement authority or other public safety entity, knowing that the information is false, or report the alleged occurrence of a criminal act knowing the act did not occur.
2. Telephone an emergency 911 communications center, knowing that he or she is not reporting an emergency or otherwise needing emergency information or assistance.
3. Knowingly provide false information to a law enforcement officer who enters the information on a citation.

**41.03 REFUSING TO ASSIST OFFICER.** Any person who is requested or ordered by any magistrate or peace officer to render the magistrate or officer assistance in making or attempting to make an arrest, or to prevent the commission of any criminal act, shall render assistance as required. No person shall unreasonably and without lawful cause, refuse or neglect to render assistance when so requested.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 719.2)*

**41.04 HARASSMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.**

No person shall willfully prevent or attempt to prevent any public officer or employee from performing the officer's or employee's duty.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 718.4)*

**41.05 ABANDONED OR UNATTENDED REFRIGERATORS.**

No person shall abandon or otherwise leave unattended any refrigerator, ice box, or similar container, with doors that may become locked, outside of buildings and accessible to children, nor shall any person allow any such refrigerator, ice box, or similar container, to remain outside of buildings on premises in the person's possession or control, abandoned or unattended and so accessible to children.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 727.3)*

**41.06 ANTENNA AND RADIO WIRES.** It is unlawful for a person to allow antenna wires, antenna supports, radio wires or television wires to exist over any street, alley, highway, sidewalk, public way, public ground or public building without written consent of the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 [2])*

**41.07 BARBED WIRE AND ELECTRIC FENCES.** It is unlawful for a person to use barbed wire or electric fences to enclose land within the City limits without the written consent of the Council unless such land consists of ten (10) acres or more and is used as agricultural land.

**41.08 DISCHARGING WEAPONS.**

1. It is unlawful for a person to discharge rifles, shotguns, revolvers, pistols, guns, BB guns or other firearms of any kind within the City limits except by written consent of the Council.
2. No person shall intentionally discharge a firearm in a reckless manner.

**41.09 THROWING AND SHOOTING.** It is unlawful for a person to throw stones, bricks or missiles of any kind or to shoot arrows, rubber guns, slingshots, air rifles or other dangerous instruments or toys on or into any street, alley, highway, sidewalk, public way, public ground or public building, without written consent of the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 [2])*

**41.10 URINATING AND DEFECATING.** It is unlawful for any person to urinate or defecate onto any sidewalk, street, alley, or other public way, or onto any public or private building, including but not limited to the wall, floor, hallway, steps, stairway, doorway or window thereof, or onto any public or private land.

**41.11 FIREWORKS PERMIT.** The City may, upon application in writing, grant a permit for the display of fireworks by a City agency, fair associations, amusement parks and other organizations or groups of individuals approved by City authorities when such fireworks display will be handled by a competent operator. No permit shall be granted hereunder unless the operator or sponsoring organization has filed with the City evidence of insurance in the following amounts:

1. Personal Injury: ..... \$250,000.00 per person.
2. Property Damage:..... \$ 50,000.00.
3. Total Exposure: ..... \$1,000,000.00.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 727.2)*

**41.12 DRUG PARAPHERNALIA.**

1. As used in this section “drug paraphernalia” means all equipment, products or materials of any kind used or attempted to be used in combination with a controlled substance, except those items used in combination with the lawful use of a controlled substance, to knowingly or intentionally and primarily do any of the following:

- A. Manufacture a controlled substance.
- B. Inject, ingest, inhale or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance.
- C. Test the strength, effectiveness or purity of a controlled substance.
- D. Enhance the effect of a controlled substance.

Drug paraphernalia does not include hypodermic needles or syringes if manufactured, delivered, sold or possessed for a lawful purpose.

2. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly or intentionally manufacture, deliver, sell or possess drug paraphernalia.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 124.414)*

**41.13 FIRST CLASS CONSUMER FIREWORKS.**

1. The use of first-class consumer fireworks is strictly prohibited on public property and within parks all year, except as otherwise set forth in. The use of first-class consumer fireworks is strictly prohibited within the City of Grand Mound on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July each year. A violation of this section is a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than \$250.00.

2. No person under the age of 18 shall discharge a DOT 1.4 class consumer firework without parental supervision.
3. A person shall only discharge a consumer fireworks device on real property they own or on property where consent has been given. Novelties, including snakes, sparklers, or caps, can be discharged on a public place so long as all trash, wrappers, and wires are properly disposed of.
4. Consumer fireworks shall not be discharged by persons showing visible signs of, or determined to be, intoxicated or under the influence of a drug or narcotic.
5. Any person discharging a consumer fireworks device assumes all responsibility for its operation and the consequences thereof. No person shall discharge a consumer fireworks device in a reckless manner or manner likely to cause death, injury, fire, or property damage.
6. It shall be unlawful to alter, remove, or discharge components of a consumer fireworks device from its intended method of discharging.
7. Sky lantern open flame devices are not permitted to be released within the City limits, except if tethered by a retrievable rope so long as the person discharging has control over the sky lantern.
8. Use of display fireworks prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to use or explode display fireworks within the City limits, provided the City may, upon application in writing, grant a permit for the use of display fireworks by a City agency, fair associations, amusement parks and other organizations or groups of individuals approved by City authorities when such fireworks display will be handled by a competent operator. No permit shall be granted hereunder unless the operator or sponsoring organization has filed with the City evidence of insurance in the following amounts:
  - A. Personal injury: \$500,000 per person;
  - B. Property damage \$100,000;
  - C. Total exposure \$2,000,000.
9. Any person who violates any this provision of this section shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than \$250.

*(Section 41.13 – Ord. 287-18 – Dec. 18 Supp.)*

**41.14 OWNER/OCCUPANT RESPONSIBILITY.**

1. No person or responsible party shall allow, permit, or otherwise consent to the display of consumer or display fireworks on the private property or an adjacent public way if such possession or display is in violation of this chapter.
2. A person or responsible party with control of the private property shall be presumed to have consented to the display of fireworks on the property or adjacent way if law enforcement or fire officials observe and document the existence of the remnants of unlawful fireworks on the premises indicative of the use or display of such fireworks.
3. For purposes of this section, “responsible party” includes, but is not limited to:
  - A. The person(s) who owns, rents, leases, or otherwise has possession of the residence or other private property;
  - B. The person(s) in immediate control of the residence or other private property; and
  - C. The person(s) who organizes, supervises, sponsors, conducts, allows, controls, or controls access to the illegal discharge or illegal storage of fireworks.
4. If the residence or other private property is rented or leased, the landlord or lessor is not covered by this section unless they fall within the category of persons described under division (3)(B) or (C) of this definition. A landlord or lessor can only be held responsible under division (3)(C) of this definition if he or she has knowledge that fireworks are being unlawfully discharged or stored on the property.
5. Any person or responsible party who violates the restrictions in division 1 or 2 above will be guilty of a municipal infraction and subject to a civil penalty of \$250 for each offense.

*(Section 41.14 – Ord. 287-18 – Dec. 18 Supp.)*

**45.15 VIOLATIONS.** Unless a specific penalty is provided for above, all violations of any provision(s) of this chapter are hereby declared simple misdemeanors punishable by a fine of at least \$65 but not to exceed \$625 and/or municipal infractions punishable by a penalty as listed in this Code of Ordinances. Violations may be prosecuted as either a misdemeanor criminal offense or a municipal infraction at the sole discretion of the fire official or peace officer. Violations of this chapter shall be reported to the State Fire Marshal.

*(Ord. 287-18 – Dec. 18 Supp.)*

**45.16 EXCEPTIONS.** This section does not prohibit the sale or use of novelties; the sale by a resident, dealer, manufacture or jobber of such fireworks as are not prohibited; or the sale of any kind of fireworks if they are to be shipped out of state; or the sale or use of blank cartridges for a show or theater, or for signal purposes in athletic sports or by railroads or trucks for signal purposes, or by a recognized military organization. This section does not apply to any substance or composition prepared and sold for medicinal or fumigation purposes.

*(Ord. 287-18 – Dec. 18 Supp.)*

## CHAPTER 42

### PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

42.01 Trespassing  
42.02 Criminal Mischief  
42.03 Defacing Proclamations or Notices

42.04 Unauthorized Entry  
42.05 Fraud  
42.06 Theft

**42.01 TRESPASSING.** It is unlawful for a person to knowingly trespass upon the property of another. As used in this section, the term “property” includes any land, dwelling, building, conveyance, vehicle or other temporary or permanent structure whether publicly or privately owned. The term “trespass” means one or more of the following acts:

*(Code of Iowa Sec. 716.7 and 716.8)*

1. Entering Property Without Permission. Entering upon or in property without the express permission of the owner, lessee, or person in lawful possession with the intent to commit a public offense or to use, remove therefrom, alter, damage, harass, or place thereon or therein anything animate or inanimate.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 716.7 [2a])*

2. Entering or Remaining on Property. Entering or remaining upon or in property without justification after being notified or requested to abstain from entering or to remove or vacate therefrom by the owner, lessee, or person in lawful possession, or by any peace officer, magistrate, or public employee whose duty it is to supervise the use or maintenance of the property.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 716.7 [2b])*

3. Interfering with Lawful Use of Property. Entering upon or in property for the purpose or with the effect of unduly interfering with the lawful use of the property by others.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 716.7 [2c])*

4. Using Property Without Permission. Being upon or in property and wrongfully using, removing therefrom, altering, damaging, harassing, or placing thereon or therein anything animate or inanimate, without the implied or actual permission of the owner, lessee, or person in lawful possession.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 716.7 [2d])*

None of the above shall be construed to prohibit entering upon the property of another for the sole purpose of retrieving personal property which has accidentally or inadvertently been thrown, fallen, strayed, or blown onto the

property of another, provided that the person retrieving the property takes the most direct and accessible route to and from the property to be retrieved, quits the property as quickly as is possible, and does not unduly interfere with the lawful use of the property.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 716.7(3))*

**42.02 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.** It is unlawful, for any person who has no right to do so, to intentionally damage, deface, alter or destroy tangible property.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 716.1)*

**42.03 DEFACING PROCLAMATIONS OR NOTICES.** It is unlawful for a person intentionally to deface, obliterate, tear down, or destroy in whole or in part, any transcript or extract from or of any law of the United States or the State, or any proclamation, advertisement or notification, set up at any place within the City by authority of the law or by order of any court, during the time for which the same is to remain set up.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 716.1)*

**42.04 UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY.** No unauthorized person shall enter or remain in or upon any public building, premises or grounds in violation of any notice posted thereon or when said building, premises or grounds are closed and not open to the public. When open to the public, a failure to pay any required admission fee also constitutes an unauthorized entry.

**42.05 FRAUD.** It is unlawful for any person to commit a fraudulent practice as defined in Section 714.8 of the Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 714.8)*

**42.06 THEFT.** It is unlawful for any person to commit theft as defined in Section 714.1 of the Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 714.1)*

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## CHAPTER 45

# ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND INTOXICATION

45.01 Persons Under Legal Age

45.03 Open Containers in Motor Vehicles

45.02 Public Consumption or Intoxication

**45.01 PERSONS UNDER LEGAL AGE.** As used in this section, “legal age” means twenty-one (21) years of age or more.

1. A person or persons under legal age shall not purchase or attempt to purchase, consume, or individually or jointly have alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer in their possession or control; except in the case of liquor, wine or beer given or dispensed to a person under legal age within a private home and with the knowledge, presence, and consent of the parent, or guardian, for beverage or medicinal purposes or as administered to the person by either a physician or dentist for medicinal purposes and except to the extent that a person under legal age may handle alcoholic beverages, wine, and beer during the regular course of the person’s employment by a liquor control licensee, or wine or beer permittee under State laws. *(Ord. 268-14 – Dec. 14 Supp.)*

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.47[2])*

2. A person under legal age shall not misrepresent the person’s age for the purpose of purchasing or attempting to purchase any alcoholic beverage, wine or beer from any licensee or permittee.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.49[3])*

## **45.02 PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OR INTOXICATION.**

1. As used in this section unless the context otherwise requires:

A. “Arrest” means the same as defined in Section 804.5 of the Code of Iowa and includes taking into custody pursuant to Section 232.19 of the Code of Iowa.

B. “Chemical test” means a test of a person’s blood, breath, or urine to determine the percentage of alcohol present by a qualified person using devices and methods approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

C. “Peace Officer” means the same as defined in Section 801.4 of the Code of Iowa.

D. “School” means a public or private school or that portion of a public or private school which provides teaching for any grade from kindergarten through grade twelve.

2. A person shall not use or consume alcoholic liquor, wine or beer upon the public streets or highways. A person shall not use or consume alcoholic liquor in any public place, except premises covered by a liquor control license. A person shall not possess or consume alcoholic liquors, wine or beer on public school property or while attending any public or private school-related function. A person shall not be intoxicated or simulate intoxication in a public place.

3. When a peace officer arrests a person on a charge of public intoxication under this section, the peace officer shall inform the person that the person may have a chemical test administered at the person’s own expense. If a device approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety for testing a sample of a person’s breath to determine the person’s blood alcohol concentration is available, that is the only test that need be offered the person arrested. In a prosecution for public intoxication, evidence of the results of a chemical test performed under this subsection is admissible upon proof of a proper foundation. The percentage of alcohol present in a person’s blood, breath, or urine established by the results of a chemical test performed within two hours after the person’s arrest on a charge of public intoxication is presumed to be the percentage of alcohol present at the time of arrest.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.46)*

**45.03 OPEN CONTAINERS IN MOTOR VEHICLES.** *(See Chapter 60, 3-3-64 of this Code of Ordinances.)*

## CHAPTER 46

### MINORS

#### 46.01 Curfew

#### 46.02 Cigarettes and Tobacco

#### 46.03 Contributing to Delinquency

**46.01 CURFEW.** The Council has determined that a curfew for minors is necessary to promote the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the City and specifically to reinforce the primary authority and responsibility of adults responsible for minors; to protect the public from the illegal acts of minors committed after the curfew hour; and to protect minors from improper influences and criminal activity that prevail in public places after the curfew hour.

1. Definitions. For use in this section, the following terms are defined:

A. “Emergency errand” means, but is not limited to, an errand relating to a fire, a natural disaster, an automobile accident or any other situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious illness, bodily injury or loss of life.

B. “Knowingly” means knowledge which a responsible adult should reasonably be expected to have concerning the whereabouts of a minor in that responsible adult’s custody. This is an objective standard. It shall, therefore, be no defense that an adult responsible for a minor was completely indifferent to the activities or conduct or whereabouts of the minor.

C. “Minor” means any unemancipated person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

D. “Nonsecured custody” means custody in an unlocked multipurpose area, such as a lobby, office or interrogation room which is not designed, set aside or used as a secure detention area, and the person arrested is not physically secured during the period of custody in the area; the person is physically accompanied by a law enforcement officer or a person employed by the facility where the person arrested is being held; and the use of the area is limited to providing nonsecured custody only while awaiting transfer to an appropriate juvenile facility or to court, for contacting of and release to the person’s parents or other responsible adult or for other administrative purposes; but not for longer than six (6) hours without the oral or written order of a

judge or magistrate authorizing the detention. A judge shall not extend the period of time in excess of six hours beyond the initial six-hour period.

E. “Public place” includes stores, parking lots, parks, playgrounds, streets, alleys and sidewalks dedicated to public use; and also includes such parts of buildings and other premises whether publicly or privately owned which are used by the general public or to which the general public is invited commercially for a fee or otherwise; or in or on which the general public is permitted without specific invitation; or to which the general public has access. For purposes of this section, a vehicle or other conveyance is considered to be a public place when in the areas defined above.

F. “Responsible adult” means a parent, guardian or other adult specifically authorized by law or authorized by a parent or guardian to have custody or control of a minor.

G. “Unemancipated” means unmarried and/or still under the custody or control of a responsible adult.

2. Curfew Established. It is unlawful for any minor to be or remain upon any of the alleys, streets or public places or to be in places of business and amusement in the City between the hours of eleven o’clock (11:00) p.m. and six o’clock (6:00) a.m. of the following day.

3. Exceptions. The following are exceptions to the curfew:

A. The minor is accompanied by a responsible adult.

B. The minor is on the sidewalk or property where the minor resides or on either side of the place where the minor resides and the adult responsible for the minor has given permission for the minor to be there.

C. The minor is present at or is traveling between home and one of the following:

(1) Minor’s place of employment in a business, trade or occupation in which the minor is permitted by law to be engaged or, if traveling, within 30 minutes after the end of work;

(2) Minor’s place of religious activity or, if traveling, within 30 minutes after the end of the religious activity;

- (3) Governmental or political activity or, if traveling, within one hour after the end of the activity;
  - (4) School activity or, if traveling, within 30 minutes after the end of the activity;
  - (5) Assembly such as a march, protest, demonstration, sit-in or meeting of an association for the advancement of economic, political, religious or cultural matters, or for any other activity protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees of free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly or, if traveling, within 30 minutes after the end of the activity.
- D. The minor is on an emergency errand for a responsible adult;
- E. The minor is engaged in interstate travel through the City beginning, ending or passing through the City when such travel is by direct route.
- 4. Responsibility of Adults. It is unlawful for any responsible adult knowingly to permit or to allow a minor to be in any public place in the City within the time periods prohibited by this section unless the minor's presence falls within one of the above exceptions.
- 5. Enforcement Procedures.
  - A. Determination of Age. In determining the age of the juvenile and in the absence of convincing evidence such as a birth certificate or driver's license, a law enforcement officer on the street shall, in the first instance, use his or her best judgment in determining age.
  - B. Grounds for Arrest; Conditions of Custody. Grounds for arrest are that the person refuses to sign the citation without qualification; persists in violating the ordinance; refuses to provide proper identification or to identify himself or herself; or constitutes an immediate threat to the person's own safety or to the safety of the public. A law enforcement officer who arrests a minor for a curfew violation may keep the minor in custody either in a shelter care facility or in any non-secured setting. The officer shall not place bodily restraints, such as handcuffs, on the minor unless the minor physically resists or threatens physical violence when being taken into custody. A minor shall not be placed in detention following a curfew violation.

C. Notification of Responsible Adult. After a minor is taken into custody, the law enforcement officer shall notify the adult responsible for the minor as soon as possible. The minor shall be released to the adult responsible for the minor upon the promise of such person to produce the child in court at such time as the court may direct.

D. Minor Without Adult Supervision. If a law enforcement officer determines that a minor does not have adult supervision because the law enforcement officer cannot locate the minor's parent, guardian or other person legally responsible for the care of the minor, within a reasonable time, the law enforcement officer shall attempt to place the minor with an adult relative of the minor, an adult person who cares for the child or another adult person who is known to the child.

6. Penalties.

A. Responsible Adult's First Violation. In the case of a first violation by a minor, the law enforcement officer shall, by certified mail, send to the adult responsible for the minor, written notice of the violation with a warning that any subsequent violation will result in full enforcement of the curfew ordinance against both the responsible adult and minor, with applicable penalties.

B. Responsible Adult's Second Violation. Any responsible adult as defined in this section who, following receipt of a warning, knowingly allows the minor to violate any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

C. Minor's First Violation. In the case of a first violation by a minor, the law enforcement officer shall give the minor a written warning, which states that any subsequent violation will result in full enforcement of the curfew ordinance against the responsible adult and the minor, with applicable penalties.

D. Minor's Second Violation. For the minor's second and subsequent violations of any of the provisions of this section, the minor is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

**46.02 CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO.** It is unlawful for any person under eighteen (18) years of age to smoke, use, possess, purchase or attempt to purchase any tobacco, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, vapor products or cigarettes. Possession of any tobacco, tobaccos products, alternative nicotine products, vapor products or cigarettes as part of the person's employment and said person is employed by a person who holds a valid permit

under Chapter 453A of the Code of Iowa and lawfully offers for sale or sells any tobacco, tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, vapor product or cigarettes. **(Ord. 269-14 – Dec. 14**

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*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 453A.2)*

**46.03 CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY.** It is unlawful for any person to encourage any child under eighteen (18) years of age to commit any act of delinquency.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 709A.1)*

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## CHAPTER 47

### PARK REGULATIONS

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**47.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to facilitate the enjoyment of park facilities by the general public by establishing rules and regulations governing the use of park facilities.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12)*

**47.02 USE OF DRIVES REQUIRED.** No person shall drive any car, cycle or other vehicle, or ride or lead any horse, in any portion of a park except upon the established drives or roadways therein or such other places as may be officially designated by the City.

**47.03 FIREARMS.** No person shall carry or use any firearms, except law enforcement officers in the course of their employment.

**47.04 FIRES.** No person shall start or maintain a fire in any place other than a park stove, fireplace, charcoal grill or other designated area. Such fire shall be extinguished before leaving the area unless it is to be immediately used by some other party.

**47.05 LITTERING.** No person shall place, deposit, or throw any waste, refuse, litter or foreign substance in any area or receptacle except those provided for that purpose.

**47.06 TREES, FLOWERS AND SHRUBS.** No person shall cut, pick or remove in any manner whatsoever any plant or plant material unless such removal is authorized by the Council.

**47.07 HOURS.** It is unlawful for any unauthorized person to be in a park during the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) p.m. to seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. of the following day.

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## CHAPTER 50

### NUISANCE ABATEMENT PROCEDURE

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**50.01 DEFINITION OF NUISANCE.** Whatever is injurious to health, indecent, or unreasonably offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property so as essentially to interfere unreasonably with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property is a nuisance.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.1)*

**50.02 NUISANCES ENUMERATED.** The following subsections include, but do not limit, the conditions which are deemed to be nuisances in the City:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.2)*

1. **Offensive Smells.** Erecting, continuing or using any building or other place for the exercise of any trade, employment or manufacture, which, by occasioning noxious exhalations, unreasonably offensive smells, or other annoyances, becomes injurious and dangerous to the health, comfort or property of individuals or the public.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.2[1])*

2. **Filth or Noisome Substance.** Causing or suffering any offal, filth or noisome substance to be collected or to remain in any place to the prejudice of others.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.2[2])*

3. **Impeding Passage of Navigable River.** Obstructing or impeding without legal authority the passage of any navigable river, harbor or collection of water.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.2[3])*

4. **Water Pollution.** Corrupting or rendering unwholesome or impure the water of any river, stream or pond, or unlawfully diverting the same from its natural course or state, to the injury or prejudice of others.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.2[4])*

5. Blocking Public and Private Ways. Obstructing or encumbering, by fences, buildings or otherwise, the public roads, private ways, streets, alleys, commons, landing places or burying grounds.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.2[5])*

6. Houses of Ill Fame. Houses of ill fame, kept for the purpose of prostitution and lewdness; gambling houses; places resorted to by persons participating in criminal gang activity prohibited by Chapter 723A of the Code of Iowa or places resorted to by persons using controlled substances, as defined in Section 124.101 of the Code of Iowa, in violation of law, or houses where drunkenness, quarreling, fighting or breaches of the peace are carried on or permitted to the disturbance of others.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.2[6])*

7. Billboards. Billboards, signboards and advertising signs, whether erected and constructed on public or private property, which so obstruct and impair the view of any portion or part of a public street, avenue, highway, boulevard or alley or of a railroad or street railway track as to render dangerous the use thereof. **(See also Section 62.07)**

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.2[7])*

8. Storing of Flammable Junk. Depositing or storing of flammable junk, such as old rags, rope, cordage, rubber, bones and paper, by dealers in such articles within the fire limits of the City, unless in a building of fireproof construction. **(See also Chapter 51)**

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.2[9])*

9. Air Pollution. Emission of dense smoke, noxious fumes or fly ash.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.2[10])*

10. Weeds, Brush. Dense growth of all weeds, vines, brush, or other vegetation in the City so as to constitute a health, safety, or fire hazard, or which otherwise constitutes a nuisance under this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, all growths of grass or weeds in excess of eight (8) inches in height shall be deemed to be a nuisance. Exempt from this subsection are growths used primarily for educational and/or research purposes, so long as the growths are controlled.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.2[11])*

11. Dutch Elm Disease. Trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.2[12])*

12. Standing Water. Allowing or permitting land to remain in such a condition as to allow stagnant, standing water.

13. Community Standard. A house, building or land, visible from any public place or private premises, remaining in an unclean or disorderly condition and to a standard not conforming with other orderly premises in that vicinity.

14. Diminution of Property Values. Premises maintained in a manner causing substantial diminution in the value of other property in the neighborhood in which such premises are located.

15. Construction Site Litter. The maintenance of a construction site in such a manner that litter will not be prevented from being carried by the elements to adjoining premises.

16. Abandoned Objects. Abandoned, discarded or unused objects or equipment such as automobiles, furniture, appliances, cans or containers.

17. Compost Pile. Any compost pile which is of such a nature as to spread or harbor disease, emit unpleasant odors or harmful gas, or attract rodents, vermin or other disease-carrying pests, animals or insects.

18. Animal Control. Subject to Section 55 of this Code of Ordinances, the keeping within the City limits of farm animals and fowl, including but not limited to ducks, geese, chickens, turkeys, cattle, goats, swine, sheep, buffalo, horses and ponies.

19. Rock and Earth Slides. Storing or permitting the storage of material such as, but not limited to, sand, gravel, rock, earth, coal and grain in piles with side slopes in excess of the angle of repose of said material, the angle of repose being the angle that the surface of free-standing material makes with the horizontal plane without slipping, sliding or collapse of the material. (This subsection does not apply to accumulations or piles of snow or to materials stored in a building, enclosure or completely fenced area to which members of the public are not permitted access.)

20. The making available of food, salt, mineral blocks or other products for ingestion by wild or stray animals, except that the following actions shall not be considered a nuisance:

A. Elevated bird/squirrel feeders providing seed, grain, fruit, worms or suet for birds or squirrels.

B. Standing crops planted and left standing as food plots for wildlife.

C. Grain or other feed scattered or distributed solely as a result of normal agricultural, gardening, or soil stabilization practices.

D. Standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation or food/seed deposited by natural vegetation.

21. Trash Piles. Accumulation of rubbish or trash tending in nature to harbor or attract vermin, rodents, or other disease-carrying pests, animals or insects, or to spread or harbor disease, emit unpleasant odors or harmful gas or creating a hazard of fire.

22. Dead Animals and Other Contaminated Material. Carcasses of animals remaining exposed and unburied six hours after death, or green or slated hides left or deposited in any open or public places; the storage, collection, discharge or depositing of any liquid waste, offal, filth, garbage, refuse, dead animals, or contaminated material in any private or public place so as to threaten the health or safety of or which is offensive to the senses of any individual or the public, or which is conducive to the breeding and harborage of flies, rats, or other vermin. Game animals being processed according to Iowa Department of Natural Resources regulations are exempted.

23. Disposal of Dead Animals. The disposal of dead animals by means other than by rendering, by burying at least three feet under the surface of the ground, or by transportation to and disposal at the Northern Plains Regional Landfill.

24. Deposits on Parking. The deposit or storage of any garbage or refuse containers, brush, rubbish, grass, rocks, building materials, incinerators, or any other debris or materials on the parking or area between the sidewalk and the curb of any street, except for a period not to exceed 24 hours while awaiting removal by garbage or refuse haulers.

25. Rats and Other Vermin. An infestation of rats or other vermin in or upon any premises.

26. Spreading Disease. The exposure of any person to any communicable disease by unlawful act or practice.

27. Unlawful Manufacture of Drugs. The unlawful manufacture, formulation, sale, distribution, and/or use of drugs, medication, devices, materials and/or chemicals.

28. Attractive Nuisance. Failure to secure areas, building, or places against unauthorized access where such access threatens the health or safety of individuals, or is an attractive nuisance to children.

29. Debris, Refuse, Rubbish, Trash. Accumulations of unused boards, bricks, concrete or rocks, animal or vegetable products or matter, appliances, ashes, barrels (excluding burn barrels and solid waste collection barrels awaiting pickup), bones, bottles, boxes, broken

glass, brush, cans, cartons, cinders, coal, crates, pallets, decayed fruits or vegetables, dirt, dust, excrement, fence wire, filth, firewood not piled or stacked neatly or systematically, flammable materials, garbage, gasoline, grass, household furniture, discarded or broken or abandoned toys, iron and other metals, junk, kegs, leaves, logs, lumber not piled or stacked neatly and systematically (must have nails removed and be in rear yard; untreated lumber must be stacked), lumber scraps, manure, nails, offal, oil, old wearing apparel, paper, plaster, plastic (discarded containers or wrappers), plumbing fixtures, putrid fish or meat entrails, rags, roof shingles, rubber, sawdust, slag slop, soot, straw, sweepings, tacks, tarpaulins not in good repair, tires (mounted or unmounted), toilets, tubs, vehicle parts, weeds, wire, wood or metal shavings, any type of solid or yard waste (bagged or unbagged), or any condition or item that would prohibit the routine maintenance of the property or adversely affect the use and habitability of nearby property and of property within the City as a whole. Foliage and shrub clippings or cuttings, leaves, brush and fallen tree limbs or debris, firewood and other yard waste may be stored in piles in a rear yard not less than two (2) feet from a lot line and should be stored temporarily pending disposal or when used for mulch or composting or firewood.

30. Furniture, Fixtures and Appliances Outdoors. Any furniture, fixture, and appliance, including sofas, divans, recliners, toilets, bathtubs, sinks and similar objects that are not designed for outdoor use but which are maintained or located on any porch, lawn, parking lot, driveway, or public right-of-way.

31. Miscellaneous. Any act done or committed or suffered to be done or committed by any person—or any substance or thing kept, maintained, placed, or found in or on any public or private place—which is annoying or damaging or injurious or dangerous to the public health or welfare or safety, and every act or thing done, permitted, maintained, allowed, or continued on any property, public or private, by any person, which is liable to or does endanger, annoy, damage, or injure any person or inhabitant of the City or property of said person or inhabitant.

32. Vehicle Parts. Storage (other than in an enclosed building) on private property that is residentially zoned of any two or more vehicle parts, including (but not limited to) bumpers, engines, exhaust pipes, doors, fenders, hoods, mufflers, seats, windshields or windows, wheels, or any other structural, mechanical, or decorative vehicle parts.

33. Storage on Trailers or Trucks. The storage of anything on an unenclosed trailer, pickup, truck box, or like vehicles shall be treated in

the same manner as storage outside of an enclosed structure. Coverage with a tarp is not considered enclosed.

34. Other Nuisances. Any matter, thing, substance, or condition within the City deemed to be a nuisance in Chapter 657 of the Code of Iowa, or defined as a public nuisance in Chapter 657A of the Code of Iowa, or its successor provisions of either of the chapters.

**50.03 OTHER CONDITIONS.** The following chapters of this Code of Ordinances contain regulations prohibiting or restricting other conditions which are deemed to be nuisances:

1. Junk and Junk Vehicles (See Chapter 51)
2. Dangerous Buildings (See Chapter 145)
3. Storage and Disposal of Solid Waste (See Chapter 105)

**50.04 NUISANCES PROHIBITED.** The creation or maintenance of a nuisance is prohibited, and a nuisance, public or private, may be abated in the manner provided for in this chapter or State law.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.3)*

**50.05 NUISANCE ABATEMENT.** Whenever the Mayor or other authorized municipal officer finds that a nuisance exists, such officer shall cause to be served upon the property owner a written notice to abate the nuisance within a reasonable time after notice.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3h])*

**50.06 NOTICE TO ABATE CONTENTS.** The notice to abate shall contain:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3h])*

1. Description of Nuisance. A description of what constitutes the nuisance.
2. Location of Nuisance. The location of the nuisance.
3. Acts Necessary to Abate. A statement of the act or acts necessary to abate the nuisance.
4. Reasonable Time. A reasonable time within which to complete the abatement.
5. Assessment of City Costs. A statement that if the nuisance or condition is not abated as directed and no request for hearing is made within the time prescribed, the City will abate it and assess the costs against such person.



**50.07 METHOD OF SERVICE.** The notice may be served by ordinance, certified mail, or personal service to the property owner as shown by the records of the County Auditor.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 354.12[3h])*

**50.08 REQUEST FOR HEARING.** Any person ordered to abate a nuisance may have a hearing with the Council as to whether a nuisance exists. A request for a hearing must be made in writing and delivered to the Clerk within the time stated in the notice, or it will be conclusively presumed that a nuisance exists and it must be abated as ordered. The hearing will be before the Council at a time and place fixed by the Council. The findings of the Council shall be conclusive and, if a nuisance is found to exist, it shall be ordered abated within a reasonable time under the circumstances.

**50.09 ABATEMENT IN EMERGENCY.** If it is determined that an emergency exists by reason of the continuing maintenance of the nuisance or condition, the City may perform any action which may be required under this chapter without prior notice. The City shall assess the costs as provided in Section 50.11 after notice to the property owner under the applicable provisions of Sections 50.05, 50.06 and 50.07 and hearing as provided in Section 50.08.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3h])*

**50.10 ABATEMENT BY CITY.** If the person notified to abate a nuisance or condition neglects or fails to abate as directed, the City may perform the required action to abate, keeping an accurate account of the expense incurred. The itemized expense account shall be filed with the Clerk who shall pay such expenses on behalf of the City. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3h])* The City may institute civil proceedings to obtain injunctive and declaratory relief or such orders of the court as are reasonable and proper to abate practices, conditions or circumstances found to be contrary to or prohibited by the provisions of this chapter.

**50.11 COLLECTION OF COSTS.** The Clerk shall mail a statement of the total expense incurred by certified mail to the property owner who has failed to abide by the notice to abate, and if the amount shown by the statement has not been paid within one (1) month, the Clerk shall certify the costs to the County Treasurer and such costs shall then be collected with, and in the same manner, as general property taxes. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3h])* The City may collect all associated abatement expenses in a Court of Small Claims.

**50.12 INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF COST OF ABATEMENT.** If the amount expended to abate the nuisance or condition exceeds \$500.00, the City may permit the assessment to be paid in up to ten (10) annual installments, to

be paid in the manner and with the same interest as benefited property under the Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.13)]*

**50.12 FAILURE TO ABATE.** Any person causing or maintaining a nuisance who shall fail or refuse to abate or remove the same within the reasonable time required and specified in the notice to abate is in violation of this Code of Ordinances.

**50.13 MUNICIPAL INFRACTION ABATEMENT PROCEDURE.** A failure to abate a nuisance as defined in this chapter or a failure to perform an action required herein, following notice as provided in this chapter, shall constitute a municipal infraction and the requirements of this chapter may be enforced under the procedures applicable to municipal infractions in lieu of the abatement procedures set forth in this chapter.

**50.14 CONTROL OF VEGETATION.**

1. Except as provided in subsection 3 of this section, all property owners shall maintain their property and the abutting property outside the property owner's lot and property line and inside the curb lines of an adjacent public street, or in absence of a curb, from the traveled portion of the adjacent public street to the lot or property line at a height of not more than eight (8) inches. Property not so maintained shall be deemed a nuisance.

2. Notice Abatement; Assessment of Cost. In the event the owner of any property shall neglect or fail to comply with the preceding provisions, the City shall give notice of violation to the property owner by posting a notice on the property that the property is in violation of Section 50.15(1) of the Grand Mound Code of Ordinances, and if the violation is not abated within seven (7) days of the first date of posting of the notice, the City will abate the condition and attempt to collect the cost of abatement from the property owner. If the condition is not abated within seven (7) days of the first date notice was posted, the City shall act to control the vegetation and periodically report the cost of the abatement for each parcel of land or adjacent right-of-way through the City Council. The Council may levy and assess the reasonable cost for abatement against the parcel and certify the same to the County Auditor to be collected in the same manner as a property tax. Alternatively, the City may pursue a small claim action or a municipal infraction citation in Magistrate's Court. When said services are performed by the City, the minimum charge shall be \$100.00, along with an additional fee of \$50.00 per hour after the first hour or any fraction thereof.

3. Portions of real estate which fall within one or more of the following classifications are exempt from the requirements of this Section 50.15:

- A. A natural wooded area, wetland or flood plain;
- B. Native prairie or meadow area;
- C. Land that is currently used for agricultural purposes;
- D. Land areas which because of the slope, obstacles or standing water are impractical or unsafe to cut or mow;
- E. Gardens, landscape features or areas of natural vegetation which are planned, defined and controlled and maintained by the property owner.
- F. *(Chapter 50 amended by Ord. 278-16 – Oct. 16 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 51

### JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES

#### 51.01 Definitions

#### 51.02 Junk and Junk Vehicles Prohibited

#### 51.03 Junk and Junk Vehicles a Nuisance

#### 51.04 Exceptions

#### 51.05 Notice to Abate

**51.01 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. “Junk” means all old or scrap copper, brass, lead, or any other non-ferrous metal; old or discarded rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber, debris, waste or used lumber, or salvaged wood; dismantled vehicles, machinery and appliances or parts of such vehicles, machinery or appliances; iron, steel or other old or scrap ferrous materials; old or discarded glass, tinware, plastic or old or discarded household goods or hardware. Neatly stacked firewood located on a side yard or a rear yard is not considered junk.

2. “Junk vehicle” means any vehicle legally placed in storage with the County Treasurer or unlicensed and which has any of the following characteristics:

A. Broken Glass. Any vehicle with a broken or cracked windshield, window, headlight or tail light, or any other cracked or broken glass.

B. Broken, Loose or Missing Part. Any vehicle with a broken, loose or missing fender, door, bumper, hood, steering wheel or trunk lid.

C. Habitat for Nuisance Animals or Insects. Any vehicle which has become the habitat for rats, mice, or snakes, or any other vermin or insects.

D. Flammable Fuel. Any vehicle which contains gasoline or any other flammable fuel.

E. Inoperable. Any motor vehicle which lacks an engine or two or more wheels or other structural parts, rendering said motor vehicle totally inoperable, or which cannot be moved under its own power or has not been used as an operating vehicle for a period of thirty (30) days or more.

F. Defective or Obsolete Condition. Any other vehicle which, because of its defective or obsolete condition, in any other way constitutes a threat to the public health and safety.

Mere licensing of such vehicle shall not constitute a defense to the finding that the vehicle is a junk vehicle.

3. “Vehicle” means every device in, upon, or by which a person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway or street, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, and includes without limitation a motor vehicle, automobile, truck, motorcycle, tractor, buggy, wagon, farm machinery, or any combination thereof.

**51.02 JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES PROHIBITED.** It is unlawful for any person to store, accumulate, or allow to remain on any private property within the corporate limits of the City any junk or junk vehicle.

**51.03 JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES A NUISANCE.** It is hereby declared that any junk or junk vehicle located upon private property, unless excepted by Section 51.04, constitutes a threat to the health and safety of the citizens and is a nuisance within the meaning of Section 657.1 of the Code of Iowa. If any junk or junk vehicle is kept upon private property in violation hereof, the owner of or person occupying the property upon which it is located shall be prima facie liable for said violation.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3a])*

**51.04 EXCEPTIONS.** The provisions of this chapter do not apply to any junk or a junk vehicle stored within a garage or other enclosed structure.

**51.05 NOTICE TO ABATE.** Upon discovery of any junk or junk vehicle located upon private property in violation of Section 51.03, the City shall within five (5) days initiate abatement procedures as outlined in Chapter 50 of this Code of Ordinances.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3a])*

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## CHAPTER 55

# ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL

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**55.01 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. "Animal" means a nonhuman vertebrate.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 717B.1)*
2. "At large" means:
  - A. Off the premises of the owner or person given charge of the animal by the owner unless:
    - (1) The animal is on a leash, cord or similar restraint no greater than six (6) feet in length;
    - (2) The animal is within an occupied motor vehicle;
    - (3) The animal is housed within a veterinary clinic, commercial animal establishment or animal shelter;
    - (4) The animal is trained and used by a government agency and accompanied by the appropriate government agency handler;
    - (5) The owner and the animal are participating in a regularly scheduled competitive or exhibition event sanctioned or sponsored by a nationally recognized organization, local chapter thereof, or other generally recognized local organization;
    - (6) The animal is actively engaged in training for hunting or hunting;
    - (7) The animal and the owner are actively engaged in a generally recognized obedience training program or training for a generally recognized kennel club event, provided:

- (1) The animal is in the actual physical presence of the owner or trainer at all times;
- (2) The owner or trainer is at no time more than fifty (50) feet from the animal;
- (3) The animal is immediately obedient to the commands of the owner or trainer; and
- (4) The owner or trainer has, at all times, on his or her person a leash of sufficient strength to restrain the animal.

B. On the premises of the owner or person given charge of the animal by the owner unless the animal is restrained on those premises by lease, cord, adequate protective fence, operational invisible fence or other similar restraint that does not allow an animal to go beyond the owner's real property line;

C. Dogs and cats are deemed to be "at large" if they do not have the necessary identification tags.

3. "Dangerous animal" means undomesticated animals that have a natural propensity to bite, scratch or otherwise cause injury to people including: badgers, wolverines, wolves, weasels, skunks, minks, raccoons, bats, scorpions, mountain lions, lions, tigers, bears, crocodiles, alligators, venomous, poisonous and/or constricting snakes, not excluding any other undomesticated animal that could cause injury, lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, lynx, ocelots and bobcats.

4. "Owner/keeper" means the person who has the care, custody or control of the animal at the time of the attack, whether the person is the actual owner of the animal.

5. "Livestock" means an animal belonging to the bovine, caprine, equine, ovine or porcine species; farm deer, as defined in Section 481A.1 of the *Code of Iowa*: ostriches, rheas, emus or poultry.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 717.1)*

6. "Vicious animal" means any animal which has known vicious propensities or which has been known to attack or injure any person who was peacefully conducting himself/herself in a place where he/she may lawfully be. An animal is deemed to be vicious, or have vicious propensities, when it meets any one or more of the following:

A. Attacks, bites or claws any person without provocation while at large or which could not be controlled or restrained at the time of the attack by the owner/keeper to prevent the occurrence whether on or off the owner/keeper's property.



B. Bites more than one person during the animal's lifetime, or bites one person on two (2) or more occasions during the animal's lifetime.

C. Attacks any domesticated animal or fowl without provocation, causing injury or death, while off the premises of the owner/guardian.

**55.02 DANGEROUS ANIMALS PROHIBITED.** No person shall keep, shelter or harbor any dangerous animal as a pet, or act as a temporary custodian for such animal, or keep, shelter or harbor such animal for any other purpose or in any other capacity within the City.

**55.03 VICIOUS ANIMALS PROHIBITION.**

1. No person shall keep, shelter or harbor an animal that has been found to be vicious for any reason within the City.
2. No person shall keep, shelter or harbor any animal in the City that has previously been found to be vicious in violation of the ordinances, codes or statutes of any other political subdivision.

**55.04 EXCEPTION TO THE VICIOUS ANIMALS PROHIBITION.**

1. Animals under the control of a law enforcement or military agency.
2. The keeping of guard dogs; however, guard dogs must be kept within a structure or fixed enclosure at all times, and any guard dog found at large may be processed as a vicious animal pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Any premises guarded with a guard dog shall be prominently posted with a sign containing the wording "Guard Dog," "Vicious Dog," or words of similar import. The owner of such premises shall inform the local law enforcement officers that a guard dog is on duty at said premises.
3. No animal shall be deemed vicious as a result of having attacked or injured any person who, at the time of such attack or injury, was committing a willful trespass or was committing or attempting to commit other criminal conduct while on the premises occupied by the owner or keeper of such animal, or was at the time of the injury or attack, teasing, tormenting, abusing or physically assaulting the animal.
4. No animal shall be deemed vicious as a result of having defended or protected its owner/keeper from an unjustified attack or physical assault.

5. No animal shall be deemed vicious for causing injury or death to another animal if it was defending itself from an unprovoked attack by such other animal.

#### **55.05 SEIZURE, IMPOUNDMENT AND DISPOSITION.**

1. In the event that a dangerous animal or vicious animal is found at large and unattended upon public property, park property, public right-of-way or the property of someone other than its owner, thereby creating a hazard to person or property, such animal may, at the discretion of a peace officer, be destroyed if it cannot be confined or captured. The City shall be under no duty to attempt the confinement or capture of a dangerous animal or vicious animal found at large, nor shall it have a duty to notify the owner of such animal prior to its destruction.

2. Upon the complaint of any individual that a person is keeping, sheltering or harboring a dangerous animal or vicious animal on premises in the City, the Mayor, or his designee shall cause the matter to be investigated and if after investigation, the facts indicate that the person named in the complaint is keeping, sheltering or harboring a dangerous animal or vicious animal in the City, the Mayor or his designee shall order the person named in the complaint to safely remove such animal from the City or destroy the animal within three (3) days of the receipt of such an order. Such order shall be contained in a notice to remove the dangerous animal or vicious animal.

3. The notice to remove an animal from the City or have it destroyed shall be given in writing to the person keeping, sheltering or harboring the dangerous animal or vicious animal, and shall be served personally or by certified mail. Such order and notice to remove the dangerous animal or vicious animal shall not be required when such animal has caused serious physical harm or death to any person, in which case the Mayor or his designee shall cause the animal to be immediately seized and impounded or killed if seizure and impoundment are not possible without risk of serious physical harm or death to any person.

4. The order to remove a dangerous animal or vicious animal issued by the Mayor or his designee may be appealed to the City Council. In order to appeal such order, written notice of appeal must be filed with the City Clerk within three (3) days after receipt of the order contained in the notice to remove the dangerous animal or vicious animal. Failure to file such written notice of appeal shall constitute a waiver of the right to appeal.

5. The notice of appeal shall state the grounds for such appeal and shall be delivered personally or by certified mail to the City Clerk. The

hearing of such appeal shall be scheduled within ten (10) days of the receipt of the notice of appeal. The person filing the notice of appeal must be present at the hearing. Failure to attend such appeal hearing shall constitute a waiver of the right to appeal. The hearing may be continued for good cause. At the conclusion of such hearing, the City Council may affirm or reverse the order of the Mayor or his designee. Such determination shall be contained in a written decision and shall be filed with the City Clerk within three (3) days after the hearing or any continued session thereof.

6. If the City Council affirms the action of the Mayor or his designee, the City Council shall order in its written decision that the person owning, sheltering, harboring or keeping such dangerous or vicious animal remove such animal from the City or destroy it. The decision and order shall immediately be served upon the person who filed the appeal. Such notice shall be given in writing and shall be served personally or by certified mail.

7. If the original order of the Mayor or his designee is not appealed and is not complied with within three (3) days or the order of the City Council after appeal is not complied with within three (3) days of its issuance, the Mayor or his designee is authorized to seize, impound or destroy such dangerous animal or vicious animal. Failure to comply with an order of the Mayor or his designee issued pursuant to this chapter and not appealed, or an order of the City Council after appeal, constitutes a simple misdemeanor.

**55.06 ANIMAL NEGLECT.** It is unlawful for a person who impounds or confines, in any place, an animal, excluding livestock, to fail to supply the animal during confinement with a sufficient quantity of food or water, or to fail to provide a confined dog or cat with adequate shelter, or to torture, deprive of necessary sustenance, mutilate, beat, or kill such animal by any means which causes unjustified pain, distress or suffering.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 717B.3)*

**55.07 LIVESTOCK NEGLECT.** It is unlawful for a person who impounds or confines livestock in any place to fail to provide the livestock with care consistent with customary animal husbandry practices or to deprive the livestock of necessary sustenance or to injure or destroy livestock by any means which causes pain or suffering in a manner inconsistent with customary animal husbandry practices.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 717.2)*

**55.08 ABANDONMENT OF CATS AND DOGS.** A person who has ownership or custody of a cat or dog shall not abandon the cat or dog, except

the person may deliver the cat or dog to another person who will accept ownership and custody or the person may deliver the cat or dog to an animal shelter or pound.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 717B.8)*

**55.09 LIVESTOCK.** It is unlawful for a person to keep livestock within the City except by written consent of the Council.

**55.10 AT LARGE PROHIBITED.** It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City. The fact that an animal is running at large without the knowledge or permission of the owner of a dog or cat is not a defense to any charge of a violation of this section.

**55.11 DAMAGE OR INTERFERENCE.** It is unlawful for the owner of an animal to allow or permit such animal to pass upon the premises of another thereby causing damage to, or interference with, the premises.

**55.12 ANNOYANCE OR DISTURBANCE.** It is unlawful for the owner of a dog to allow or permit such dog to cause serious annoyance or disturbance to any person or persons by frequent and habitual howling, yelping, barking, or otherwise; or, by running after or chasing persons, bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles.

**55.13 UNHEALTHFUL OR UNSANITARY CONDITIONS.**

1. An owner shall keep all structures, pens, coops or yards wherein animals are confined clean, devoid of vermin and free of odors arising from feces.
2. No owner or walker of any animal shall permit the animal to discharge feces upon any public or private property, other than the property of the owner of the animal. The owner or walker shall be deemed to permit the animal's discharge of feces if the owner does not immediately thereafter take steps to remove and clean up the feces from the property.
3. All feces removed as aforesaid shall be placed in an airtight container and shall be stored in a sanitary manner in an appropriate refuse container until it is removed pursuant to refuse collection procedures or otherwise disposed of in a sanitary manner.
4. An owner may, as an alternative to Subsection 3 above, collect the feces and turn it under the surface of the owner's soil in any manner that prevents odor or collection of vermin.
5. Any person violating this section may be charged with a municipal infraction fine.

**55.14 RABIES VACCINATION.** Every owner of a dog shall obtain a rabies vaccination for such animal. It is unlawful for any person to own or have a dog in said person's possession, six months of age or over, which has not been vaccinated against rabies.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.33)*

**55.15 OWNER'S DUTY.** It is the duty of the owner of any dog, cat or other animal which has bitten or attacked a person or any person having knowledge of such bite or attack to report this act to a local health or law enforcement official. It is the duty of physicians and veterinarians to report to the local board of health the existence of any animal known or suspected to be suffering from rabies.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.38)*

**55.16 CONFINEMENT.** If the City Clerk or Mayor receives information that an animal has bitten a person or that a dog or animal is suspected of having rabies, the City Clerk or Mayor shall order the owner to confine such animal in the manner it directs. If the owner fails to confine such animal in the manner directed, the animal shall be apprehended and impounded by such City Clerk or Mayor, and after ten (10) days the Mayor, or his designee, may humanely destroy the animal. If such animal is returned to its owner, the owner shall pay the cost of impoundment.

**55.17 SUMMONS ISSUED.** The owner of any dog or other animal shall be issued a summons to appear before a proper court to answer charges of permitting such dog or animal to be at large in violation of this chapter.

*(Ch. 55 - Ord. 288-18 – Jan. 19 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 55A

### URBAN CHICKENS

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**55A.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to allow urban chickens within City limits and promulgate rules and regulations for the keeping of urban chickens within City limits.

#### **55A.02 DEFINITIONS.**

1. “Chicken” shall mean a member of the subspecies *Gallus gallus domesticus*, a domesticated fowl.
2. “Coop” or “henhouse” shall mean a cage, enclosure, or structure used for housing and protecting chickens from weather and predators.
3. “Single family dwelling” shall mean any building that contains only one (1) dwelling unit used intended, rented, leased, let or hired to be occupied for residential purposes.
4. “Permittee” shall mean an applicant who has been granted a permit to raise, harbor, or keep chickens pursuant to this chapter. If the applicant does not own the tract of land or property where the chickens are to be kept, the owner of the tract of land or property must be the joint permittee.
5. “Tractor” shall mean a cage, structure, or similar enclosure capable of movement used for housing and protecting chickens from weather and predators.
6. “Urban chicken” shall mean a chicken kept on a tract of land pursuant to a permit issued under the terms of this chapter.

#### **55A.03 PERMIT.**

1. Permit Required. No person shall raise, harbor or keep chickens on any land within the City limits of the City of Grand Mound Iowa, without a valid permit issued by the City Clerk under the provisions of this chapter.

2. Application. In order to obtain a permit, an applicant must submit a completed application on forms provided by the City Clerk and pay all fees required by this chapter. If the applicant is not the owner or record titleholder of the tract of land or property on which the chickens will be kept, the owner or record titleholder must join in completing, signing and filing the application.
3. Requirements. The City Council of the City of Grand Mound, Iowa may request the City Clerk to issue a permit if the following requirements have been met:
  - A. All requirements of this chapter are met;
  - B. All fees, as may be provided from time to time by City Council resolution, for the permit are paid in full;
  - C. All amounts owed to the City, including but not limited to utilities, garbage fees, liens, fines and judgements, must be paid in full.
  - D. The tract of land or property to be permitted shall contain only one (1) single family dwelling occupied and used as such by the permittee. Owner permission shall be required if the single-family dwelling is occupied by someone other than the owner.
  - E. The applicant has successfully completed an approved class for raising chickens in an urban setting. A certificate, or other similar documentation, of completion must be provided to the City Clerk for review by the City Council.
  - F. There are no nuisance conditions, or unresolved violations of nuisance ordinances on or related to the tract of land or property;
  - G. The applicant is in compliance with all other conditions and prerequisites set out in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Grand Mound, Iowa.

**55A.04 TERMS OF PERMIT.** The permit shall contain, and permittee shall adhere to, the following:

1. The permittee must follow the ordinances of the City of Grand Mound, Iowa and state law regarding animal care.
2. The permittee grants the City the right to inspect the coop and hen house with due and proper notice.
3. The permit is a limited license for the specific activity and person named on the permit and no vested rights arise from the issuance of the



permit. The permit is limited to the party to whom it is issued and will not run with the tract of land or property.

4. The permittee must place a numbered poultry identification band provided by the City at the time of obtaining a permit; on each urban chicken at all times.

#### **55A.05 DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT.**

1. The permit may be denied, suspended, revoked or renewal declined for any of the following reasons:

A. False statements on any application or other information or report required by this chapter to be given by the applicant;

B. Failure to pay any application, penalty, reinspection or reinstatement fee required by this chapter or resolution of the City Council;

C. Failure to correct deficiencies noted in notices of violation in the time specified in the notice;

D. Failure to comply with any provision of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grant Mound, Iowa.

2. A decision to revoke, suspend, deny, or not renew a permit shall be in writing, delivered by ordinary mail or in person to the address indicated in the application. The notification shall specify reasons for the revocation, suspension, denial or decision not to renew a permit.

3. When an application for a permit is denied, or when a permit is revoked, the applicant may not re-apply for a new permit for a period of one (1) year from the date of denial or revocation.

4. No permit may be denied, suspended, revoked, or not renewed without providing the permittee with notice and an opportunity to be heard. Such a hearing, or opportunity to be heard, shall occur before the City Council and any decision of the City Council shall be final and not subject to appeal.

#### **55A.06 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

1. Permittees may not engage in the breeding of chickens or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.

2. Permits will only be granted for tracts of land or property with one (1) single-family residential unit. Permits will not be granted for any tract of land or property with more than one (1) single-family residential unit located on the tract of land or property.

3. Private restrictions on the use of the tract of land or property remain enforceable and supersede the terms of this chapter or any permit issued. The private restrictions include, but are not limited to, deed restrictions, condominium restrictions, neighborhood association bylaws, covenants and restrictions and rental/lease agreements.
4. The owner of the tract of land or property must concur with any application for urban chickens. Tenant must obtain the written permission from the owner of the tract of land or property to keep chickens or install a coop.
5. Any slaughter of chickens not regulated by federal or state law, or otherwise regulated, shall be performed in a humane manner and shall not be done in open view to any public area or adjacent to property owned by someone other than the permittee or applicant.
6. Other than slaughtered chickens, the owner or permittee shall dispose of dead chickens in a sanitary manner. Composting does not qualify as proper disposal.
7. Only female chickens (hens) are allowed. Male chickens (roosters) are not allowed and shall be removed immediately by owner or permittee.
8. No more than six (6) urban chickens are allowed on any tract of land or property.

#### **55A.07 SITE REQUIREMENTS.**

1. Chickens must be kept in an enclosure or fenced area at all times. Chickens shall be secured within a coop or chicken tractor during non-daylight hours. Chickens shall not be allowed in the front yard of a tract of land or property at any time. A fenced area for chickens must have netting or fencing over the roof area.
2. Coops, including tractors, must be at least ten (10) feet from any property lines.
3. Coops must be at least five (5) feet from the principle use residential structure on the permittee's tract of land or property.
4. Coops must be in the rear yard of the tract of land or property.

#### **55A.08 ENCLOSURE REQUIRMENTS.**

1. Enclosures, coops and tractors must be kept in clean, dry, odor free, neat and sanitary conditions at all times.
2. Coops and tractors shall be well maintained.

3. Coops and tractors must provide adequate ventilation, sun and shade.
4. Coops and tractors shall be constructed, maintained and repaired to prevent entry by rodents, wild birds, predators, dogs and cats.
5. Coops and tractors shall be built of solid materials such as wood, metal or plastic.
6. Coops and tractors shall be at least eighteen (18) inches in height.
7. Coops and tractors shall be designed to provide safe and healthy living conditions for the chickens which reside therein, within a minimum of four (4) square feet per urban chicken while minimizing the impact to other residents in the neighborhood. No coop shall exceed ninety-six (96) square feet.
8. Coops and tractors shall be enclosed on all sides and shall have a roof and at least one (1) door. Access doors must be able to be shut and locked at night. Opening windows, vents or doors must be covered with predator and bird proof wire of less than one-inch (1") openings.
9. Materials used for coops or tractors must be uniform of each element of the structure that the walls are made of the same material, the roof has the same shingles or covering, and any windows or openings are constructed using the same materials. The use of scrap, waste board, sheet metal or similar materials is prohibited.
10. Coops and henhouses shall only be located in the rear yard unless the set back requirements cannot be met, in which case chickens may be kept in a side yard but within the set back requirements.
11. Enclosures, coops and tractors must be well drained to prevent accumulations of moisture, accumulations of moisture must be avoided and removed.
12. Fences that serve as enclosures for chickens must consist of sturdy wire fencing of a type customarily designed for and used to enclose chickens and must be constructed in a sturdy manner so as to contain the chickens and prevent entry by predators, dogs and cats.

**55A.09 PREDATORS, RODENTS, INSECTS, AND PARASITES.** The permittee must take necessary action to reduce the attraction of predators and rodents, and the potential for infestation by insects and parasites. Chickens found to be infested with insects or parasites that may result in unhealthy conditions to human habitation must be removed by the owner and may be removed by the City at the expense of the permittee.

**55A.10 CHICKENS AT LARGE AND INJURY CAUSED BY OTHER ANIMALS.**

1. Permittee must not allow their chickens to roam off the tract of land or property covered by the permit. Any chicken found off the permitted tract of land or property will be considered to be “at-large” and subject to the penalties and provisions of the Code of Ordinances for at-large animals.
2. Injury or death to a chicken that is caused by a dog, cat or other domesticated animal will not be considered sufficient grounds to designate the animal as dangerous or vicious under the provisions of this Code of Ordinances.
3. The City of Grant Mound, Iowa will not be liable for injury or death of chickens caused by dogs, cats, or other animals, domestic or otherwise, regardless of whether or not licensed by the City.

**55A.11 FEED AND WATER.** Chickens must be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times. All feed and other items associated with keeping chickens must be protected in a manner to prevent rodents, wild birds, and predators from coming into contact with them.

**55A.12 STORAGE AND REMOVAL OF FECES AND WASTE.**

1. Feces and waste must be removed from enclosures, coops and tractors at a minimum of once per week.
2. Feces and waste may be stored on the tract of land or property of permittee. Feces and waste must be stored in a fully enclosed unit with a roof or lid. The storage unit may allow sunlight and movement of air so the materials dry, but must be designed, used and maintained in such a manner as to keep the material fully contained so that it does not blow or otherwise erode onto other properties. When stored, feces and waste must be stored in a manner to not attract flies, rodents or other vermin.
3. Feces and waste may be used as fertilizer on the tract of land or property of permittee subject to being turned in to the soil completely immediately upon application and there is no noxious odor.

**55A.13 NUISANCES.** Any violation of this chapter that constitutes a health hazard or that interferes with the use or enjoyment of neighboring property constitutes a nuisance, subject to sanctions and abatement as further set out in this Code of Ordinances.

**55A.14 FEES.** The fee for an inspection shall be \$30.00. In the event a re-inspection is required, for any reason, a re-inspection fee of \$30.00 will be imposed. All fee must be paid prior to issuance of a permit.

*(Ch. 55A – Ord. 296-19 – Jul. 19 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 56

# LICENSING AND VACCINATION OF ANIMALS

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### 56.01 ANNUAL LICENSE REQUIRED.

1. Every owner of a dog or cat over six (6) months old shall procure a license from the City of Grand Mound City Hall on or before the first day of October of each year, or within thirty (30) days of the animal being brought into the City, or when the animal has reached six (6) months of age.
2. The owner of a dog or cat for which a license is required shall apply on forms provided by City Hall. The form of the application shall state the breed, sex, age, color, markings, and name, if any, of the dog or cat, and the address of the owner and shall be signed by the owner. The application shall also state the date of the most recent rabies vaccination, the type of vaccine administered and the date the dog or cat shall be revaccinated.
3. All licenses shall expire on October 1 of the year following the date of issuance.

**56.02 FEES.** The license fee for spayed and neutered animals is five dollars (\$5.00) per year. For animals that are not spayed or neutered, the annual license fee is fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

**56.03 DELINQUENCY.** All license fees shall become delinquent on the first day of April of the year in which they are due and a delinquent penalty of one dollar (\$1.00) per month shall be added to each unpaid license on and after said date.

**56.04 CERTIFICATION OF VACCINATION.** At the time of making application for a City license, the owner shall furnish to the City a veterinarian's certificate showing that the pet animal for which the license is sought has been vaccinated against rabies and distemper and that such vaccination is not expired. In order to take advantage of the lower rate for spayed and neutered animals, the owner shall, at the time application is made for an animal license, present a certificate of neutering signed by a veterinarian

containing a description of the animal, its call name and date of neutering, if known. Such certificate may be used in subsequent license applications.

**56.05 LICENSE TAG.**

1. Upon the original issuance of the license, the City shall deliver or mail to the owner a license tag stamped with the following:
  - A. Name of issuing City.
  - B. Serial number of the license which shall be recorded by the City.
2. Every pet animal shall wear the tag provided whenever such animal is off the property of its owner. Any method may be used to attach the tag to the animal, such as a collar or other suitable device.
3. It is unlawful for any person who is not the owner or the agent of such owner or an employee of the City or its agent acting in an official capacity to remove a license tag from an animal prior to the expiration of the license.
4. Upon the filing of an affidavit that the license has been lost or destroyed, the owner may obtain another tag upon payment of a duplicate fee of three dollars (\$3.00) for spayed and neutered animals and eight dollars (\$8.00) for those animals that are not spayed or neutered.

**56.06 LICENSE RECORDS.** City Hall shall keep a book to be known as the record of licenses which shall show:

1. The date of each application for a license.
2. The description of the dog or cat as specified in the application, together with the name of the owner of the animal.
3. The date when each license tag is issued and the serial number of each tag, the date of the most recent rabies vaccination, the type of vaccine administered, and the date the animal is to be revaccinated.
4. The amount of all fees paid.
5. Such other data as may be required by law.

**56.07 CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP; TRANSFER OF LICENSE.** When the permanent ownership of an animal is transferred, the new owner shall, within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of change of ownership, make application for a new license as provided in this section regardless of whether the animal was previously licensed.



**56.08 EXCEPTIONS.** The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not be applied to animals whose owners are nonresidents temporarily within the City, kennel dogs which are kept or raised in facilities licensed pursuant to the *Code of Iowa*, as amended, solely for the bona fide purpose of sale and which are kept under constant restraint, animals brought into the City for the purpose of participating in any animal show or animals properly trained to assist persons with disabilities, providing such animals are kept restrained on the owner's premises and under supervision or control at all times or under leash at all times.

**56.09 VIOLATION.** Notwithstanding any other section of this chapter, any dog or cat owner who allows the rabies vaccination to lapse at any time during the licensing year may be charged with a municipal infraction. Any person who removes a license tag from a dog or a cat prior to the expiration of the license may be charged with a municipal infraction.

**56.10 LIABILITY.** Nothing in this chapter is intended to and the required full compliance with this chapter shall not absolve the keeper (owner) of any animal that inflicts injury upon a person or damage to property from financial responsibility for the actions of that person's animal. Compliance with this chapter shall not be deemed as an admission of liability for purpose of civil litigation, however.

*(Ch. 56 – Ord. 289-18 – Jan. 19 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 60

# TRAFFIC CODE

### EDITOR'S NOTE

The purpose of this chapter is to facilitate cooperative enforcement of traffic regulations within cities in Clinton County by the adoption of a Uniform Traffic Code. This chapter may be known and cited as the "Grand Mound Traffic Code," and sections of this chapter are designated for all purposes under law by a three-part section number commencing with the number 3-3-2 through 3-3-200, inclusive.

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**3-3-2 DEFINITIONS.** Where words and phrases used in this chapter are defined by the laws of Iowa, such definitions apply to this chapter.

1. "Alley" means that portion of a platted block intended for purposes of vehicular traffic and ordinarily known as an alley.
2. "Authorized emergency vehicle" means vehicles of the fire department, police vehicles, emergency unit vehicles and such ambulances and emergency vehicles as may be designated or authorized by the Council either by order of or consent of the Council.
3. "Bicycle" means every device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels either of which is over twenty (20) inches in diameter, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels.
4. "Business District" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway when fifty percent (50%) or more of the frontage thereon for a distance of three hundred (300) feet or more is occupied by buildings in use for business.
5. "Crosswalk" means:
  - A. That part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway;
  - B. Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.
6. "Curb loading zone" means a space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during loading or unloading of passengers or materials.
7. "Driver" means every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.
8. "Freight curb loading zone" means a space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of freight.
9. "Intersection" means the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at or approximately at right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict.

10. "Laned roadway" means a roadway which is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.
11. "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having a saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a tractor.
12. "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled.
13. "No-passing zone" means that part of a roadway where official signs are in place prohibiting vehicles from overtaking and passing vehicles proceeding in the same direction or a distinctive centerline or off-centerline is marked, which distinctive line also so directs traffic, or as so declared in the sign manual adopted by the State Highway Commission.
14. "Official time standard" means, whenever certain hours are named in this chapter, Central Standard Time or Daylight Savings Time, as may be currently in use in the City.
15. "Official traffic-control device" means all signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with this chapter placed or erected by authority of the Council.
16. "Park," when prohibited, means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading.
17. "Passenger curb loading zone" means a space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading and unloading of passengers.
18. "Pedestrian" means any person afoot.
19. "Person" means every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.
20. "Police officer" means every officer of the Clinton County Sheriff Department or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violation of traffic regulations.
21. "Private road or driveway" means every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having expressed or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.
22. "Railroad" means a carrier of persons or property upon cars, operated upon stationary rails.
23. "Railroad train" means a steam engine, electric or other motor, with or without cars coupled thereto, operated upon rails.

24. "Residence district" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway not comprising a business, suburban or school district, where forty percent (40%) or more of the frontage on such a highway for a distance of three hundred (300) feet or more is occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business.
25. "Right-of-way" means the privilege of the immediate use of the roadway.
26. "Roadway" means that portion of a street or highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel; in the event a highway includes two or more separate roadways, the term roadway as used herein refers to any such roadway separately but not to all such roadways collectively.
27. "Safety zone" means the area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected or is so marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.
28. "School district" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway for a distance of two hundred (200) feet in either direction from a school house.
29. "Sheriff" means the Sheriff of Clinton County.
30. "Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the curb lines or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines, intended for the use of pedestrians.
31. "Stop," when required, means complete cessation of movement.
32. "Stopping" or "standing," when prohibited, means any stopping or standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic-control sign or signal.
33. "Street" or "highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.
34. "Suburban District" means all other parts of the City not included in the business, school or residence districts.
35. "Through highway" means every street or highway or portion thereof at the entrances of which vehicular traffic from intersecting streets or highways is required to stop before entering or crossing the same and when stop signs are erected as provided in this chapter.

36. "Traffic" means pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles and other conveyances, either singly or together, while using any street for purposes of travel.

37. "Traffic control signal" means any device, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and to proceed.

38. "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails.

## **ENFORCEMENT AND OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

**3-3-3 AUTHORITY OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.** Provisions of this chapter and the Iowa law relating to motor vehicles and laws of the road shall be enforced by the officers of the County Municipal Police, Clinton County Sheriff's Department or any other law enforcement officers. The officers of the County Municipal Police, Clinton County Sheriff's Department or any other law enforcement officers are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand or signal in conformance with traffic laws. In the event of a fire or other emergency, the officers of the County Municipal Police, Clinton County Sheriff's Department or any other law enforcement officers may direct traffic as conditions require notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws. Officers of the fire department, when at the scene of a fire, may direct or assist the law enforcement officials in directing traffic there or in the immediate vicinity.

**3-3-4 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTS.** The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident within the limits of the City shall file a report as and when required by the Iowa Department of Transportation. A copy of this report will be filed with the Sheriff's Department or County Municipal Police Department. All such reports shall be for the confidential use of the said departments and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 321.271 of the Code of Iowa.

**3-3-5 INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENTS REPORTED.** The Sheriff's Department or County Municipal Police Department shall investigate all accidents reported. If sufficient evidence of a violation is found, proper action will be taken to punish the violator.

**3-3-6 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STUDIES.** Whenever the accidents at any particular location become numerous, the Sheriff's Department and/or County Municipal Police Department may conduct studies of such accidents and propose remedial measures.

**3-3-7 DRIVER'S FILES MAINTAINED.** The Sheriff's Department and/or County Municipal Police Department shall maintain a suitable record of all traffic accidents.

**3-3-8 DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT MONTHLY REPORTS.** The Sheriff's Department or County Municipal Police Department may prepare monthly a traffic report which shall be filed with the Mayor. Such report shall contain information on traffic matters in the City concerning the number of traffic accidents, the number of persons killed and injured, the number and



nature of violations, and other pertinent traffic data including the plans and recommendations for future traffic safety activities.

**3-3-9 REQUIRED OBEDIENCE TO PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER AND STATE LAW.** 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:

1. Display of Registration and License to Drive: 321.17, 321.20B, 321.32, 321.37, 321.38, 321.79, 321.91, 321.98, 321.99, 321.174, 321.174A, 321.180, 321.180B, 321.193, 321.194, 321.216, 321.216B, 321.216C and 321.219 through 321.224.
2. All Terrain Vehicles, Golf Carts and Bicycles to Obey Traffic Regulations, Radar Jamming Devices, Road Workers: 321.232 through 321.234A and 321.247.
3. Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings: 321.259 and 321.260.
4. Accidents and Accident Reporting: 321.262 through 321.265.
5. Operation of Motorcycles and Motorized Bicycles: 321.275.
6. Drag Racing, Speed and Control of Vehicle: 321.278, 321.285, 321.288, 321.295, 321.382 and 321.383.
7. Driving on Right, Meeting, Overtaking, Following or Towing: 321.297 through 321.310.
8. Turning and Starting, Signals on Turning and Stopping: 321.312 through 321.317.
9. Right-of-way: 321.319 through 321.324.
10. Pedestrian Rights and Duties and Safety Zones: 321.329, 321.330, 321.332, 321.333 and 321.340.
11. Railroad Crossings: 321.341 through 321.344 and 321.344B.
12. Stopping, Standing, Parking: 321.354 and 321.359.
13. Unattended Vehicle, Obstructing Driver's View, Crossing Median, Following Fire Apparatus, or Crossing Fire Hose, and Putting Glass, Etc., on Streets: 321.362 through 321.371.
14. School Buses: 321.372.
15. Lighting Equipment Required and Time of Use: 321.384 through 321.390, 321.392 through 321.395, 321.398, 321.402 through 321.406,

321.408, 321.409, 321.415, 321.417 through 321.423. In accordance with authorization granted by Section 321.395, Code of Iowa, motor vehicles parked upon any street where permitted by this chapter need not display required lights where there is sufficient light emitted from City street lights to reveal any person or object within a distance of five hundred (500) feet upon such street.

16. Brakes, Horns, Sirens, Mufflers, Wipers, Mirrors, Tires, Flares, Windows, Safety Belts, and Special Markings for Transporting Explosives: 321.430 through 321.434; 321.436 through 321.442; 321.444 through 321.446, 321.449 and 321.450.

17. Size, Weight and Load: 321.454 through 321.458, 321.460 through 321.463, 321.465 and 321.466.

18. Unsafe Vehicles: 321.381 and 321.381A.

## **SPEED REGULATIONS**

**3-3-10 STATE SPEED LAWS APPLICABLE.** No person shall drive or operate a vehicle at a speed greater than or less than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the traffic, surface and width of the street or highway and of any other conditions then existing, and no person shall drive or operate any vehicle on any street or highway at a speed greater than will permit such person to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead, such driver or operator having the right to assume, however, that all persons using said street or highway will observe the law. The State traffic laws regulating the speed of vehicles and specifically Section 321.285 of the Code of Iowa and any amendments thereto, are applicable upon all streets within the City except that the following speed restrictions are adopted:

1. Business District, twenty miles per hour;
2. Residence District, twenty-five miles per hour;
3. School District, twenty-five miles per hour;
4. Suburban District, forty-five miles per hour.

**3-3-11 PARKS, ALLEYS, CEMETERIES AND PARKING LOTS.** A speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour in any public park, cemetery or parking lot, unless specifically designated otherwise in this chapter, is unlawful.

**3-3-12 EMERGENCY VEHICLES.** The speed limitations set forth in this chapter do not apply to authorized emergency vehicles when responding to emergency calls and the drivers thereof sound audible signal by bell, siren or whistle. This provision does not relieve such driver from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of others.

**3-3-13 OPERATION ON APPROACH OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES.** Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle with any lamp or device displaying a red light or flashing red light from directly in front thereof, or when the driver is giving audible signal by siren, exhaust whistle or bell, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to and as close as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the highway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

**3-3-14 CHANGING STATE SPEED LIMITS IN CERTAIN ZONES.** It is hereby determined that the speed permitted by State law upon the following streets or portions thereof is greater or less than is necessary for the safe

operation of vehicles thereon, and it is hereby declared that the maximum speed limit upon these streets or portions thereof described shall be as follows:

1. Increased speed limit: NONE
2. Lower speed limit: NONE

## TURNING MOVEMENTS

**3-3-15 TURNING MARKERS, BUTTONS AND SIGNS.** The Council 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 by the State law 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, including right-hand turns at intersections with automatic traffic signals.

**3-3-16 AUTHORITY TO PLACE RESTRICTED TURN SIGNS.** The Council is hereby authorized to determine those intersections, as traffic conditions require, at which the drivers of vehicles shall not make a right or left turn. The making of such turns may be prohibited between certain hours of any day, in which event the same shall be plainly indicated on signs.

**3-3-17 OBEDIENCE TO NO-TURN SIGNS.** Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left turn is permitted, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of any such signs.

**3-3-18 “U” TURNS.** It is unlawful for a driver to make a “U” turn except at an intersection, provided, however, that “U” turns are prohibited at intersections within the Business District and at intersections where there are automatic traffic signals.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES****3-3-19 AUTHORITY TO INSTALL TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES.**

The Council shall cause to be placed and maintained traffic control devices when and as required under this Code of Ordinances, to make effective its provisions, and may so cause to be placed and maintained such additional emergency or temporary traffic control devices for the duration of an emergency or temporary condition as traffic conditions may require to regulate traffic under this traffic code or under State law, or to guide or warn traffic. All traffic-control devices shall comply with standards established by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

### **SPECIAL STOPS REQUIRED**

**3-3-20 THROUGH HIGHWAYS.** Streets or portions of streets described below are hereby declared to be through highways:

- NONE -

**3-3-21 AUTHORITY TO ERECT STOP SIGNS.** Whenever any ordinance of the City designates and describes a through highway, it is the duty of the Council to cause to be placed and maintained a stop sign on each and every street intersecting such through highway except as hereinafter modified in the case of intersecting through highways.

**3-3-22 STOP OR YIELD AT INTERSECTING THROUGH HIGHWAYS AND OTHER INTERSECTIONS.** At the intersections of through highways and at intersections upon streets other than through highways where, because of heavy cross traffic or other traffic conditions, particular hazard exists, the Council shall determine whether vehicles shall stop or yield at one or more entrances to any such intersections and shall erect an appropriate sign at every such place when a stop or yield is required.

#### Stop Signs

1. On DeWitt Street stop at Smith Street going east and west.
2. On DeWitt Street stop at East Street going east and west.
3. On DeWitt Street stop at Highway 30 going east.
4. On Prairie Lane stop at East Street going west.
5. On Clinton Street stop at East Street going east and west.
6. On Clinton Street stop at Smith Street going east and west.
7. On Fulton Street stop at East Street going east and west.
8. On Fulton Street stop at Smith Street going east and west.
9. On Sunnyside Street stop at East Street going east and west.
10. On East Street stop at Highway 30 going north and south.
11. On East Street stop at Fulton Street going north and south.
12. On Smith Street stop at Highway 30 going north.
13. On Smith Street stop at Clinton Street going north and south.
14. On Williams Street stop at Clinton Street going north and south.

Yield Intersections

1. On Fulton Street stop at Williams Street going east and west.
2. On Lincoln Street yield at Fulton Street going north and south.
3. On Lincoln Street yield at Clinton Street going north and south.

*(Ord. 292-19 – Jun. 19 Supp.)*

**3-3-23 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.

**3-3-24 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.

1. Intersection of East Street and Sunnyside Street.

**3-3-25 SIGNS REQUIRED FOR ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.** No provisions of this chapter for which signs are required shall be enforced against an alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation an official sign is not in regular position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular section does not state that signs are required, such section shall be effective even though no signs are erected or in place.

**3-3-26 DESIGNATION OF CROSSWALKS AND TRAFFIC LANES.** The Council is hereby authorized:

1. To designate and maintain by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where due to traffic conditions there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the street or roadway, and at such other places as traffic conditions require.
2. To mark lanes for traffic on street pavements at such places as traffic conditions require, consistent with the traffic ordinances of the City. Where such traffic lanes have been marked, it is unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail or refuse to keep such vehicle within the boundaries of any such lane except when lawfully passing another vehicle or preparatory to making a lawful turning movement.



**3-3-27 PLAY STREETS.** The Council has 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.

## **STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES**

**3-3-28 STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING PROHIBITED.** No person 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. In any public alley within the fire limits of the City.
2. In any private alley within the fire limits of the City in such a manner that ingress or egress of fire apparatus to or from such alley might be blocked.
3. Within ten (10) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
4. On the center parkway or dividing area of any divided street.
5. Within twenty (20) feet on either side of a mail drop box which is so placed and so equipped as to permit the depositing of mail from vehicles on the roadway.
6. On private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of the property.
7. Along both sides of U.S. Highway 30 from DeWitt Street to Smith Street.  
*(Ord. 255-11 – Aug. 11 Supp.)*

**3-3-29 AUTHORITY TO PAINT CURBS AND ERECT SIGNS PROHIBITING STANDING OR PARKING.** When, because of restricted visibility or when standing or parked vehicles constitute a hazard to moving traffic, or when other traffic conditions require, the Council may cause curbing to be painted with a yellow or orange color and erect no parking or standing signs. It is unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to stand or park a vehicle in an area so painted or sign-posted.

**3-3-30 PARKING SIGNS REQUIRED.** Whenever by this or any other chapter of this Code of Ordinances, any parking time limit is imposed or parking is prohibited on designated streets or portions of streets, it is the duty of the Council to erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof and no such regulations shall be effective unless signs are erected and in place at the time of any alleged offense. When signs are so erected giving notice thereof, no person shall disobey the restrictions stated on such signs.

**3-3-31 PROHIBITED PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCY.** The purpose of this section is to provide for a system whereby persons are notified

of snow emergencies. Without such an ordinance, cars remain parked on certain streets and effective plowing is curtailed. Consequently, parking places are hard to obtain and cars often park too far from the curb, creating a hazard to other motorists.

1. A snow emergency shall automatically go into effect when snow accumulation reaches two inches. At such time as two inches of snow accumulates on City streets, a snow emergency will go into effect and the parking restrictions set forth herein shall be in effect immediately and without further notice. The City may provide additional notice of the snow emergency as it deems appropriate and necessary.
2. In addition to the provision for automatic snow emergency set forth in subsection 1 above, whenever the Mayor determines, on the basis of falling snow, sleet, freezing rain, or on the basis of a credible weather forecast, that weather conditions will make it necessary that motor vehicle traffic be expedited and that parking on City streets be prohibited or restricted for snow plowing or other purposes, the Mayor may declare a snow emergency by notifying the City Clerk.
3. No person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street during an automatic or declared snow emergency.
4. An automatic snow emergency shall take effect immediately when snow accumulation reaches two inches. A declared snow emergency shall take effect at a time set by the Mayor but not earlier than two (2) hour after it is declared. The Mayor shall declare a snow emergency by notifying the City Clerk, stating the beginning time and, if known, the ending time for the snow emergency. If the office of the Clerk is closed, the Mayor shall file such notice promptly when the office next is opened during normal business hours. The Mayor may cancel such declaration or change the beginning or ending time. Notice shall be given for such cancellations or changes in the same manner as the original snow emergency declaration. The City Clerk shall ensure that notice of declared snow emergencies is promulgated in a timely manner to the public by all appropriate means, as well as promulgate by the same means the cancellation of any snow emergencies.
5. Enforcement and Towing. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to criminal prosecution and to civil enforcement.
6. Each 12-hour period that a vehicle is parked or allowed to remain on any street in violation of this section constitutes a separate and distinct offense. Any vehicles found to be parked where not permitted

during a snow emergency may be impounded in accordance with the provisions of the Grand Mound Code of Ordinances.

7. Appeal. A violation of this section may be appealed to the Mayor within thirty (30) days of the date of the violation and prior to a complaint being filed in District Court. In the event of a timely appeal, the Mayor shall conduct a summary review and then either determine that the case will be enforced in accordance with the provisions of this section the Grand Mound Code of Ordinances, or, in the alternative, order administratively that the case be dismissed.

*(Ord. 265-14 – Dec. 14 Supp.)*

**3-3-32 ALL-NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED.** No person, except physicians or other persons on emergency calls, shall park a vehicle on any street marked to prohibit all-night parking and giving notice thereof, for a period of time longer than thirty (30) minutes between the hours of two o'clock (2:00) a.m. and five o'clock (5:00) a.m. of any day.

**3-3-33 TRUCK PARKING LIMITED.** No person shall park a motor truck, semi-trailer, or other motor vehicle with trailer attached in violation of the following regulations.

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

1. Parking Restricted. Excepting only when such vehicles are actually engaged in the delivery or receiving of merchandise or cargo within the prohibited area, no person shall park or leave unattended any vehicle more than nineteen (19) feet in length on any streets within the City. 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, and receiving and delivery time shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes at any one time.

2. Noise. No such vehicle shall be left standing or parked upon any street, alley, public or private parking lot, or drive of any service station with the engine, auxiliary engine, air compressor, refrigerating equipment or other device in operation giving off audible sounds excepting only the drive of a service station when actually being serviced, and then in no event for more than thirty (30) minutes.

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

**3-3-34 PARKING IN ALLEYS.**

1. No person shall park or allow to stand any vehicle in any alley where official signs indicate that parking is prohibited.
2. In alleys where parking is not prohibited, no person shall park a vehicle or allow a vehicle to stand 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 building or other abutting property.

**3-3-35 DOUBLE PARKING.** No motor vehicle shall be permitted to stop and double park within the City. Parking parallel with and more than eighteen (18) inches from the curb is considered double parking.

**3-3-36 LOADING ZONES.** The Council shall by resolution from time to time establish such loading zones as the Council may deem advisable, and no parking shall be permitted in said loading zones except for the purpose of loading and unloading.

**3-3-37 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 which is properly placed under the provisions of Section 321L.2A (1) of the Code of Iowa.

**3-3-38 SPECIAL PARKING ZONES.** The Council may from time to time establish by resolution parking zones restricted for doctors and physicians and which areas shall be designated by proper signs signifying such zones.

**3-3-39 PARKING VIOLATIONS: ALTERNATE.** Admitted violations of parking restrictions imposed by this Code of Ordinances may be charged upon a simple notice of a fine in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) for all violations except improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit. The simple notice of a fine for improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit is one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Failure to pay the simple notice of a fine shall be grounds for the filing of a complaint in District Court.

**3-3-40 PARKING VIOLATIONS: VEHICLES UNATTENDED.** When a vehicle is parked in violation of this chapter, 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.

**3-3-41 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. The particular vehicle described in the information was parked in violation of this chapter; and
2. The defendant named in the information was the registered owner at the time in question.

## METHOD OF PARKING

**3-3-42 STANDING OR PARKING CLOSE 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.

**3-3-43 STANDING, PARKING ON LEFT SIDE OF 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.

**3-3-44 ANGLE PARKING.** Angle or diagonal parking is permitted only in the following locations:

1. Smith Street on both sides from Fulton Street to CNW tracks.
2. Clinton Street on the north side from Smith Street to 100 feet east.
3. Clinton Street on the south side from Smith Street to 120 feet west of East Street.
4. Clinton Street on both sides from Smith Street to old pump house.
5. Angle parking will be permitted in church and funeral home areas during services/activities.

*(Ord. 230-03 – Nov. 02 Supp.)*

**3-3-45 OBEDIENCE TO ANGLE PARKING SIGNS OR MARKERS.** 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.

**3-3-46 PARKING FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES PROHIBITED.** No person shall park a vehicle upon the roadway for the principal purpose of:

1. Displaying such vehicle for sale;
2. Displaying advertising;
3. Selling merchandise from such vehicle except in a duly established market place or when so authorized or licensed under this Code of Ordinances;

4. Storage or as junkage or dead storage for more than forty-eight (48) hours; and
5. Washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

### **LOAD AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS**

**3-3-47 LOAD RESTRICTIONS ON VEHICLES.** 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:

- NONE -

**3-3-48 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.

**3-3-49 PERMITS FOR EXCESS SIZE AND WEIGHT.** The Council may, upon application and good cause being shown therefor, 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.

**3-3-50 TRUCK ROUTES.**

1. A regulated truck is any vehicle over 20,000 pounds gross vehicle weight the principal use of which is not limited to but including the transportation of commodities, merchandise, produce, freight, animals or passengers for hire excluding school buses, emergency vehicles, duly franchised solid waste disposal and recycling vehicles and public transit vehicles. All regulated trucks are prohibited from all City streets and alleys except upon the designated truck routes set forth below and except



that such vehicles may be operated on other streets and alleys only for the purpose of pickup and delivery of materials or semi-tractor parking on private property and then only by entering such street at the intersection nearest the destination of the vehicle and proceeding thereon no further than the next intersection thereafter.

2. Truck Routes Designated. Truck route regulations are established as follows:

- A. County Road Y 54
- B. U.S. Highway 30
- C. Clinton Street west to Williams Street
- D. Smith Street from Clinton Street to Union Pacific tracks

3. Deliveries Off Truck Route.

A. When traveling to and from the vehicle's fixed terminal located within the City. A fixed terminal includes the regular place of business of the owner or operator of the vehicle at which the presence of the vehicle is required for purposes of loading or unloading cargo or passengers, maintenance, repair or refueling, and a place for the lawful storage or parking of the vehicle when not in use. A fixed terminal includes the personal residence of the owner or operator of a motor vehicle, but only if the weight of said motor vehicle, when loaded or empty, is less than ten (10) tons.

B. When traveling to or from a scheduled or definite stop within the City for the purpose of loading or unloading cargo or passengers.

C. When traveling to or from a place of business within the City at which the vehicle is to be repaired, refueled or otherwise serviced.

4. Farm tractors and implements of husbandry are exempt from the commercial vehicle route.

5. 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.

*(Ord. 230-03 – Nov. 02 Supp.)*

## **ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS**

**3-3-51 AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS.** Whenever any traffic ordinance of the City designates any one-way street or alley, the Council shall place and maintain signs giving notice thereof and no such regulation shall be effective unless such signs are in place. Signs indicating the direction of traffic movement shall be placed at every intersection where movement of traffic in the opposite direction is prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle in violation of such markings, signs, barriers or other devices so placed in accordance with this section.

**3-3-52 ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS.** Upon the following streets and alleys vehicular traffic, other than permitted cross traffic, shall move only in the indicated direction.

- NONE -

**3-3-53 AUTHORITY TO RESTRICT DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT.** The Council is hereby authorized to determine certain streets, or specified lanes thereon, upon which vehicular traffic shall proceed in one direction during one period and the opposite direction during another period of the day and shall upon authority given by ordinance place and maintain appropriate markings, signs, barriers or other devices to give notice thereof. The Council may erect signs temporarily designating lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular direction, regardless of the centerline of the roadway. It is unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle in violation of such markings, signs, barriers or other devices so placed in accordance with this section. The following streets may have variable laning or direction of traffic at different times of day as marked by authorized signs under the provisions of this section.

- NONE -

## IMPOUNDING VEHICLES

**3-3-54 AUTHORITY TO IMPOUND VEHICLES.** Members of the Sheriff's Department and/or the County Municipal Police are hereby authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, a vehicle from a street, public alley or highway to the nearest garage or other place of safety, or to a garage designated or maintained by the department, or otherwise maintained by the City, under the circumstances hereinafter enumerated:

1. When a vehicle is upon a roadway and 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.
2. When any vehicle is left unattended and is so illegally parked as to constitute a definite hazard, obstruction to the normal movement of traffic or blocking a private driveway.
3. When any vehicle is left parked upon a street for a continuous period of forty-eight (48) hours or more. A diligent effort shall first be made to locate the owner. If the owner is found the owner shall be given an opportunity to remove the vehicle.
4. When any vehicle is left parked in violation of a ban on parking during a snow emergency as proclaimed by the Mayor.

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. Whenever an officer removes a vehicle from a street as authorized in this section and the officer knows who is the owner thereof, such officer shall immediately give or cause to be given notice in writing to such owner of the fact of such removal and the reasons therefor and of the place to which such vehicles has been removed. In the event any such vehicle is stored in a public garage, a copy of such notice shall be given to the proprietor of the garage. Whenever an officer removes a vehicle from a street under this section and does not know and is unable to ascertain the name of the owner, or for any other reason is unable to give the notice to the owner as herein provided, and in the event the vehicle is not returned to the owner within a period of three (3) days, then and in that event the officer shall immediately send or cause to be sent written report of such removal by mail to the State Department whose duty it is to register motor vehicles and shall file a copy of such notice with the proprietor of any public garage in which the vehicle may be stored. Such notice shall include a complete description of the vehicle, the date, time and place from which removed, the reasons for such removal, and the name of the garage or place where the vehicle is stored.

**PEDESTRIANS' RIGHTS AND DUTIES**

**3-3-55 PROHIBITED CROSSING.** Pedestrians crossing a street in the Business District shall cross in the crosswalks only.

**3-3-56 PEDESTRIANS ON LEFT.** Where sidewalks are provided it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway. Where sidewalks are not provided, pedestrians shall at all times when walking on or along a roadway walk on the left side of such roadway.

**3-3-57 PROPELLING PUSH CARTS OR RIDING ANIMALS.** Every person propelling any push cart or riding any animal upon a roadway and every person driving any animal-drawn vehicle shall be subject to the provisions of those sections applicable to the driver of any vehicle, except those provisions which by their nature can have no application.

**3-3-58 COASTERS, ROLLER SKATES AND SIMILAR DEVICES.** No person upon roller skates or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicles or similar devices shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street or a crosswalk, and when so crossing such person shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to pedestrians. This section does not apply upon any street while set aside as a play street as authorized by ordinance.

**MISCELLANEOUS DRIVING RULES**

**3-3-59 VEHICLES NOT TO BE DRIVEN ON SIDEWALKS.** The driver of a vehicle shall not drive upon or within any sidewalk area except at a driveway.

**3-3-60 CLINGING TO VEHICLES.** 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.

**3-3-61 TRESPASSING ON GUARDED STREETS OR OTHER AREAS.** It is unlawful for the driver of any vehicle or for any pedestrian, without authority, to trespass on foot or with any vehicle or any conveyance, upon any street or alley or any part thereof which is enclosed or guarded with safeguards or indicated by signs or signals, placed or erected for the purpose of guarding or protecting the repairing, constructing, reconstructing, grading, resurfacing or paving of any street or alley or part thereof, or for the purpose of guarding or protecting the constructing or reconstructing of any sewers, water, light, gas or other public work thereon.

**3-3-62 HAULING OR CARRYING OF CERTAIN CHATTEL.** It is unlawful for any person to haul or convey upon streets, alleys or public places within the corporate limits of the City, in or upon any vehicle, building material, fixtures, tools, machines or other inanimate chattel which extend more than four (4) feet beyond the rear of such vehicle or more than three (3) feet in front of such vehicle, without displaying a red signal during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, and a red light during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

**3-3-63 FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.** Upon the immediate approach of a funeral procession, the driver of every other vehicle, except an authorized emergency vehicle, shall yield the right-of-way. An operator of a motor vehicle which is part of a funeral procession shall not be charged with violating traffic rules and regulations relating to traffic signals and devices while participating in the procession unless the operation is reckless.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.324A)*

**3-3-64 OPEN CONTAINERS IN MOTOR VEHICLES.**

1. Drivers. A driver of a motor vehicle upon a public street or highway shall not possess in the passenger area of the motor vehicle an

open or unsealed bottle, can, jar, or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.284)*

2. Passengers. A passenger in a motor vehicle upon a public street or highway shall not possess in the passenger area of the motor vehicle an open or unsealed bottle, can, jar or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.284A)*

As used in this section “passenger area” means the area of a motor vehicle designed to seat the driver and passengers while the motor vehicle is in operation and any area that is readily accessible to the driver or a passenger while in their seating positions, including the glove compartment. An open or unsealed receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage may be transported in the trunk of the motor vehicle. An unsealed receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage may be transported behind the last upright seat of the motor vehicle if the motor vehicle does not have a trunk.

### **3-3-65 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE**

**3-3-66 INTENT TO INJURE.** It is unlawful for any person, with intent to commit any malicious mischief, injury or other crime, to climb into or upon a vehicle, whether it is in motion or at rest, or with like intent to manipulate any of the levers, starting mechanisms or devices while the same is at rest or unattended, or with like intent to set in motion any vehicle while the same is at rest or unattended.

**3-3-67 OBSTRUCTION TO DRIVER’S VIEW.** No person shall drive a vehicle when it is so loaded or when there are in front seat such number of persons, exceeding three, as to obstruct the view of the driver to the front or sides of the vehicle or as to interfere with the driver’s control over the driving mechanism of the vehicle. No person in such vehicle shall ride in such position as to interfere with the driver’s view ahead or to the sides, or to interfere with this control over the driving mechanism of the vehicle.

**3-3-68 PARADES AND PROCESSIONS.** No procession or parade containing fifty or more persons or ten or more vehicles, excepting forces of the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps, the military force of the State of Iowa and the forces of the Sheriff and Fire Departments, shall occupy, march or proceed along any street except in accordance with a permit issued by the Council and such other regulations as are set forth herein which may apply.

**3-3-69 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.

**3-3-70 CARELESS DRIVING.** No person shall intentionally operate a motor vehicle on a street or highway in any one of the following ways:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.277A)*

1. Creating or causing unnecessary tire squealing, skidding or sliding upon acceleration or stopping.
2. Simulating a temporary race.
3. Causing any wheel or wheels to unnecessarily lose contact with the ground.
4. Causing the vehicle to unnecessarily turn abruptly or sway.

**3-3-71 TRAINS NOT TO BLOCK STREETS.** It is unlawful for the directing officer or the operator of any railroad train to direct the operation of or to operate the same in such manner as to prevent the use of any street for purposes of travel for a period of time longer than five minutes, except that this provision shall not apply to trains in motion other than those engaged in switching.

**BICYCLES****3-3-72 TRAFFIC CODE APPLIES TO PERSONS RIDING BICYCLES.**

Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of the State declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic code of the City applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Whenever such person dismounts from a bicycle the person shall be subject to all regulations applicable to pedestrians.

**3-3-73 RIDING ON BICYCLES.** A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it was designed and equipped.

**3-3-74 RIDING ON ROADWAYS AND BICYCLE PATHS.** Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right-hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.

**3-3-75 SPEED ON BICYCLES.** No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

**3-3-76 EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR DRIVEWAY ON BICYCLE.** The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

**3-3-77 CARRYING ARTICLES ON BICYCLES.** No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand upon the handle bars.

**3-3-78 PARKING BICYCLES.** No person shall park a bicycle upon a street other than upon the roadway against the curb or upon the sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle or against a building or at the curb, in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.



**3-3-79 RIDING BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS.** No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a Business District. When signs are erected on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, no person shall disobey such signs. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

**3-3-80 LAMPS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ON BICYCLES.**

1. Lamps Required. Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least three hundred (300) feet to the front and with a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of three hundred (300) feet to the rear except that a red reflector on the rear, of a type which shall be visible from all distances from fifty (50) feet to three hundred (300) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle, may be used in lieu of a rear light.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.397)*

2. Brakes Required. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [10])*

## SNOWMOBILES AND ATVS

**3-3-81 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. “Snowmobile” means a motorized vehicle weighing less than one thousand (1,000) pounds which uses sled-type runners or skis, endless belt-type tread with a width of forty-eight (48) inches or less, or any combination of runners, skis or tread, and is designed for travel on snow or ice.

2. “ATV” means a motorized vehicle with not less than three and not more than six non-highway tires that is limited in engine displacement to less than one thousand cubic centimeters and in total dry weight to less than one thousand two hundred pounds and that has a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control.

*(Iowa Code 321I.1)*

3. “Operate” means to ride in or on, other than as a passenger, use, or control the operation of an ATV or snowmobile in any manner, whether or not the ATV is moving.

4. “Operator” means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile or ATV.

*(Ord. 284-18 – Jun. 18 Supp.)*

**3-3-82 PERMITTED AREAS OF OPERATION.** Snowmobiles and ATV’s will be allowed to operate in the City as follows.

1. 1. An east-west route described starting at the east point where Washington Street extended intersects with the north right-of-way line of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad within the City and continuing south on Washington Street to where the same joins into Sunnyside Street and thence continuing west on Sunnyside Street to the west City limits.

2. 2. A north-south route described as starting at the north City limits on Smith Street and continuing south on Smith Street to where the same joins Sunnyside Street, thence continuing east on Sunnyside Street to where same joins East Street, thence continuing south on East Street to the south City limits.

The routes established herein shall be the only permitted snowmobile or ATV routes and the snowmobiles or ATV’s shall be operated within the roadways of said public streets and shall also be subject to the following regulations.

*(Ord. 284-18 – Jun. 18 Supp.)*

**3-3-83 SNOWMOBILE AND ATV REGULATIONS.** It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile or ATV under the following circumstances:

1. On private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of said property.
2. On public school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas and golf courses without express permission to do so by the proper public authority.
3. In a manner so as to create loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons.
4. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the safety of any person or property of any other person.
5. Without having such snowmobile or ATV registered as provided for by Iowa statutes except that this provision does not apply to the operation of a snowmobile or ATV on the private property of the owner or a member of his or her immediate family.
6. Within the right-of-way of any public street or alley within the City unless the operator shall have a valid driver's license; or an instruction permit and accompanied by a qualified licensed driver.
7. No person shall operate a snowmobile in the City from eleven o'clock (11:00) p.m. on weekdays and from twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight on weekends to six o'clock (6:00) a.m. except for the purpose of loading and unloading a snowmobile from another vehicle or trailer.

*(Ord. 284-18 – Jun. 18 Supp.)*

**3-3-84 EQUIPMENT REQUIRED ON SNOWMOBILES OR ATVS.** All snowmobiles or ATVs operated within the City shall have the following equipment:

1. Mufflers which are properly attached and which reduce the noise of operation of the vehicle to the minimum noise necessary for operating the vehicle and no person shall use a muffler cutout, by-pass or similar device on said vehicle.
2. Adequate brakes in good condition and at least one headlight and one taillight.
3. A safety or so-called "dead-man" throttle in operating condition; a safety or "dead-man" throttle is defined as a device which when pressure is removed from the accelerator or throttle causes the motor to be disengaged from the driving track.

*(Ord. 284-18 – Jun. 18 Supp.)*

**3-3-85 UNATTENDED SNOWMOBILES & ATVS.** It is unlawful for the owner or operator to leave or allow a snowmobile to be or remain unattended on public property while the motor is running or the key left in the ignition.

*(Ord. 284-18 – Jun. 18 Supp.)*

**3-3-86 RESTRICTION OF OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES OR ATVS.** The Council may, by resolution, prohibit the operation of snowmobiles or ATVs within the right-of-way of the public roads, streets or alleys or other City property within the City when in the Council's opinion, the public safety and welfare so require.

*(Ord. 284-18 – Jun. 18 Supp.)*

**3-3-87 SNOWMOBILES AND ATVS TO OBSERVE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.** Each person operating a snowmobile shall strictly observe all traffic signs and signals and all other traffic rules and regulations applicable thereto, and shall obey the orders and directions of any policy of the City authorized to direct or regulate traffic.

*(Ord. 284-18 – Jun. 18 Supp.)*

**3-3-88 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND UTILITY TRAILERS.** It shall be unlawful to park a boat trailer, utility trailer, or unoccupied motor home, travel or camping trailer, or recreational vehicle on any public street, alley, or other public place for a period of time in excess of twenty-four (24) hours. Upon application to the City Clerk, emergency or temporary parking for occupied travel trailer, campers, and motor homes may be permitted at designated locations on public streets, alleys, or any other public place for a three (3) day period, subject to extended time of up to three (3) days upon reapplication, and subject to any other prohibitions or regulations imposed by traffic and parking ordinances of the City. Upon application to the City Clerk, owners of utility trailers may be permitted to park utility trailers at designated locations on public streets, alleys, or any other public places for a period of six (6) months, subject to any other prohibitions or regulations imposed by traffic and parking ordinances of the City.

*(Ord. 247-08 – Nov. 08 Supp.)*

**3-3-89 UNLICENSED VEHICLES AND TRAILERS.** Motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, or trailers of any kind or type without current license plates shall not be parked or stored on any lot other than in completely enclosed building.

*(Ord. 247-08 – Nov. 08 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 74

### GOLF CARTS

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**74.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to permit the operation of golf carts on certain streets in the City, as authorized by Section 321.247 of the *Code of Iowa*, as amended. This chapter applies whenever a golf cart is operated on any street or alley, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

**74.02 DEFINITIONS.** “Golf cart” means a three or four wheeled recreational vehicle generally used for transportation of person(s) in the sport of golf, that is limited in engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters and total dry weight of less than 800 pounds.

**74.03 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS PERMITTED.** Golf carts may be operated upon the streets of the City by persons possessing a valid Iowa Driver’s License and at least sixteen (16) years of age, except as prohibited in Section 74.04 of this chapter.

**74.04 PROHIBITED LOCATIONS.**

1. Streets. Golf carts shall not be operated upon any City street which is a primary road extension through the City. However, golf carts may cross such primary road extensions. Included are the following street(s):
  - A. East Street.
  - B. Hwy 30.
2. Sidewalks. Golf carts shall not be operated upon sidewalks.

**74.05 EQUIPMENT.** Golf carts operated upon City streets shall be equipped with at least the following:

1. A slow moving vehicle sign.
2. A bicycle safety flag, the top of which shall be a minimum of five (5) feet from ground level.
3. Adequate brakes.

**74.06 HOURS OF OPERATION.** Golf carts may be operated on City streets only between sunrise and sunset.

**74.07 SPEED.** No golf cart shall be operated at a speed in excess of the lesser of twenty-five (25) miles per hour or that posted. Golf carts shall not be modified to increase speed.

**74.08 PERMITS.** No person shall operate a golf cart on any public street, or alley, for any purpose, unless the golf cart has passed a safety inspection by the City of Grand Mound's Public Works Department; and the operator possesses a golf cart permit issued by the City Clerk.

1. Golf cart owners may apply for a permit from the City Clerk on forms provided by the City.
2. The Clerk shall not issue a permit until the owner/operator has provided the following:
  - A. Evidence that the owner/operator possesses a valid driver's license.
  - B. Proof owner/operator has liability insurance (minimum limit of \$300,000.00 coverage) covering operation of golf carts on City streets.
3. The operator of a golf cart shall display the permit sticker prominently on a rear fender or on a similar component, which is clearly visible from the rear.
4. All permits issued shall uniquely identify the name and address of the owner/operator.
5. The annual fee for such permits shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00).
6. The permits expire annually on December 31<sup>st</sup>, regardless of the date of issue.
7. Permits can be revoked by the City of Grand Mound as a result of any violation of the City's Code or the *Code of Iowa* or abusive behavior of the privilege of being a permit holder. There will be no refund of the permit fee. The revocation, including a description of the violation, shall be provided in writing to the owner of the golf cart. The revocation may be appealed to the City Council within 10 days of the written notice of revocation of the permit. The owner shall request the appeal in writing and submit the appeal to the City Clerk of Grand Mound.

**74.09 ACCIDENT REPORTS.** Either the operator, or someone acting for the operator, shall immediately notify law enforcement whenever a golf cart is involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to anyone, or property



damage amounting to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more, and shall file an accident report within forty-eight (48) hours, in accordance with State Law.

**74.10 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY.**

1. Any person guilty of violating the provisions herein shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and revocation of the City of Grand Mound permit for a period of six months.
2. Any person guilty of violating this chapter two times shall be subject to a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and revocation of the City of Grand Mound permit for a period of twelve (12) months.
3. Any person guilty of violating this chapter three times shall be subject to a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and a permanent revocation of the City of Grand Mound permit.
4. Persons violating this chapter may also be prosecuted, and subject to the penalties set out in Section 3211.36 of the *Code of Iowa*.

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## CHAPTER 75

### OPERATION OF UTVS ON CITY STREETS

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**75.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to permit the operation of UTVs on certain streets in the City, as authorized by Section 321.247 of the Code of Iowa, as amended. This chapter applies whenever a UTV is operated on any street or alley, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

**75.02 DEFINITIONS.** UTVs have several different names; including LUVs, utility vehicles, side by sides and recreational off-highway vehicles. Utility-type models include, but are not limited to, Kubota and the Kawasaki Mule; newer, sport-type models include the Polaris RZR and the Kawasaki Teryx.

#### **75.03 BASIC SPECIFICATIONS.**

1. Not a golf cart. Golf Cart means a three or four wheeled recreational vehicle generally used for transportation of person(s) in the sport of golf, which is limited in engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters and total dry weight of less than 800 pounds.
2. Not a low speed vehicle. Low-speed means a low-speed vehicle, as defined in 49 CFR 571.3, that satisfies the equipment standards under 49 CFR 571.500 and that was originally manufactured to meet the applicable equipment standards under 49 CFR 571.500.
3. UTVs are originally manufactured with the following:
  - A. Between 900 lbs. and 1,999 lbs.
  - B. Four or more low pressure tires.
  - C. Cargo or dump box.
  - D. Steering wheel, tail light, brake light, 2 headlights, seat belts or similar device.
  - E. Max width of 65 inches.
  - F. Seating for at least 2 occupants, non-straddled seats.
  - G. A roll bar or similar device.

**75.04 OPERATION OF UTVS PERMITTED.** UTVs may be operated upon the streets of the City by persons possessing a valid Iowa Driver's License and at least sixteen (16) years of age, except as prohibited in Section 75.05 of this chapter.

**75.05 PROHIBITED LOCATIONS.**

1. Streets. UTVs shall not be operated upon any City Street, which is a primary road extension through the City. However, UTVs may cross such primary road extensions. Included are the following street(s):

- A. Hwy 30.

2. Sidewalks. UTVs shall not be operated upon sidewalks.

**75.06 EQUIPMENT.** UTVs operated upon City streets shall be equipped with at least the following:

1. A slow moving vehicle sign.
2. A bicycle safety flag, the top of which shall be a minimum of five (5) feet from ground level and extend a minimum of 2 feet above the highest point of the UTV.
3. UTVs operated on City streets shall be equipped with a muffler, headlights, taillights, and adequate brakes to stop and hold the UTV in a stopped position.
4. UTVs operated on city streets shall be equipped with an adequate exhaust system.

**75.07 HOURS OF OPERATION.** UTVs may be operated on City Streets between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 10:00 PM (CST) except for emergency situations or for loading or unloading from a transport trailer; except that UTVs may be operated during prohibited hours to perform snow removal activities.

**75.08 SPEED.** No UTV shall be operated at a speed in excess of the lesser of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or that posted, nor shall any UTV be operated at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper for the existing conditions.

**75.09 TRAFFIC CODE.** Any person operating an UTV, shall strictly adhere to all traffic signs and signals and all other traffic rules and regulations, and shall obey the orders and direction of any law enforcement officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic. No person shall leave an UTV unattended on public property while the motor is running or the keys are in the ignition switch.

**75.10 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS.**

Individuals who operate on roadways within the City limits of Grand Mound must register the UTV with the IDNR. The following conditions apply:

1. The owner of each UTV shall be required to provide proof of ownership including but not limited to, bill of sale, IDNR registration or registration from appropriate out-of-state authority and proof of liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$50,000 bodily injury per person, \$100,000 bodily injury per accident and \$50,000 property damage.
2. UTV's registered in Iowa are required to display their current registration decal and carry their certificate on board.
3. UTV's registered in another state are required to display their registration deal and carry their certificate on board.

**75.11 ACCIDENT REPORTS.** Either the operator, or someone acting for the operator, shall immediately notify law enforcement whenever a UTV is involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to anyone, or property damage amounting to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more, and shall file an accident report within forty-eight (48) hours, in accordance with State Law.

**75.12 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY.**

1. Any person guilty of violating the provisions herein shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00).
2. Any person guilty of violating this ordinance two times shall be subject to a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
3. Any person guilty of violating this ordinance three times shall be subject to a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).
4. Persons violating this ordinance may also be prosecuted, and subject to the penalties set out in, Section 3211.36 of the *Code of Iowa*.

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## CHAPTER 80

### ABANDONED VEHICLES

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**80.01 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter the following terms are defined:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.89[1])*

1. “Abandoned vehicle” means any of the following:
  - A. A vehicle that has been left unattended on public property for more than twenty-four (24) hours and lacks current registration plates or two (2) or more wheels or other parts which renders the vehicle totally inoperable.
  - B. A vehicle that has remained illegally on public property for more than twenty-four (24) hours.
  - C. A vehicle that has been unlawfully parked or placed on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than twenty-four (24) hours.
  - D. A vehicle that has been legally impounded by order of a police authority and has not been reclaimed for a period of ten (10) days. However, a police authority may declare the vehicle abandoned within the ten-day period by commencing the notification process.
  - E. Any vehicle parked on the highway determined by a police authority to create a hazard to other vehicle traffic.
  - F. A vehicle that has been impounded pursuant to Section 321J.4B of the Code of Iowa by order of the court and whose owner has not paid the impoundment fees after notification by the person or agency responsible for carrying out the impoundment order.
2. “Demolisher” means any city or public agency organized for the disposal of solid waste, or any person whose business it is to convert a vehicle to junk, processed scrap or scrap metal, or otherwise to wreck, or dismantle vehicles.

3. “Police authority” means the Iowa state patrol or any law enforcement agency of a county or city.

**80.02 AUTHORITY TO TAKE POSSESSION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES.** A police authority, upon the authority’s own initiative or upon the request of any other authority having the duties of control of highways or traffic, shall take into custody an abandoned vehicle on public property and may take into custody any abandoned vehicle on private property. The police authority may employ its own personnel, equipment, and facilities or hire a private entity, equipment, and facilities for the purpose of removing, preserving, storing, or disposing of abandoned vehicles. A property owner or other person in control of private property may employ a private entity which is a garage keeper (any operator of a parking place or establishment, motor vehicle storage facility, or establishment for the servicing, repair, or maintenance of motor vehicles) to dispose of an abandoned vehicle, and the private entity may take into custody the abandoned vehicle without a police authority’s initiative. If a police authority employs a private entity to dispose of abandoned vehicles, the police authority shall provide the private entity with the names and addresses of the registered owners, all lienholders of record, and any other known claimant to the vehicle or the personal property found in the vehicle.

*(Ord. 250-09 – Dec. 09 Supp.)*

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.89[2])*

**80.03 NOTICE BY MAIL.** The police authority or private entity that takes into custody an abandoned vehicle shall notify, within twenty (20) days, by certified mail, the last known registered owner of the vehicle, all lienholders of record, and any other known claimant to the vehicle or to personal property found in the vehicle, addressed to the parties’ last known addresses of record, that the abandoned vehicle has been taken into custody. Notice shall be deemed given when mailed. The notice shall describe the year, make, model and vehicle identification number of the vehicle, describe the personal property found in the vehicle, set forth the location of the facility where the vehicle is being held, and inform the persons receiving the notice of their right to reclaim the vehicle and personal property within ten (10) days after the effective date of the notice upon payment of all towing, preservation, and storage charges resulting from placing the vehicle in custody and upon payment of the costs of the notice. The notice shall also state that the failure of the owner, lienholders or claimants to exercise their right to reclaim the vehicle or personal property within the time provided shall be deemed a waiver by the owner, lienholders and claimants of all right, title, claim and interest in the vehicle or personal property and that failure to reclaim the vehicle or personal property is deemed consent to the sale of the vehicle at a public auction or disposal of the vehicle to a demolisher and to disposal of the personal property by sale or destruction. If



the abandoned vehicle was taken into custody by a private entity without a police authority's initiative, the notice shall state that the private entity may claim a garage keeper's lien as described in Section 321.90 of the Code of Iowa, and may proceed to sell or dispose of the vehicle. If the abandoned vehicle was taken into custody by a police authority or by a private entity hired by a police authority, the notice shall state that any person claiming rightful possession of the vehicle or personal property who disputes the planned disposition of the vehicle or property by the police authority or private entity or of the assessment of fees and charges provided by this section may ask for an evidentiary hearing before the police authority to contest those matters. If the persons receiving notice do not ask for a hearing or exercise their right to reclaim the vehicle or personal property within the ten-day reclaiming period, the owner, lienholders or claimants shall no longer have any right, title, claim, or interest in or to the vehicle or the personal property. A court in any case in law or equity shall not recognize any right, title, claim, or interest of the owner, lienholders or claimants after the expiration of the ten-day reclaiming period.

*(Ord. 250-09 – Dec. 09 Supp.)*

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.89[3a])*

**80.04 NOTIFICATION IN NEWSPAPER.** If the identity of the last registered owner cannot be determined, or if the registration contains no address for the owner, or if it is impossible to determine with reasonable certainty the identity and addresses of all lienholders, notice by one publication in one newspaper of general circulation in the area where the vehicle was abandoned shall be sufficient to meet all requirements of notice under Section 80.03. The published notice may contain multiple listings of abandoned vehicles and personal property but shall be published within the same time requirements and contain the same information as prescribed for mailed notice in Section 80.03.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.89[3b])*

**80.05 EXTENSION OF TIME.** The owner, lienholders or claimants may, by written request delivered to the police authority or private entity prior to the expiration of the ten (10) day reclaiming period, obtain an additional five (5) days within which the motor vehicle or personal property may be reclaimed.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.89[3c])*

**80.06 FEES FOR IMPOUNDMENT.** The owner, lienholder or claimant shall pay three dollars (\$3.00) if claimed within five (5) days of impounding, plus one dollar (\$1.00) for each additional day within the reclaiming period plus towing charges if stored by the City, or towing and storage fees, if stored in a public garage, whereupon said vehicle shall be released. The amount of towing charges, and the rate of storage charges by privately owned garages, shall be established by such facility.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.89[3a])*

**80.07 DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES.** If an abandoned vehicle has not been reclaimed as provided herein, the police authority or private entity shall make a determination as to whether or not the motor vehicle should be sold for use upon the highways, and shall dispose of the motor vehicle in accordance with State law.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.89[4])*

**80.08 DISPOSAL OF TOTALLY INOPERABLE VEHICLES.** The City or any person upon whose property or in whose possession is found any abandoned motor vehicle, or any person being the owner of a motor vehicle whose title certificate is faulty, lost or destroyed, may dispose of such motor vehicle to a demolisher for junk, without a title and without notification procedures, if such motor vehicle lacks an engine or two (2) or more wheels or other structural part which renders the vehicle totally inoperable. The police authority shall give the applicant a certificate of authority. The applicant shall then apply to the County Treasurer for a junking certificate and shall surrender the certificate of authority in lieu of the certificate of title.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.90[2e])*

**80.09 PROCEEDS FROM SALES.** Proceeds from the sale of any abandoned vehicle shall be applied to the expense of auction, cost of towing, preserving, storing and notification required, in accordance with State law. Any balance shall be held for the owner of the motor vehicle or entitled lienholder for ninety (90) days, and then shall be deposited in the State Road Use Tax Fund. Where the sale of any vehicle fails to realize the amount necessary to meet costs the police authority shall apply for reimbursement from the Department of Transportation.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.89[4])*

**80.10 DUTIES OF DEMOLISHER.** Any demolisher who purchases or otherwise acquires an abandoned motor vehicle for junk shall junk, scrap, wreck, dismantle or otherwise demolish such motor vehicle. A demolisher shall not junk, scrap, wreck, dismantle or demolish a vehicle until the demolisher has obtained the junking certificate issued for the vehicle.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.90[3a])*

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## CHAPTER 90

### WATER SERVICE SYSTEM

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**90.01 DEFINITIONS.** The following terms are defined for use in the chapters in this Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Water Service System:

1. "Combined service account" means a customer service account for the provision of two or more utility services.
2. "Customer" means, in addition to any person receiving water service from the City, the owner of the property served, and as between such parties the duties, responsibilities, liabilities and obligations hereinafter imposed shall be joint and several.
3. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the City water system or any duly authorized assistant, agent or representative.
4. "Water main" means a water supply pipe provided for public or community use.
5. "Water service pipe" means the pipe from the water main to the building served.
6. "Water system" or "water works" means all public facilities for securing, collecting, storing, pumping, treating and distributing water.

**90.02 SUPERINTENDENT'S DUTIES.** The Superintendent shall supervise the installation of water service pipes and their connection to the water main and enforce all regulations pertaining to water services in the City in accordance with this chapter. This chapter shall apply to all replacements of existing water service pipes as well as to new ones. The Superintendent shall make such rules, not in conflict with the provisions of this chapter, as may be needed for the detailed operation of the water system, subject to the approval of the Council.

In the event of an emergency the Superintendent may make temporary rules for the protection of the system until due consideration by the Council may be had.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**90.03 MANDATORY CONNECTIONS.** All residences and business establishments within the City limits intended or used for human habitation, occupancy or use shall be connected to the public water system, if it is reasonably available and if the building is not furnished with pure and wholesome water from some other source.

**90.04 ABANDONED CONNECTIONS.** When an existing water service is abandoned or a service is renewed with a new tap in the main, all abandoned connections with the mains shall be turned off at the corporation stop and made absolutely watertight.

**90.05 PERMIT.** Before any person makes a connection with the public water system, a written permit must be obtained from the City. The application for the permit shall include a legal description of the property, the name of the property owner, the name and address of the person who will do the work, and the general uses of the water. If the proposed work meets all the requirements of this chapter and if all fees required under this chapter have been paid, the permit shall be issued. Work under any permit must be completed within sixty (60) days after the permit is issued, except that when such time period is inequitable or unfair due to conditions beyond the control of the person making the application, an extension of time within which to complete the work may be granted. The permit may be revoked at any time for any violation of these chapters.

**90.06 COMPLIANCE WITH PLUMBING CODE.** The installation of any water service pipe and any connection with the water system shall comply with all pertinent and applicable provisions, whether regulatory, procedural or enforcement provisions, of Division 4, Plumbing Rules and Regulations, of the State Building Code.

**90.07 PLUMBER REQUIRED.** All installations of water service pipes and connections to the water system shall be made by a plumber approved by the City. The Superintendent shall have the power to suspend the approval of any plumber for violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. A suspension, unless revoked, shall continue until the next regular meeting of the City Council. The Superintendent shall notify the plumber immediately by personal written notice of the suspension, the reasons for the suspension and the time and place of the Council meeting at which the plumber will be granted a hearing. At this Council meeting the Superintendent shall make a written report to the Council stating the reasons for the suspension, and the Council, after fair

hearing, shall affirm or revoke the suspension or take any further action that is necessary and proper.

**90.08 EXCAVATIONS.** All trench work, excavation and backfilling required in making a connection shall be performed in accordance with applicable excavation provisions as provided for installation of building sewers and/or the provisions of Chapter 135.

**90.09 TAPPING MAINS.** All taps into water mains shall be made by or under the direct supervision of the Superintendent and in accord with the following:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

1. Independent Services. No more than one house, building or premises shall be supplied from one tap unless special written permission is obtained from the Superintendent and unless provision is made so that each house, building or premises may be shut off independently of the other.
2. Sizes and Location of Taps. All mains six (6) inches or less in diameter shall receive no larger than a three-fourths (3/4) inch tap. All mains of over six (6) inches in diameter shall receive no larger than a one inch tap. Where a larger connection than a one inch tap is desired, two (2) or more small taps or saddles shall be used, as the Superintendent shall order. All taps in the mains shall be made in the top half of the pipe, at least eighteen (18) inches apart. No main shall be tapped nearer than two (2) feet of the joint in the main.
3. Corporation Stop. A brass corporation stop, of the pattern and weight approved by the Superintendent, shall be inserted in every tap in the main. The corporation stop in the main shall be of the same size as the service pipe.
4. Location Record. An accurate and dimensional sketch showing the exact location of the tap shall be filed with the Superintendent in such form as the Superintendent shall require.

**90.10 INSTALLATION OF WATER SERVICE PIPE.** Water service pipes from the main to the meter setting shall be Type K copper. The use of any other pipe material for the service line shall first be approved by the Superintendent. Pipe must be laid sufficiently waving, and to such depth, as to prevent rupture from settlement or freezing.

**90.11 RESPONSIBILITY FOR WATER SERVICE PIPE.** All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of the water service pipe from the curb valve to the building served shall be borne by the owner.

Following the initial installation, the owner shall be responsible for maintenance from the main to the building served, including the curb valve. The owner shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation or maintenance of said water service pipe.

**90.12 FAILURE TO MAINTAIN.** When any portion of the water service pipe which is the responsibility of the property owner becomes defective or creates a nuisance and the owner fails to correct such nuisance the City may do so and assess the costs thereof to the property.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3a & h])*

**90.13 CURB VALVE.** There shall be installed within the public right-of-way a main shut-off valve on the water service pipe of a pattern approved by the Superintendent. The shut-off valve shall be constructed to be visible and even with the pavement or ground.

**90.14 INTERIOR VALVE.** There shall be installed a shut-off valve on every service pipe inside the building as close to the entrance of the pipe within the building as possible and so located that the water can be shut off conveniently. Where one service pipe supplies more than one customer within the building, there shall be separate valves for each such customer so that service may be shut off for one without interfering with service to the others.

**90.15 INSPECTION AND APPROVAL.** All water service pipes and their connections to the water system must be inspected and approved in writing by the Superintendent before they are covered, and the Superintendent shall keep a record of such approvals. If the Superintendent refuses to approve the work, the plumber or property owner must proceed immediately to correct the work. Every person who uses or intends to use the municipal water system shall permit the Superintendent to enter the premises to inspect or make necessary alterations or repairs at all reasonable hours and on proof of authority.

**90.16 COMPLETION BY THE CITY.** Should any excavation be left open or only partly refilled for twenty-four (24) hours after the water service pipe is installed and connected with the water system, or should the work be improperly done, the City shall have the right to finish or correct the work, and the Council shall assess the costs to the property owner or the plumber. If the plumber is assessed, the plumber must pay the costs before receiving another permit. If the property owner is assessed, such assessment may be collected with and in the same manner as general property taxes.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3a & h])*

**90.17 SHUTTING OFF WATER SUPPLY.** The Superintendent may shut off the supply of water to any customer because of any violation of the regulations contained in these Water Service System chapters that is not being contested in good faith. The supply shall not be turned on again until all violations have been corrected and the Superintendent has ordered the water to be turned on.

**90.18 OPERATION OF CURB VALVE AND HYDRANTS.** It is unlawful for any person except the Superintendent to turn water on at the curb valve, and no person, unless specifically authorized by the City, shall open or attempt to draw water from any fire hydrant for any purpose whatsoever.

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## CHAPTER 91

### WATER METERS

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**91.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to encourage the conservation of water and facilitate the equitable distribution of charges for water service among customers.

**91.02 WATER USE METERED.** All water furnished customers shall be measured through meters furnished by the City and installed by the City.

**91.03 FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS – EXCEPTION.** Fire sprinkler systems may be connected to water mains by direct connection without meters under the direct supervision of the Superintendent. No open connection can be incorporated in the system, and there shall be no valves except a main control valve at the entrance to the building which must be sealed open.

**91.04 LOCATION OF METERS.** All meters shall be so located that they are easily accessible to meter readers and repairmen and protected from freezing.

**91.05 METER SETTING.** The property owner shall provide all necessary piping and fittings for proper setting of the meter including a valve on the discharge side of the meter. Meter pits may be used only upon approval of the Superintendent and shall be of a design and construction approved by the Superintendent.

**91.06 METER COSTS.** The full cost of any meter larger than that required for a single-family residence shall be paid to the City by the property owner or customer prior to the installation of any such meter by the City, or, at the sole option of the City, the property owner or customer may be required to purchase and install such meter in accordance with requirements established by the City.

**91.07 METER REPAIRS.** Whenever a water meter owned by the City is found to be out of order the Superintendent shall have it repaired. If it is found that damage to the meter has occurred due to the carelessness or negligence of the customer or property owner, or the meter is not owned by the City, then the property owner shall be liable for the cost of repairs.

**91.08 RIGHT OF ENTRY.** The Superintendent shall be permitted to enter the premises of any customer at any reasonable time to read, remove, or change a meter.

## CHAPTER 92

### WATER RATES

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**92.01 SERVICE CHARGES.** Each customer shall pay for water service provided by the City based upon use of water as determined by meters provided for in Chapter 91. Each location, building, premises or connection shall be considered a separate and distinct customer whether owned or controlled by the same person or not.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

**92.02 RATES FOR SERVICE.** Each customer shall pay a flat charge or “debt retirement charge” of \$12.50 per month. In addition each customer shall pay a monthly rate of thirty cents (\$.30) per hundred (100) gallons.

*(Ord. 235-05 – Mar. 05 Supp.)*

1. Future Rates. On July 1, 2006, water rates per gallon shall be increased by 2.0% over the rates established in Section 92.02, which rates shall be in effect until June 30, 2007. On each July 1, thereafter, said water rates shall be increased by 2.0% over the rates in effect during the preceding year.

*(Ord. 239-06 – Aug. 06 Supp.)*

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

**92.03 BILLING FOR WATER SERVICE.** Water service shall be billed as part of a combined service account, payable in accordance with the following:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

1. Meters Read. Water meters shall be read during the last week of every month.
2. Bills Issued. The Clerk shall prepare and issue bills for combined service accounts on or before the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day of each month.
3. Bills Payable. Bills for combined service accounts shall be due and payable at the office of the Clerk or at the First Trust and Savings Bank by the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of each month.
4. Late Payment Penalty. Bills not paid when due shall be considered delinquent. A one-time administrative charge of five dollars

(\$5.00) shall be added to each delinquent bill to cover the City's costs of servicing said account as herein provided.

5. Bad Check Charge. The City shall charge and receive a bad check charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

**92.04 SERVICE DISCONTINUED.** Water service to delinquent customers shall be discontinued in accordance with the following:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

1. Notice. The Clerk shall notify each delinquent customer that service will be discontinued if payment of the combined service account, including late payment charges, is not received by the date specified in the notice of delinquency. Such notice shall be sent by ordinary mail and shall inform the customer of the nature of the delinquency and afford the customer the opportunity for a hearing prior to the discontinuance. If the combined service account, including late payment charges, is \$9.99 or less; a notice of delinquency shall not be issued; and the additional steps & fees to discontinue service shall not occur.

2. Notice to Landlords. If the customer is a tenant, and if the owner or landlord of the property has made a written request for notice, the notice of delinquency shall also be given to the owner or landlord.

3. Hearing. If a hearing is requested by noon of the day preceding the shut off, the Clerk and Mayor shall conduct an informal hearing and shall make a determination as to whether the disconnection is justified. The customer has the right to appeal the decision of the Clerk and Mayor to the Council, and if the Council finds that disconnection is justified, then such disconnection shall be made, unless payment has been received.

4. Fees.

A. An Administrative fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) shall be charged if the payment of the combined service account, including late payment charges, is not received before 7:30 a.m. on the 1st of the month following the due date. If the 1st of the month falls on a weekend, or City Observed holiday, the Administrative fee will be charged at 7:30 a.m. the following business day. If the combined service account, including late payment charges is \$9.99, or less; the Administrative fee will be waived; and the unpaid balance will be carried forward to the next month.

B. Following the Administrative fee; the City Clerk shall draft the disconnect list; and provide the list to the Public Works

Department, for service to be discontinued. Each property that has service discontinued will be charged a Re-Connect fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00).

5. Service Restored. Service will not be restored to a delinquent customer; until payment in full; including the combined service account, late payment charges, administrative fees, and re-connect fees have been collected during City Hall's posted Office hours. Once paid in full; the City Clerk will send a request for service to be restored to the Public Works Department. Service will only be restored during the Public Works Department's scheduled office hours (Service will not be restored during a weekend or holiday.)

*(Ord. 279-16 – Jan. 17 Supp.)*

#### **92.05 WATER SERVICE HOOKUP AND DISCONNECTION FEES.**

Except as provided herein for delinquent customer accounts, and those hookups and disconnections arising out of breakdown or repair, the City shall charge and receive a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for water service hookups.

**92.06 LIEN FOR NONPAYMENT.** The owner of the premises served and any lessee or tenant thereof shall be jointly and severally liable for water service charges to the premises. Water service charges remaining unpaid and delinquent shall constitute a lien upon the premises served and shall be certified by the Clerk to the County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

**92.07 LIEN EXEMPTION.** The lien for nonpayment shall not apply to commercial rental property or residential rental property where water service is separately metered and the rates or charges for the water service are paid directly to the City by the tenant, if the landlord gives written notice to the City that the property is commercial rental property or residential rental property, and that the tenant is liable for the rates or charges. The City may require a deposit not exceeding the usual cost of ninety (90) days of water service be paid to the City. The landlord's written notice shall contain the name of the tenant responsible for charges, the address of the rental property and the date occupancy begins. A change in tenant shall require a new written notice to be given to the City within ten (10) business days of the change in tenant. When the tenant moves from the rental property, the City shall refund the deposit if the water service charges are paid in full. A change in the ownership of the residential rental property shall require written notice of such change to be given to the City within ten (10) business days of the completion of the change of ownership. The lien exemption does not apply to delinquent charges for repairs to a water service.

*(Ord. 263-13 – Sep. 13 Supp.)*

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

**92.08 LIEN NOTICE.** A lien for delinquent water service charges shall not be certified to the County Treasurer unless prior written notice of intent to certify a lien is given to the customer. If the customer is a tenant and if the owner or landlord of the property has made a written request for notice, the notice shall also be given to the owner or landlord. The notice shall be sent to the appropriate persons by ordinary mail not less than thirty (30) days prior to certification of the lien to the County Treasurer.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

**92.09 CUSTOMER DEPOSITS.** Customer deposits in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), fifty dollars (\$50.00) for water service and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for sewer service, shall be required of all new customers. Deposits of customers having established, acceptable credit record for three continuous years shall be returned. An occurrence or recurrence of a bad payment record may be the cause for requiring a new one hundred dollar (\$100.00) deposit and/or an additional larger deposit in an amount equal to two times the average monthly bill for such property for the continuation of service. For purposes of this section, a bad payment record shall include but not be limited to any customer who fails to timely pay City utility charges two times within any continuous six-month period.

*(Ord. 260-13 – Aug. 13 Supp.)*

**92.10 TEMPORARY VACANCY.** A property owner may request water service be temporarily discontinued and shut off at the curb valve when the property is expected to be vacant for an extended period of time. There shall be a ten dollar (\$10.00) fee collected for restoring service. During a period when service is temporarily discontinued as provided herein there shall be no minimum service charge. The City will not drain pipes or pull meters for temporary vacancies.

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## CHAPTER 93

### WATER LINE EXTENSIONS

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**93.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide a means and method for the extension of water mains to serve property not served by an existing water line so as to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort and convenience of the residents of the City.

**93.02 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. “Builder” means the owner of land who causes a water main to be installed under the provisions of this chapter. Such term includes the heirs, successors or assigns of such owner.
2. “Estimated cost” means a cost estimate prepared by a registered professional engineer or qualified contractor experienced in the installation of water main pipe and appurtenances. All such estimates are subject to the approval of the Council and in the event of any disagreement as to the amount of estimated costs, the materials to be used or installation methods, the determination of the Council shall be final and conclusive.

**93.03 CONSTRUCTION BY CITY.** An owner of land abutting or adjoining a property or a public street where no water main has been installed may make application to the Council for the installation of a water main along such property and in the street for the purpose of serving the property in accordance with the following:

1. Application and Deposit. A written request for such installation, and a sum equal to the total estimated cost of the installation from the point where the water main is presently installed and terminates to the point where the most distance boundary of the owner’s lot abuts an adjoining property or the public street, shall be submitted to the Council.
2. Construction. Upon receipt of the deposit, the City shall construct the water main for the purpose of serving the property of the applicant (builder), as soon as such construction can reasonably be accomplished.
3. Additional Costs. In the event the actual cost to the City of installation of the water main is in excess of the estimated cost, the

builder agrees to reimburse the City for the actual additional cost within thirty (30) days after the presentation of a bill for such additional cost.

4. Lien Authorized. In the event of the failure of the builder to reimburse the City, as specified in subsection 3 above, the total of the additional cost shall be certified to the County Treasurer as a special assessment lien against the builder's real estate. In the written request for installation of the water main, the landowner shall waive all objections to jurisdiction and rights to notice and consent to the entry of such a special assessment lien against the real estate.

5. Maximum Cost. The additional cost of installation, as contemplated in subsections 3 and 4 above, shall not exceed one hundred ten percent (110%) of the estimated cost.

6. Connecting Property. The expense of connecting the property of the builder to the water main shall be borne by the builder, in addition to the cost of constructing said water main, but such connection shall be under the supervision of the City.

**93.04 CONSTRUCTION BY OWNER.** In the event an owner of land abutting or adjoining a property or public street in which no water main has been previously installed desires to construct said water main at the owner's own expense, the owner may do so, after making proper application to the City and receiving a permit to install such a water main, in accordance with the following:

1. City Supervision. The installation of such a water main by a landowner at the owner's expense shall be under the strict supervision of the City and shall, in all ways, conform to the requirements and specifications of the City.

2. Surety Bond. When making application to the City for a permit to install such a water main, the applicant shall post with the City a surety bond, in an amount to be set by the Council and made a matter of record in the minutes of the Council, which shall be in an amount equal to but not less than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the total estimated cost of the installation for the full distance from the termination point of the presently existing water main to the point where the farthest boundary of the applicant's land abuts the property or street, and the bond shall guarantee the installation of the water main in as short a time as reasonably possible and shall further indemnify the City for the cost of completing the project in the event the applicant fails to complete the project within a reasonable time, and shall further indemnify the City for all damages to public property incurred in the installation, and shall



further hold the City harmless for any and all other damages arising from the installation of the water main.

3. Ownership of Water Main. After the water main has been installed, it shall become the property of the City.

4. Cost Approval. For purposes of determining connection charges under Section 93.05 below, costs incurred by the owner shall be certified by the City and only so much of said costs as are approved by the City shall be used in determining connection charges as provided hereafter.

**93.05 WATER LINE EXTENSION PERMIT.** Water line extensions sought under this chapter shall require a permit therefor issued to builder or owner by the Clerk upon submission of the appropriate application and deposit and a \$150.00 permit fee covering City personnel expenses for issuance of the permit and for supervision of connection to water main.

**93.06 RIGHTS OF CITY.** All decisions in connection with the manner of installation of any extension and maintenance thereof shall remain in the exclusive control of the City and such extension shall be the property of the City and no other person shall have any right, title or interest therein.

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## CHAPTER 95

### SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

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**95.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of the chapters of this Code of Ordinances pertaining to Sanitary Sewers is to establish rules and regulations governing the treatment and disposal of sanitary sewage within the City in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

**95.02 DEFINITIONS.** For use in these chapters, unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the following terms are defined:

1. “B.O.D.” (denoting Biochemical Oxygen Demand) means the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five (5) days at twenty (20) degrees C., expressed in milligrams per liter or parts per million.
2. “Building drain” means that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a building drainage system which receives the discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, beginning five (5) feet (1.5 meters) outside the inner face of the building wall.
3. “Building sewer” means that part of the horizontal piping from the building wall to its connection with the main sewer or the primary treatment portion of an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system conveying the drainage of one building site.
4. “Combined sewer” means a sewer receiving both surface run-off and sewage.
5. “Customer” means any person responsible for the production of domestic, commercial or industrial waste which is directly or indirectly discharged into the public sewer system.
6. “Garbage” means solid wastes from the domestic and commercial preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage and sale of produce.

7. “Industrial wastes” means the liquid wastes from industrial manufacturing processes, trade, or business as distinct from sanitary sewage.
8. “Inspector” means the person duly authorized by the Council to inspect and approve the installation of building sewers and their connections to the public sewer system; and to inspect such sewage as may be discharged therefrom.
9. “Natural outlet” means any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake, or other body of surface or groundwater.
10. “On-site wastewater treatment and disposal system” means all equipment and devices necessary for proper conduction, collection, storage, treatment, and disposal of wastewater from four or fewer dwelling units or other facilities serving the equivalent of fifteen persons (1500 gpd) or less.
11. “pH” means the logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution.
12. “Public sewer” means a sewer in which all owners of abutting properties have equal rights, and is controlled by public authority.
13. “Sanitary sewage” means sewage discharging from the sanitary conveniences of dwellings (including apartment houses and hotels), office buildings, factories or institutions, and free from storm, surface water, and industrial waste.
14. “Sanitary sewer” means a sewer which carries sewage and to which storm, surface, and groundwaters are not intentionally admitted.
15. “Sewage” means a combination of the water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions, and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface, and storm waters as may be present.
16. “Sewage treatment plant” means any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage.
17. “Sewage works” or “sewage system” means all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating, and disposing of sewage.
18. “Sewer” means a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.
19. “Sewer service charges” means any and all charges, rates or fees levied against and payable by customers, as consideration for the servicing of said customers by said sewer system.
20. “Slug” means any discharge of water, sewage, or industrial waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow exceeds for any period of duration longer than fifteen (15) minutes more

than five (5) times the average twenty-four (24) hour concentration or flows during normal operation.

21. “Storm drain” or “storm sewer” means a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage but excludes sewage and industrial wastes, other than unpolluted cooling water.

22. “Superintendent” means the Superintendent of sewage works and/or of water pollution control of the City or any authorized deputy, agent, or representative.

23. “Suspended solids” means solids that either float on the surface of, or are in suspension in water, sewage, or other liquids, and which are removable by laboratory filtering.

24. “Watercourse” means a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.

**95.03 SUPERINTENDENT.** The Superintendent shall exercise the following powers and duties:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

1. Operation and Maintenance. Operate and maintain the City sewage system.
2. Inspection and Tests. Conduct necessary inspections and tests to assure compliance with the provisions of these Sanitary Sewer chapters.
3. Records. Maintain a complete and accurate record of all sewers, sewage connections and manholes constructed showing the location and grades thereof.

**95.04 PROHIBITED ACTS.** No person shall do, or allow, any of the following:

1. Damage Sewer System. Maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure, appurtenance or equipment which is a part of the sewer system.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 716.1)*

2. Surface Run-off or Groundwater. Connect a roof downspout, sump pump, exterior foundation drain, areaway drain, or other source of surface run-off or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.
3. Manholes. Open or enter any manhole of the sewer system, except by authority of the Superintendent.

4.     Objectionable Wastes. Place or deposit in any unsanitary manner on public or private property within the City, or in any area under the jurisdiction of the City, any human or animal excrement, garbage, or other objectionable waste.

5.     Septic Tanks. Construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage except as provided in these chapters.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3f])*

6.     Untreated Discharge. Discharge to any natural outlet within the City, or in any area under its jurisdiction, any sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of these chapters.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3f])*

**95.05 SEWER CONNECTION REQUIRED.** The owners of any houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes, situated within the City and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located, or may in the future be located, a public sanitary or combined sewer, are hereby required to install, at such owner's expense, suitable toilet facilities therein and a building sewer connecting such facilities directly with the proper public sewer, and to maintain the same all in accordance with the provisions of these Sanitary Sewer chapters, such compliance to be completed within ninety (90) days after date of official notice from the City to do so provided that said public sewer is located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of the property line of such owner and is of such design as to receive and convey by gravity such sewage as may be conveyed to it. Billing for sanitary sewer service will begin the date of official notice to connect to the public sewer.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 [3f])*

*(IAC, 567-69.1[3])*

**95.06 SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CITY.** The owners of property outside the corporate limits of the City so situated that it may be served by the City

sewer system may apply to the Council for permission to connect to the public sewer upon the terms and conditions stipulated by resolution of the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.4 [2 & 3])*

**95.07 RIGHT OF ENTRY.** The Superintendent and other duly authorized employees of the City bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all properties for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing in accordance with the provisions of these Sanitary Sewer chapters. The Superintendent or representatives shall have no authority to inquire into any processes including metallurgical, chemical, oil, refining, ceramic, paper, or other industries beyond that point having a direct bearing on the kind and source of discharge to the sewers or waterways or facilities for waste treatment.

**95.08 USE OF EASEMENTS.** The Superintendent and other duly authorized employees of the City bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all private properties through which the City holds a duly negotiated easement for the purposes of, but not limited to, inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, repair, and maintenance of any portion of the sewage works lying within said easement. All entry and subsequent work, if any, on said easement, shall be done in full accordance with the terms of the duly negotiated easement pertaining to the private property involved.

**95.09 SPECIAL PENALTIES.** The following special penalty provisions shall apply to violations of these Sanitary Sewer chapters:

1. Notice of Violation. Any person found to be violating any provision of these chapters except subsections 1, 3 and 4 of Section 95.04, shall be served by the City with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.
2. Continuing Violations. Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in subsection 1 hereof shall be in violation of this Code of Ordinances. Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.
3. Liability Imposed. Any person violating any of the provisions of these chapters shall become liable to the City for any expense, loss, or damage occasioned the City by reason of such violation.

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## CHAPTER 96

### BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS

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**96.01 PERMIT.** No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connection with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the City. The application for the permit shall set forth the location and description of the property to be connected with the sewer system and the purpose for which the sewer is to be used, and shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent. The permit shall require the owner to complete construction and connection of the building sewer to the public sewer within sixty (60) days after the issuance of the permit, except that when a property owner makes sufficient showing that due to conditions beyond the owner's control or peculiar hardship, such time period is inequitable or unfair, an extension of time within which to comply with the provisions herein may be granted. Any sewer connection permit may be revoked at any time for a violation of these chapters.

**96.02 PLUMBER REQUIRED.** All installations of building sewers and connections to the public sewer shall be made by a plumber approved by the City. The Superintendent shall have the power to suspend the approval of any plumber for violation of any of the provisions of these Sanitary Sewer chapters; a suspension, unless revoked, shall continue until the next regular meeting of the Council. The Superintendent shall notify the plumber immediately by personal written notice of the suspension, the reasons for the suspension, and the time and place of the Council meeting at which the plumber will be granted a hearing. At this Council meeting the Superintendent shall make a written report to the Council stating the reasons for the suspension, and the Council, after fair hearing, shall affirm or revoke the suspension or take any further action that is necessary and proper.

**96.03 EXCAVATIONS.** All excavations required for the installation of a building sewer shall be open trench work unless otherwise approved by the City. Pipe laying and backfill shall be performed in accordance with A.S.T.M. Specification C-12, except that no backfill shall be placed until the work has

been inspected. The excavations shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 135 where applicable.

**96.04 CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS.** Any connection with a public sanitary sewer must be made under the direct supervision of the Superintendent and in accordance with the following:

1. **Old Building Sewers.** Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, on examination and test conducted by the owner and observed by the Superintendent, to meet all requirements of this chapter.
2. **Separate Building Sewers.** A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every occupied building; except where one building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot and no private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, court, yard, or driveway. In such cases the building sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer.
3. **Installation.** The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of Division 4, Plumbing Rules and Regulations, of the State Building Code, applicable rules and regulations of the City, or the procedures set forth in A.S.T.M. Specification C-12. All such connections shall be made gastight and watertight. Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved by the Superintendent before installation.
4. **Water Lines.** When possible, building sewers should be laid at least ten (10) feet horizontally from a water service. The horizontal separation may be less, provided the water service line is located at one side and at least twelve (12) inches above the top of the building sewer.
5. **Size.** Building sewers shall be sized for the peak expected sewage flow from the building with a minimum building sewer size of four (4) inches.
6. **Alignment and Grade.** All building sewers shall be laid to a straight line to meet the following:
  - A. Recommended grade at one-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) inch per foot.
  - B. Minimum grade of one-eighth ( $\frac{1}{8}$ ) inch per foot.
  - C. Minimum velocity of 2.00 feet per second with the sewer half full.

- D. Any deviation in alignment or grade shall be made only with the written approval of the Superintendent and shall be made only with approved fittings.
7. Depth. Whenever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. The depth of cover above the sewer shall be sufficient to afford protection from frost.
8. Sewage Lifts. In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such drain shall be lifted by approved artificial means and discharged to the building sewer.
9. Pipe Specifications. Building sewer pipe shall be free from flaws, splits, or breaks. Materials shall be as specified in Division 4 of the State Building Code except that the building sewer pipe, from the property line to the public sewer, shall comply with the current edition of one of the following:
- A. Clay sewer pipe - A.S.T.M. C-700 (extra strength).
  - B. Extra heavy cast iron soil pipe - A.S.T.M. A-74.
  - C. Ductile iron water pipe - A.W.W.A. C-151.
  - D. P.V.C. - SDR26 - A.S.T.M. D-3034.
10. Bearing Walls. No building sewer shall be laid parallel to, or within three (3) feet of any bearing wall, which might thereby be weakened.
11. Jointing. Fittings, type of joint, and jointing material shall be compatible with the type of pipe used, subject to the approval of the Superintendent. Solvent-welded joints are not permitted.
12. Unstable Soil. No sewer connection shall be laid so that it is exposed when crossing any watercourse. Where an old watercourse must of necessity be crossed or where there is any danger of undermining or settlement, cast iron soil pipe or vitrified clay sewer pipe thoroughly encased in concrete shall be required for such crossings. Such encasement shall extend at least six (6) inches on all sides of the pipe. The cast iron pipe or encased clay pipe shall rest on firm, solid material at either end.
13. Preparation of Basement or Crawl Space. No connection for any residence, business or other structure with any sanitary sewer shall be made unless the basement floor is poured, or in the case of a building with a slab or crawl space, unless the ground floor is installed with the area adjacent to the foundation of such building cleared of debris and

backfilled. The backfill shall be well compacted and graded so that the drainage is away from the foundation. Prior to the time the basement floor is poured, or the first floor is installed in buildings without basements, the sewer shall be plugged and the plug shall be sealed by the Superintendent. Any accumulation of water in any excavation or basement during construction and prior to connection to the sanitary sewer shall be removed by means other than draining into the sanitary sewer.

**96.05 INTERCEPTORS REQUIRED.** Grease, oil, sludge and sand interceptors shall be provided by gas and service stations, convenience stores, car washes, garages, and other facilities when, in the opinion of the Superintendent, they are necessary for the proper handling of such wastes that contain grease in excessive amounts or any flammable waste, sand or other harmful ingredients. Such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. When required, such interceptors shall be installed in accordance with the following:

1. Design and Location. All interceptors shall be of a type and capacity as provided by the Iowa Public Health Bulletin and Division 4 of the State Building Code, to be approved by the Superintendent, and shall be located so as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection.
2. Construction Standards. The interceptors shall be constructed of impervious material capable of withstanding abrupt and extreme changes in temperature. They shall be of substantial construction, watertight and equipped with easily removable covers that shall be gastight and watertight.
3. Maintenance. All such interceptors shall be maintained by the owner at the owner's expense and shall be kept in continuously efficient operations at all times.

**96.06 SEWER TAP.** Connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall be made at the "Y" branch, if such branch is available at a suitable location. If no properly located "Y" branch is available, a saddle "Y" shall be installed at the location specified by the Superintendent. The public sewer shall be tapped with a tapping machine and a saddle appropriate to the type of public sewer shall be glued or attached with a gasket and stainless steel clamps to the sewer. At no time shall a building sewer be constructed so as to enter a manhole unless special written permission is received from the Superintendent and in accordance with the Superintendent's direction if such connection is approved.

**96.07 INSPECTION REQUIRED.** All connections with the sanitary sewer system before being covered shall be inspected and approved, in writing, by the Superintendent. As soon as all pipe work from the public sewer to inside the building has been completed, and before any backfilling is done, the Superintendent shall be notified and the Superintendent shall inspect and test the work as to workmanship and material; no sewer pipe laid under ground shall be covered or trenches filled until after the sewer has been so inspected and approved. If the Superintendent refuses to approve the work, the plumber or owner must proceed immediately to correct the work.

**96.08 PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY.** All costs and expenses incident to the installation, connection and maintenance of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.

**96.09 ABATEMENT OF VIOLATIONS.** Construction or maintenance of building sewer lines whether located upon the private property of any owner or in the public right-of-way, which construction or maintenance is in violation of any of the requirements of this chapter, shall be corrected, at the owner's expense, within thirty (30) days after date of official notice from the Council of such violation. If not made within such time the Council shall, in addition to the other penalties herein provided, have the right to finish and correct the work and assess the cost thereof to the property owner. Such assessment shall be collected with and in the same manner as general property taxes.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3])*

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## CHAPTER 97

### USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS

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**97.01 STORM WATER.** No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, groundwater, roof run-off, sub-surface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer. Storm water and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated as combined sewers or storm sewers, or to a natural outlet approved by the Superintendent. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be discharged on approval of the Superintendent, to a storm sewer, combined sewer, or natural outlet.

**97.02 SURFACE WATERS EXCEPTION.** Special permits for discharging surface waters to a public sanitary sewer may be issued by the Council upon recommendation of the Superintendent where such discharge is deemed necessary or advisable for purposes of flushing, but any permit so issued shall be subject to revocation at any time when deemed to the best interests of the sewer system.

**97.03 PROHIBITED DISCHARGES.** No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any public sewers:

1. Flammable or Explosive Material. Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, or gas.
2. Toxic or Poisonous Materials. Any waters or wastes containing toxic or poisonous solids, liquids or gases in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a public nuisance, or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant, including but not limited to cyanides in excess of two (2) milligrams per liter as CN in the wastes as discharged to the public sewer.
3. Corrosive Wastes. Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5 or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the sewage works.

4. Solid or Viscous Substances. Solid or viscous substances in quantities or of such size capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers, or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works such as, but not limited to, ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, unground garbage, whole blood, paunch manure, hair and fleshings, entrails and paper dishes, cups, milk containers, etc., either whole or ground by garbage grinders.

5. Excessive B.O.D., Solids or Flow. Any waters or wastes having (a) a five (5) day biochemical oxygen demand greater than three hundred (300) parts per million by weight, or (b) containing more than three hundred fifty (350) parts per million by weight of suspended solids, or (c) having an average daily flow greater than two percent (2%) of the average sewage flow of the City, shall be subject to the review of the Superintendent. Where necessary in the opinion of the Superintendent, the owner shall provide, at the owner's expense, such preliminary treatment as may be necessary to (a) reduce the biochemical oxygen demand to three hundred (300) parts per million by weight, or (b) reduce the suspended solids to three hundred fifty (350) parts per million by weight, or (c) control the quantities and rates of discharge of such waters or wastes. Plans, specifications, and any other pertinent information relating to proposed preliminary treatment facilities shall be submitted for the approval of the Superintendent and no construction of such facilities shall be commenced until said approvals are obtained in writing.

**97.04 RESTRICTED DISCHARGES.** No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged the following described substances, materials, waters, or wastes if it appears likely in the opinion of the Superintendent that such wastes can harm either the sewers, sewage treatment process, or equipment, have an adverse effect on the receiving stream or can otherwise endanger life, limb, public property, or constitute a nuisance. In forming an opinion as to the acceptability of these wastes, the Superintendent will give consideration to such factors as the quantities of subject wastes in relation to flows and velocities in the sewers, materials of construction of the sewers, nature of the sewage treatment process, capacity of the sewage treatment plant, degree of treatability of wastes in the sewage treatment plant, and other pertinent factors. The substances restricted are:

1. High Temperature. Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than one hundred fifty (150) degrees F (65 degrees C).
2. Fat, Oil, Grease. Any water or waste containing fats, wax, grease, or oils, whether emulsified or not, in excess of one hundred (100)



milligrams per liter or six hundred (600) milligrams per liter of dispersed or other soluble matter.

3. Viscous Substances. Water or wastes containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between thirty-two (32) and one hundred fifty (150) degrees F (0 and 65 degrees C).

4. Garbage. Any garbage that has not been properly shredded, that is, to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) inch in any dimension.

5. Acids. Any waters or wastes containing strong acid iron pickling wastes, or concentrated plating solution whether neutralized or not.

6. Toxic or Objectionable Wastes. Any waters or wastes containing iron, chromium, copper, zinc, and similar objectionable or toxic substances; or wastes exerting an excessive chlorine requirement, to such degree that any such material received in the composite sewage at the sewage treatment works exceeds the limits established by the Superintendent for such materials.

7. Odor or Taste. Any waters or wastes containing phenols or other taste or odor producing substances, in such concentrations exceeding limits which may be established by the Superintendent as necessary, after treatment of the composite sewage, to meet the requirements of state, federal, or other public agencies of jurisdiction for such discharge to the receiving waters.

8. Radioactive Wastes. Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the Superintendent in compliance with applicable State or Federal regulations.

9. Excess Alkalinity. Any waters or wastes having a pH in excess of 9.5.

10. Unusual Wastes. Materials which exert or cause:

A. Unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids (such as, but not limited to, Fullers earth, lime slurries, and lime residues) or of dissolved solids (such as, but not limited to, sodium chloride and sodium sulfate).

B. Excessive discoloration (such as, but not limited to dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions).

C. Unusual B.O.D., chemical oxygen demand, or chlorine requirements in such quantities as to constitute a significant load on the sewage treatment works.

D. Unusual volume of flow or concentration of wastes constituting "slugs" as defined herein.

11. Noxious or Malodorous Gases. Any noxious or malodorous gas or other substance which either singly or by interaction with other wastes is capable of creating a public nuisance or hazard to life or of preventing entry into sewers for their maintenance and repair.

12. Damaging Substances. Any waters, wastes, materials or substances which react with water or wastes in the sewer system to release noxious gases, develop color of undesirable intensity, form suspended solids in objectionable concentration or create any other condition deleterious to structures and treatment processes.

13. Untreatable Wastes. Waters or wastes containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or reduction by the sewage treatment processes employed, or are amenable to treatment only to such degree that the sewage treatment plant effluent cannot meet the requirements of other agencies having jurisdiction over discharge to the receiving waters.

**97.05 RESTRICTED DISCHARGES - POWERS.** If any waters or wastes are discharged, or are proposed to be discharged to the public sewers, which waters contain the substances or possess the characteristics enumerated in Section 97.04 and which in the judgment of the Superintendent may have a deleterious effect upon the sewage works, processes, equipment, or receiving waters, or which otherwise create a hazard to life or constitute a public nuisance, the Superintendent may:

1. Rejection. Reject the wastes by requiring disconnection from the public sewage system;
2. Pretreatment. Require pretreatment to an acceptable condition for discharge to the public sewers;
3. Controls Imposed. Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge; and/or
4. Special Charges. Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges under the provisions of Chapter 99.

**97.06 SPECIAL FACILITIES.** If the Superintendent permits the pretreatment or equalization of waste flows, the design and installation of the

plants and equipment shall be subject to the review and approval of the Superintendent and subject to the requirements of all applicable codes, ordinances, and laws. Where preliminary treatment or flow-equalizing facilities are provided for any waters or wastes, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by the owner at the owner's expense.

**97.07 CONTROL MANHOLES.** When required by the Superintendent, the owner of any property serviced by a building sewer carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable control manhole together with such necessary meters and other appurtenances in the building sewer to facilitate observation, sampling, and measurement of the wastes. Such manhole, when required, shall be accessibly and safely located, and shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the Superintendent. The manhole shall be installed by the owner at the owner's expense, and shall be maintained by the owner so as to be safe and accessible at all times.

**97.08 TESTING OF WASTES.** All measurements, tests, and analyses of the characteristics of waters and wastes to which reference is made in this chapter shall be determined in accordance with the latest edition of *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*, published by the American Public Health Association, and shall be determined at the control manhole provided, or upon suitable samples taken at said control manhole. In the event that no special manhole has been required, the control manhole shall be considered to be the nearest downstream manhole in the public sewer to the point at which the building sewer is connected. Sampling shall be carried out by customarily accepted methods to reflect the effect of constituents upon the sewage works and to determine the existence of hazards to life, limb, and property. (The particular analyses involved will determine whether a twenty-four (24) hour composite of all outfalls of a premises is appropriate or whether a grab sample or samples should be taken. Normally, but not always, B.O.D. and suspended solids analyses are obtained from twenty-four (24) hour composites of all outfalls whereas pH's are determined from periodic grab samples).

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## CHAPTER 98

### ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

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**98.01 WHEN PROHIBITED.** Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it is unlawful to construct or maintain any on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3f])*

**98.02 WHEN REQUIRED.** When a public sanitary sewer is not available under the provisions of Section 95.05, every building wherein persons reside, congregate or are employed shall be provided with an approved on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system complying with the provisions of this chapter.

*(IAC, 567-69.1[3])*

**98.03 COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS.** The type, capacity, location and layout of a private on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system shall comply with the specifications and requirements set forth by the Iowa Administrative Code 567, Chapter 69, and with such additional requirements as are prescribed by the regulations of the County Board of Health.

*(IAC, 567-69.1[3 & 4])*

**98.04 PERMIT REQUIRED.** No person shall install or alter an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system without first obtaining a permit from the County Board of Health.

**98.05 DISCHARGE RESTRICTIONS.** It is unlawful to discharge any wastewater from an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system (except under an NPDES permit) to any ditch, stream, pond, lake, natural or artificial waterway, drain tile or to the surface of the ground.

*(IAC, 567-69.1[3])*

**98.06 MAINTENANCE OF SYSTEM.** The owner of an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system shall operate and maintain the system in a sanitary manner at all times and at no expense to the City.

**98.07 SYSTEMS ABANDONED.** At such time as a public sewer becomes available to a property served by an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system, as provided in Section 95.05, a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with these Sanitary Sewer chapters and the on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system shall be abandoned and filled with suitable material.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3f])*

**98.08 DISPOSAL OF SEPTAGE.** No person shall dispose of septage from an on-site treatment system at any location except an approved disposal site.

## CHAPTER 99

### SEWER USER CHARGE

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**99.01 SEWER USER CHARGE REQUIRED.** Every customer shall pay to the City sewer service fees as hereinafter provided. The user charge system shall generate adequate annual revenues to pay the costs of (i) annual operation and maintenance, including replacement, and (ii) costs associated with the sewer bond debt retirement for financing the wastewater treatment works which the City may, by resolution, designate to be paid by the user charge system. The revenues collected from the sewer user charge shall be deposited in two separate non-lapsing funds as follows: (a) a fund designated as the “Wastewater Treatment Works Operation and Maintenance Fund” for the specific purpose of defraying operation and maintenance costs excluding replacement of the wastewater treatment works; and (b) a fund designated as the “Wastewater Treatment Works Replacement Fund” for the specific purpose of ensuring replacement needs over the useful life of the wastewater treatment works. Where sewer revenue bonds of the City are outstanding, the provision of the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds shall, in the event of conflict, prevail on the provisions of this section.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

**99.02 RATE.** Each customer shall pay a flat charge or “debt retirement charge” of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per month. In addition, each customer shall pay a “sewer user charge” at the rate of twenty-four cents (\$.24)/100 gallons of water and water service attributable to the customer for the property served.

1. Future Rates. On July 1, 2006, sewer user charge per gallon shall be increased by 2.0% over the rates established in Section 99.02, which rate shall be in effect until June 30, 2007. On each July 1, thereafter, said sewer user charge shall be increased by 2.0% over the rates in effect during the preceding year.

*(Ord. 259-12 – Dec. 12 Supp.)*

**99.03 SPECIAL RATES.** Any user which discharges any toxic pollutants which cause an increase in the cost of managing the effluent or the sludge from the wastewater treatment works, or any user which discharges any substance which singly or by interaction with other substances causes identifiable

increases in the cost of operation, maintenance, or replacement of the wastewater treatment works shall pay for such increased costs. The charge to each such user shall be as determined by the Council. Where, in the judgment of the Superintendent and the Council, special conditions exist to the extent that the application of the sewer user charge provided in Section 99.02 would be inequitable or unfair to either the City or the customer, a special rate shall be proposed by the Superintendent and submitted to the Council for approval by resolution.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

**99.04 PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS.** Customers whose premises are served by a private water system shall pay sewer charges based upon the water used as determined by the City either by an estimate agreed to by the customer or by metering the water system at the customer's expense. Any negotiated, or agreed upon sales or charges shall be subject to approval of the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

**99.05 PAYMENT OF BILLS.** All sewer service charges are due and payable under the same terms and conditions provided for payment of a combined service account as contained in Section 92.03 of this Code of Ordinances. Sewer service may be discontinued in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 92.04 if the combined service account becomes delinquent, and the provisions contained in Section 92.08 relating to lien notices shall also apply in the event of a delinquent account.

**99.06 LIEN FOR NONPAYMENT.** The owner of the premises served and any lessee or tenant thereof shall be jointly and severally liable for sewer service charges to the premises. Sewer service charges remaining unpaid and delinquent shall constitute a lien upon the premises served and shall be certified by the Clerk to the County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

**99.07 SPECIAL AGREEMENTS PERMITTED.** No statement in these chapters shall be construed as preventing a special agreement, arrangement or contract between the Council, and any industrial concern whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be accepted subject to special conditions, rate and cost as established by the Council.



**99.08 NOTIFICATION OF RATES.** The City will notify each user at least annually in conjunction with a regular bill of the rate and that portion of the user charges which are attributable to operation and maintenance, including replacement of the wastewater treatment works. Any project-related revenues (e.g., sale of sludge or effluent) will be used to offset the cost of the wastewater system operation and maintenance.

**99.09 CONFLICTING AGREEMENTS.** This chapter takes precedence over any terms of conditions of agreements or contracts between the City and user which are inconsistent with the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act and corresponding regulations (40 CFR 35.2140 dated February 17, 1984).

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## CHAPTER 100

### SEWER EXTENSIONS

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100.06 Building Sewers Installed

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**100.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide a means and method for the extension of sewers to serve property not served by an existing sewer line so as to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort and convenience of the residents of the City.

**100.02 DEFINITION.** For the purpose of this chapter, “builder” means the owner of land who causes a sanitary sewer to be installed under the provisions of this chapter. Such term includes the heirs, successors or assigns of such owner.

**100.03 CONSTRUCTION BY CITY.** An owner of land abutting or adjoining a public street where no sanitary sewer has been installed may make application to the Council for the installation of a sanitary sewer in said street for the purpose of serving the property in accordance with the following:

1. Application and Deposit. A written request for such installation, and a sum equal to the cost as estimated by the City of construction from the point where the sanitary sewer is presently installed and terminates to the point where the most distant boundary of the owner’s lot abuts the said public street, shall be submitted to the Council.
2. Construction. Upon receipt of the deposit, the City shall construct the sanitary sewer for the purpose of serving the property of the applicant (builder), as soon as such construction can reasonably be accomplished.
3. Additional Costs. In the event the actual cost to the City of installation of the sanitary sewer is in excess of the estimated cost, the builder agrees to reimburse the City for the actual additional cost within thirty (30) days after the presentation of a bill for such additional cost.
4. Lien Authorized. In the event of the failure of the builder to reimburse the City, as specified in subsection 3 above, the total of the additional cost shall be certified to the County Treasurer as a special assessment lien against the builder’s real estate. In the written request for installation of the sanitary sewer, the landowner shall waive all

objections to jurisdiction and rights to notice and consent to the entry of such a special assessment lien against the real estate.

5. Connecting Property. The expense of connecting the property of the builder to the sanitary sewer laid in the public street shall be borne by the builder, in addition to the cost of constructing said sewer, but such connection shall be under the supervision of the City.

**100.04 CONSTRUCTION BY OWNER.** In the event an owner of land abutting or adjoining a public street in which no sewer has been previously installed desires to construct said sewer at the owner's own expense, the owner may do so, after making proper application to the City and receiving a permit to install such a sewer, in accordance with the following:

1. City Supervision. The installation of such a sewer by a landowner at the owner's expense shall be under the strict supervision of the City and shall, in all ways, conform to the requirements and specifications of the City.

2. Surety Bond. When making application to the City for a permit to install such a sewer, the applicant shall post with the City a surety bond, in an amount to be set by the Council and made a matter of record in the minutes of the Council, which shall be in an amount equal to but not less than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the total estimated cost of the installation for the full distance from the termination point of the presently existing sewer to the point where the farthest boundary of the applicant's land abuts the public street, and the bond shall guarantee the installation of the sewer in as short a time as reasonably possible and shall further indemnify the City for the cost of completing the project in the event the applicant fails to complete the project within a reasonable time, and shall further indemnify the City for all damages to the public street incurred in the installation, and shall further hold the City harmless for any and all other damages arising from the installation of the sanitary sewer.

3. Ownership of Sewer Line. After the sewer has been installed, it shall become the property of the City.

**100.05 OTHERS REQUIRED TO CONNECT.** Following the installation of a sanitary sewer under the provisions of this chapter, owners of land abutting or adjoining a public street in which such sewer has been installed, being persons other than the builder, shall be obliged to connect any sewage generating facilities into said sanitary sewer, as required by Chapter 95.

**100.06 BUILDING SEWERS INSTALLED.** Each sanitary sewer constructed in a public street or right-of-way, whether constructed by the City

or by a private party, shall include a stub to each abutting or adjoining lot line of the street or right-of-way on which the sewer is installed. Each party responsible for installing such sewer shall provide the City with an accurate map showing the location of each of such stubs within thirty (30) days of the completion of the installation.

**100.07 SEWER EXTENSION PERMIT.** Sewer extensions sought under this chapter shall require a permit therefor issued to owner by the Clerk upon submission of the appropriate application and deposit, and a one hundred fifty dollar (\$150.00) permit fee covering City personnel expense for issuance of the permit and for supervision of connection to sewer main.

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## CHAPTER 103

### STORM WATER DRAINAGE UTILITY

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103.04 Lien for Nonpayment

103.05 Use of Funds

103.06 Storm Water Connection Permit

**103.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to establish the Storm Water Drainage Utility and authorize a fee for the use of, and discharge to, the public storm water drainage system.

**103.02 FEE.** Each residential, commercial, and industrial premise shall pay a monthly fee of four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) for storm water drainage system service provided by the City. *(Ord. 293-19 – Jun. 19 Supp.)*

**103.03 PAYMENT OF BILLS.** The storm water drainage utility fee shall be due and payable under the same terms and conditions provided for payment of a combined service account as contained in Section 92.03 of this Code of Ordinances. All City services may be discontinued in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 92.04 if the combined service account becomes delinquent, and the provisions contained in Section 92.07 relating to lien notices shall also apply in the event of a delinquent account.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

**103.04 LIEN FOR NONPAYMENT.** The owner of the premises served and any lessee or tenant thereof are jointly and severally liable for charges for the operation and maintenance of the storm water drainage system. Fees remaining unpaid and delinquent shall constitute a lien upon the premises served and shall be certified by the Clerk to the County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

**103.05 USE OF FUNDS.** All revenues and moneys derived from the collection of the storm water drainage utility fee shall be paid to and held by the City separate and apart from all other funds of the City, and all of said sums and all other funds and moneys incident to the operation of said system, as may be delivered to the City shall be deposited in a separate fund designated the

“Drainage System Improvements Fund,” and the Council shall administer said fund in a manner provided by the Code of Iowa and all other laws pertaining thereto.

**103.06 STORM WATER CONNECTION PERMIT.** Before any person makes a connection with the public storm water drainage system, a written permit must be obtained from the City. The application for the permit shall include a legal description of the property, the name of the property owner, the name and address of the person who will do the work. If the proposed work meets all the requirements of this chapter and if all fees required under this chapter have been paid, the permit shall be issued. Work under any permit must be completed within sixty (60) days after the permit is issued, except that when such time period is inequitable or unfair due to conditions beyond the control of the person making the application, an extension of time within which to complete the work may be granted. The permit may be revoked at any time for any violation of these chapters. The installation of any storm water/sump pump service pipe and any connection with the storm water drainage system shall comply with all pertinent and applicable provisions, whether regulatory, procedural or enforcement provisions, of Division 4, Plumbing Rules and Regulations, of the State Building Code. All installations of storm water service pipes and connections to the storm water drainage system shall be made by a plumber approved by the City. The Superintendent shall have the power to suspend the approval of any plumber for violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. A suspension, unless revoked, shall continue until the next regular meeting of the City Council. The Superintendent shall notify the plumber immediately by personal written notice of the suspension, the reasons for the suspension and the time and place of the Council meeting at which the plumber will be granted a hearing. At this Council meeting the Superintendent shall make a written report to the Council stating the reasons for the suspension, and the Council, after fair hearing, shall affirm or revoke the suspension or take any further action that is necessary and proper. All trench work, excavation and backfilling required in making a connection shall be performed in accordance with applicable excavation provisions as provided for installation of building sewers and/or provisions of Chapter 135. All taps into storm water drainage mains shall be made by or under the direct supervision of the Superintendent.

*(Section 103.06 – Ord. 297-19 – Oct. 19 Supp.)*

*(Ch. 103 – Ord. 276-16 – Aug. 16 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 105

### SOLID WASTE CONTROL

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**105.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of the chapters in this Code of Ordinances pertaining to Solid Waste Control is to provide for the sanitary storage, collection and disposal of solid waste and, thereby, to protect the citizens of the City from such hazards to their health, safety and welfare as may result from the uncontrolled disposal of solid waste.

**105.02 DEFINITIONS.** For use in these chapters the following terms are defined:

1. “Collector” means any person authorized to gather solid waste from public and private places.

2. “Director” means the director of the State Department of Natural Resources or any designee.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 455B.101[2b])*

3. “Discard” means to place, cause to be placed, throw, deposit or drop.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 455B.361[2])*

4. “Dwelling unit” means any room or group of rooms located within a structure and forming a single habitable unit with facilities which are used, or are intended to be used, for living, sleeping, cooking and eating.

5. “Garbage” means all solid and semisolid, putrescible animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparing, cooking, storing, serving and consuming of food or of material intended for use as food, and all offal, excluding useful industrial by-products, and includes all such substances from all public and private establishments and from all residences.

*(IAC, 567-100.2)*

6. “Landscape waste” means any vegetable or plant waste except garbage. The term includes trees, tree trimmings, branches, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and yard trimmings.

*(IAC, 567-20.2[455B])*

7. “Litter” means any garbage, rubbish, trash, refuse, waste materials or debris.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 455B.361[1])*

8. “Owner” means, in addition to the record titleholder, any person residing in, renting, leasing, occupying, operating or transacting business in any premises, and as between such parties the duties, responsibilities, liabilities and obligations hereinafter imposed shall be joint and several.

9. “Refuse” means putrescible and non-putrescible waste, including but not limited to garbage, rubbish, ashes, incinerator residues, street cleanings, market and industrial solid waste and sewage treatment waste in dry or semisolid form.

*(IAC, 567-100.2)*

10. “Residential premises” means a single-family dwelling and any multiple-family dwelling up to and including eight (8) separate dwelling units.

11. “Residential waste” means any refuse generated on the premises as a result of residential activities. The term includes landscape waste grown on the premises or deposited thereon by the elements, but excludes garbage, tires, trade wastes and any locally recyclable goods or plastics.

*(IAC, 567-20.2[455B])*

12. “Rubbish” means non-putrescible solid waste consisting of combustible and non-combustible waste, such as ashes, paper, cardboard, tin cans, yard clippings, wood, glass, bedding, crockery or litter of any kind.

*(IAC, 567-100.2)*

13. “Sanitary disposal” means a method of treating solid waste so that it does not produce a hazard to the public health or safety or create a nuisance.

*(IAC, 567-100.2)*

14. “Sanitary disposal project” means all facilities and appurtenances (including all real and personal property connected with such facilities) that are acquired, purchased, constructed, reconstructed, equipped, improved, extended, maintained, or operated to facilitate the final disposition of solid waste without creating a significant hazard to the public health or safety, and which are approved by the Director of the State Department of Natural Resources. “Sanitary disposal project” does not include a pyrolysis or gasification facility as defined in Section 455B.301 of the *Code of Iowa*.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 455B.301)*

15. “Solid waste” means garbage, refuse, rubbish, and other similar discarded solid or semisolid materials, including but not limited to such materials resulting from industrial, commercial, agricultural, and domestic activities. Solid waste may include vehicles, as defined by Section 321.1 of the *Code of Iowa*. Solid waste does not include any of the following:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 455B.301)*

A. Hazardous waste regulated under the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6921-6934.

B. Hazardous waste as defined in Section 455B.411 of the *Code of Iowa*, except to the extent that rules allowing for the disposal of specific wastes have been adopted by the State Environmental Protection Commission.

C. Source, special nuclear, or by-product material as defined in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended to January 1, 1979.

D. Petroleum contaminated soil that has been remediated to acceptable State or federal standards.

E. Steel slag which is a product resulting from the steel manufacturing process and is managed as an item of value in a controlled manner and not as a discarded material.

F. Material that is legitimately recycled pursuant to Section 455D.4A of the *Code of Iowa*.

G. Post-use polymers or recoverable feedstocks that are any of the following:

- (1) Processed at a pyrolysis or gasification facility.
- (2) Held at a pyrolysis or gasification facility prior to processing to ensure production is not interrupted.

*(Subsections 14-15 – Ord. 301-19 – Oct. 19 Supp.)*

**105.03 SANITARY DISPOSAL REQUIRED.** It is the duty of each owner to provide for the sanitary disposal of all refuse accumulating on the owner’s premises before it becomes a nuisance. Any such accumulation remaining on any premises for a period of more than thirty (30) days shall be deemed a nuisance and the City may proceed to abate such nuisances in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 50 or by initiating proper action in district court.

*(Code of Iowa, Ch. 657)*

**105.04 HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARD.** It is unlawful for any person to permit to accumulate on any premises, improved or vacant, or on any public place, such quantities of solid waste that constitute a health, sanitation or fire hazard.

**105.05 OPEN BURNING RESTRICTED.** No person shall allow, cause or permit open burning of combustible materials where the products of combustion are emitted into the open air without passing through a chimney or stack, except that open burning is permitted in the following circumstances:

*(IAC, 567-23.2[455B] and 567-100.2)*

1. Disaster Rubbish. The open burning of rubbish, including landscape waste, for the duration of the community disaster period in cases where an officially declared emergency condition exists.

*(IAC, 567-23.2[3a])*

2. Trees and Tree Trimmings. The open burning of trees and tree trimmings at a City-operated burning site, provided such burning is conducted in compliance with the rules established by the State Department of Natural Resources.

*(IAC, 567-23.2[3b])*

3. Flare Stacks. The open burning or flaring of waste gases, provided such open burning or flaring is conducted in compliance with applicable rules of the State Department of Natural Resources.

*(IAC, 567-23.2[3c])*

4. Landscape Waste. The disposal by open burning of landscape waste originating on the premises. However, the burning of landscape waste produced in clearing, grubbing and construction operations shall be limited to areas located at least one-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) mile from any building inhabited by other than the landowner or tenant conducting the open burning. Rubber tires shall not be used to ignite landscape waste.

*(IAC, 567-23.2[3d])*

5. Recreational Fires. Open fires for cooking, heating, recreation and ceremonies, provided they comply with the limits for emission of visible air contaminants established by the State Department of Natural Resources. Rubber tires shall not be burned in a recreational fire.

*(IAC, 567-23.2[3e])*

6. Training Fires. Fires set for the purpose of bona fide training of public or industrial employees in fire fighting methods, provided that the training fires are conducted in compliance with rules established by the State Department of Natural Resources.

*(IAC, 567-23.2[3g])*

7. Pesticide Containers and Seed Corn Bags. Paper or plastic pesticide containers and seed corn bags resulting from farming activities occurring on the premises if burned in accordance with rules established by the State Department of Natural Resources.

*(IAC, 567-23.2[3h])*

8. Agricultural Structures. The open burning of agricultural structures if in accordance with rules and limitations established by the State Department of Natural Resources.

*(IAC, 567-23.2[3i])*

9. Variance. Any person wishing to conduct open burning of materials not permitted herein may make application for a variance to the Director.

*(IAC, 567-23.2[2])*

**105.06 SEPARATION OF YARD WASTE REQUIRED.** All yard waste shall be separated by the owner or occupant from all other solid waste accumulated on the premises and shall be composted or burned on the premises or placed in acceptable containers and set out for collection. As used in this section, “yard waste” means any debris such as grass clippings, leaves, garden waste, brush and trees. Yard waste does not include tree stumps.

**105.07 LITTERING PROHIBITED.** No person shall discard any litter onto or in any water or land, except that nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the authorized collection and discarding of such litter in or on areas or receptacles provided for such purpose. When litter is discarded from a motor vehicle, the driver of the motor vehicle shall be responsible for the act in any case where doubt exists as to which occupant of the motor vehicle actually discarded the litter.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 455B.363)*

**105.08 OPEN DUMPING PROHIBITED.** No person shall dump or deposit or permit the dumping or depositing of any solid waste on the surface of the ground or into a body or stream of water at any place other than a sanitary disposal project approved by the Director, unless a special permit to dump or deposit solid waste on land owned or leased by such person has been obtained from the Director. However, this section does not prohibit the use of dirt, stone, brick or similar inorganic material for fill, landscaping, excavation, or grading at places other than a sanitary disposal project.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 455B.307 and IAC, 567-100.2)*

**105.09 TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS WASTE.** No person shall deposit in a solid waste container or otherwise offer for collection any toxic or hazardous waste. Such materials shall be transported and disposed of as prescribed by the Director. As used in this section, “toxic and hazardous waste” means waste materials, including but not limited to, poisons, pesticides, herbicides, acids, caustics, pathological waste, flammable or explosive materials and similar harmful waste which requires special handling and which must be disposed of

in such a manner as to conserve the environment and protect the public health and safety.

*(IAC, 567-100.2)*

*(IAC, 567-102.14[2] and 400-27.14[2])*

**105.10 WASTE STORAGE CONTAINERS.** Every person owning, managing, operating, leasing or renting any premises, dwelling unit or any place where refuse accumulates shall provide and at all times maintain in good order and repair portable containers for refuse in accordance with the following:

1. Container Specifications. Waste storage containers shall comply with the following specifications:
  - A. Residential. Only residential waste containers provided by the City shall be used for the placement of solid waste for collection by the City. Containers provided by the City are the property of the City. The containers will be provided with a serial number and each property will be assigned a minimum of 65 gallon container, up to a 95 gallon container. In the event a property owner moves, the City provided container must remain with the assigned property.
  - B. Commercial. Every person owning, managing, operating, leasing or renting any commercial premises where an excessive amount of refuse accumulates and where its storage in portable containers provided by the City as required above is impractical, shall maintain metal bulk storage containers approved by the City.
2. Storage of Containers. Residential solid waste containers shall be stored upon the residential premises. Commercial solid waste containers shall be stored upon private property, unless the owner has been granted written permission from the City to use public property for such purposes. The storage site shall be well drained; fully accessible to collection equipment, public health personnel and fire inspection personnel. All owners of residential and commercial premises shall be responsible for proper storage of all garbage and yard waste to prevent materials from being blown or scattered around neighboring yards and streets.
3. Location of Containers for Collection. Containers for the storage of solid waste awaiting collection shall be placed at the curb or alley line by the owner or occupant of the premises served. Solid waste containers placed at the curb line shall not be so placed more than twelve (12) hours in advance of the regularly scheduled collection day and shall be promptly removed from the curb line following collection.

4. Collection shall not be made on any solid waste that is not placed within the City provided containers.
5. Dumpster: Dumpsters are available to rent at a rate of \$15.00 per week. The week runs Wednesday through Tuesday. Dumpsters may only be kept for up to two (2) weeks at a time per property.
6. The City will provide each property that utilizes solid waste collection, with one city owned trash container, free of charge. A property owner may purchase additional solid waste containers from the City at a rate of \$70.00 for a 95 gallon container; or a 65 gallon container for \$65.00. A maximum of three (3) containers may be placed for collection per week.
7. If a property owner moves, the original container issued by the City with the corresponding serial number, must remain at the property.
8. If a City issued container is lost, stolen, or broken; the property owner will be charged to replace the container at the rate specified in section 105.10.06.

*(Sec. 105.10 – Ord. 281-17 – Jul. 17 Supp.)*

**105.11 PROHIBITED PRACTICES.** It is unlawful for any person to:

1. Unlawful Use of Containers. Deposit refuse in any solid waste containers not owned by such person without the written consent of the owner of such containers.
2. Interfere with Collectors. Interfere in any manner with solid waste collection equipment or with solid waste collectors in the lawful performance of their duties as such, whether such equipment or collectors be those of the City, or those of any other authorized waste collection service.
3. Incinerators. Burn rubbish or garbage except in incinerators designed for high temperature operation, in which solid, semisolid, liquid or gaseous combustible refuse is ignited and burned efficiently, and from which the solid residues contain little or no combustible material, as acceptable to the Environmental Protection Commission.
4. Scavenging. Take or collect any solid waste which has been placed out for collection on any premises, unless such person is an authorized solid waste collector.

**105.12 SANITARY DISPOSAL PROJECT DESIGNATED.** The sanitary landfill facilities operated by Clinton County are hereby designated as the official “Public Sanitary Disposal Project” for the disposal of solid waste produced or originating within the City.





## CHAPTER 106

### COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE

106.01 Collection Service  
106.02 Collection Vehicles  
106.03 Loading  
106.04 Frequency of Collection

106.05 Bulky Rubbish  
106.06 Right of Entry  
106.07 Collection Fees  
106.08 Lien for Nonpayment

**106.01 COLLECTION SERVICE.** The City shall provide for the collection of all solid waste, except bulky rubbish as provided in Section 106.05, from residential premises and small businesses within the City.

**106.02 COLLECTION VEHICLES.** Vehicles or containers used for the collection and transportation of garbage and similar putrescible waste or solid waste containing such materials shall be leakproof, durable and of easily cleanable construction. They shall be cleaned to prevent nuisances, pollution or insect breeding and shall be maintained in good repair.

*(IAC, 567-104.9[455B])*

**106.03 LOADING.** Vehicles or containers used for the collection and transportation of any solid waste shall be loaded and moved in such a manner that the contents will not fall, leak, or spill therefrom, and shall be covered to prevent blowing or loss of material. Where spillage does occur, the material shall be picked up immediately by the collector or transporter and returned to the vehicle or container and the area properly cleaned.

**106.04 FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION.** All solid waste shall be collected from residential premises at least once each week and from commercial, industrial and institutional premises as frequently as may be necessary, but not less than once each week.

**106.05 BULKY RUBBISH.** Bulky rubbish which is too large or heavy to be collected in the normal manner of other solid waste may be collected by the collector upon request in accordance with procedures therefor established by the Council.

**106.06 RIGHT OF ENTRY.** Solid waste collectors are hereby authorized to enter upon private property for the purpose of collecting solid waste therefrom as required by this chapter; however, solid waste collectors shall not enter dwelling units or other residential buildings.

**106.07 COLLECTION FEES.** The collection and disposal of solid waste as provided by this chapter are declared to be beneficial to the property served or

eligible to be served and there shall be levied and collected fees therefor in accordance with the following:

*(Goreham vs. Des Moines, 1970, 179 NW 2nd, 449)*

1. Schedule of Fees. The fees for solid waste collection and disposal service, used or available, are:

A. Residential:

- (1) For each single-family residence - \$13 per month.
- (2) For each multi-family residence/dwelling \$13.00 per month per waste storage container.

B. Commercial: For each small business office approved by the City Council - \$13.00 per month per waste storage container.

C. Dumpsters:

- (1) Residential within City limits (2 yard) - \$15.00 per week.
- (2) Commercial within City limits:
  - (i) 2 yard - \$50.00 per month.
  - (ii) 4 yard - \$80.00 per month.

D. No more than three (3) waste storage containers will be allowed per week for each property served.

E. On or after May 1, 2019, no new or further commercial accounts outside the City limits will be allowed for solid waste collection. Existing solid waste accounts outside City limits will be charged \$150.00 per month for a 2 yard dumpster.

F. The following items may be set out for recycling on Wednesdays and the charges for items shall be:

- (1) Appliances - \$7.00 each.
- (2) Tires off rims - \$2.50 each.
- (3) Tires on rims - \$3.50 each.
- (4) Computer towers, CPUs and small printers/copiers - \$5.00 each.
- (5) All computer monitors and televisions (screen size 20 inch or less) - \$10.00 each.
- (6) Large copier/printers - \$10.00 each.
- (7) Televisions (screen size over 20 inches) - \$15.00 each.

2. Payment of Bills. All fees are due and payable under the same terms and conditions provided for payment of a combined service account as contained in Section 92.03 of this Code of Ordinances. Solid waste collection service may be discontinued in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 92.04 if the combined service account becomes delinquent, and the provisions contained in Section 92.08 relating to lien notices shall also apply in the event of a delinquent account.

*(Ord. 291-19 – Mar. 19 Supp.)*

**106.08 LIEN FOR NONPAYMENT.** The owner of the premises served and any lessee or tenant thereof are jointly and severally liable for fees for solid waste collection and disposal. Fees remaining unpaid and delinquent shall constitute a lien upon the premises served and shall be certified by the Clerk to the County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

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## CHAPTER 110

### NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE

110.01 Franchise Granted

110.02 Mains and Pipes; Indemnification

110.03 Excavations

110.04 Construction and Maintenance

110.05 Service Requirements

110.06 Nonexclusive

110.07 Term of Franchise

110.08 Entire Agreement

**110.01 FRANCHISE GRANTED** There is hereby granted to INTERSTATE POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, hereinafter referred to as the “Company,” its successors and assigns, the right, franchise and privilege for the term of twenty-five (25) years from and after the passage, adoption, approval and acceptance of the ordinance codified by this chapter,<sup>†</sup> to lay down, maintain and operate the necessary pipes, mains and other conductors and appliances in, along and under the streets, avenues, alleys and public places in the City as now or hereafter constituted for the purpose of distributing, supplying and selling gas to said City and the residents thereof and to persons and corporations beyond the limits thereof; also the right of eminent domain as provided in Section 364.2 of the Code of Iowa. Prior to the exercise of Company’s right of eminent domain for public use or purpose of benefit to the City, Company shall consult with City in advance of the exercise of such right so as to minimize the impact of any such taking. The term “gas” as used in this franchise shall be construed to mean natural gas only.

**110.02 MAINS AND PIPES; INDEMNIFICATION.** The mains and pipes of the Company must be so placed as not to interfere unnecessarily with water pipes, drains, sewers and fire plugs which have been or may hereafter be placed in any street, alley and public places in said City nor unnecessarily interfere with the proper use of the same, including ordinary drainage, or with the sewers, underground pipe and other property of the City, and the Company, its successors and assigns shall hold the City free and harmless from all damages arising from the negligent acts or omissions of the Company in the laying down, operation and maintenance of said natural gas distribution system.

**110.03 EXCAVATIONS.** In making any excavations in any street, alley, avenue or public place, Company, its successors and assigns, shall protect the site while work is in progress by guards, barriers or signals, shall not unnecessarily obstruct the use of the streets, shall back fill all openings in such manner as to prevent settling or depressions in surface, and shall replace the

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<sup>†</sup> **EDITOR’S NOTE:** Ordinance No. 245-08, adopting a natural gas franchise for the City, was passed and adopted on May 12, 2008.

surface, pavement or sidewalk of such excavations with same materials, restoring the condition as nearly as practical and if defects are caused shall repair the same.

**110.04 CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.** The Company shall, at its cost and expense, locate and relocate its existing facilities or equipment in, on, over or under any public street or alley in the City in such manner as the City may at any time reasonably require for the purposes of facilitating the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair of the street or alley or any public improvement of, in or about any such street or alley or reasonably promoting the efficient operation of any such improvement. If the City orders or requests the Company to relocate its existing facilities or equipment for the primary benefit of a commercial or private project, or as the result of the initial request of a commercial or private developer or other non-public entity, the Company shall receive payment for the cost of such relocation as a precondition to relocating its existing facilities or equipment. The City shall consider reasonable alternatives in designing its public works projects so as not arbitrarily to cause the Company unreasonable additional expense in exercising its authority under this section. The City shall also provide a reasonable alternative location for the Company's facilities. The City shall give the Company reasonable advance written notice to vacate a public right-of-way. Vacating a public right-of-way shall not deprive the Company of its right to operate and maintain existing facilities, until the reasonable cost of relocating the same are paid to the Company.

**110.05 SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.** Said Company, its successors and assigns, shall throughout the term of the franchise distribute to all consumers gas of good quality and shall furnish uninterrupted service, except as interruptible service may be specifically contracted for with consumers; provided, however, that any prevention of service caused by fire, act of God or unavoidable event or accident shall not be a breach of this condition if the Company resumes service as quickly as is reasonably practical after the happening of the act causing the interruption.

**110.06 NONEXCLUSIVE.** The franchise granted by this chapter shall not be exclusive.

**110.07 TERM OF FRANCHISE.** The term of the franchise granted by this chapter and the rights thereunder shall continue for the period of twenty-five (25) years from the after its acceptance by the Company, as herein provided.

**110.08 ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This chapter sets forth and constitutes the entire agreement between the Company and the City with respect to the rights contained herein, and may not be superceded, modified or otherwise amended

without the approval and acceptance of the Company. Upon acceptance by the Company, this chapter shall supercede, abrogate and repeal the prior gas system ordinance between the Company and the City as of the date this franchise ordinance is accepted by the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the City enact any ordinance or place any limitations, either operationally or through the assessment of fees that create additional burdens upon the Company or which delay utility operations.

*(Ch. 110 – Ord. 245-08 – May 08 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 111

### ELECTRIC FRANCHISE

112.01 Franchise Granted  
112.02 Indemnification  
112.03 Relocation  
112.04 Modern System  
112.05 Pruning

112.06 Continuous Service  
112.07 Non-Exclusivity  
112.08 Term of Agreement  
112.09 Future Developments  
112.10 Entire Agreement

**112.01 FRANCHISE GRANTED.** There is hereby granted to ITC MIDWEST LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of ITC HOLDINGS CORP., its successors and assigns (the “Company”), the right and franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate in the City of Grand Mound, Clinton County, Iowa, (the “City”) a transmission system for electric power and the right to erect and maintain the necessary poles, lines, wires, conduits and other appliances or equipment and substations for the transmission of electric current (collectively, the “facilities”) along, under and upon the streets, avenues, alleys and public places in the City of Grand Mound, Clinton County, Iowa, also the right to erect and maintain upon the streets, avenues, alleys and public places, transmission lines through the City of Grand Mound, Clinton County, Iowa, for the period of twenty-five (25) years<sup>†</sup>, also the right of eminent domain as provided in Section 364.2 of the Code of Iowa. City agrees to not permit or grant approval for any development or construction that would result in the Company’s facilities violating the National Electric Safety Code, as it exists at the time of the permit or approval.

**112.02 INDEMNIFICATION.** The facilities shall be placed and maintained so as not to unnecessarily interfere with the travel on the streets, alleys, and public places in the City nor unnecessarily interfere with the proper use of the same, including ordinary drainage, or with the sewers, underground pipe and other property of the City, and the Company shall hold the City free and harmless from all damages arising from the negligent acts or omissions of the Company in the erection or maintenance of the transmission system.

**112.03 RELOCATION.** Except as provided herein below, the Company shall, at its cost and expense, locate and relocate its facilities in, on, over or under any public street or alley in the City of Grand Mound in such a manner as the City may at any time reasonably require for the purposes of facilitating the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair of the street or alley or any

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<sup>†</sup> EDITOR’S NOTE: Ordinance No. 261-13 adopting an electric transmission system franchise for the City was passed and adopted on July 8, 2013.

public improvement of, in or about any such street or alley or reasonably promoting the efficient operation of any such improvement. If the City orders or requests the Company to relocate its facilities for the primary benefit of a commercial or private project, or as the result of the initial request of a commercial or private developer or other non-public entity, and such relocation is necessary to prevent interference and not merely for the convenience of the City or other non-public entity, the Company shall receive payment for the cost of such relocation as a precondition to relocating its facilities. The City shall consider reasonable alternatives in designing its public works projects so as not arbitrarily to cause the Company unreasonable additional expense in exercising its authority under this section. The City shall also provide a reasonable alternate location for the Company's facilities. The City shall give the Company reasonable advance written notice to vacate a public right-of-way. Vacating a public right-of-way shall not deprive the Company of its right to operate and maintain existing facilities until the reasonable cost of relocating the same are paid to the Company.

**112.04 MODERN SYSTEM.** The system authorized by this chapter shall be modern and up-to-date and shall be kept in a modern and up-to-date condition.

**112.05 PRUNING.** To promote public safety in proximity to its facilities and to maintain electric reliability, the Company is authorized and empowered to prune or remove at Company expense any trees or shrubs or parts thereto extending into any street, alley, right-of-way or public grounds. The pruning shall be completed in accordance with the then-current nationally accepted safety and utility industry standards, as revised and updated from time to time.

**112.06 CONTINUOUS SERVICE.** Service to be rendered by the Company under this franchise shall be continuous unless prevented from doing so by fire, acts of God, unavoidable accidents or casualties, or reasonable interruptions necessary to properly service the Company's equipment, and in such event service shall be resumed as quickly as is reasonably possible.

**112.07 NON-EXCLUSIVITY.** The franchise granted by this chapter shall not be exclusive.

**112.08 TERM OF AGREEMENT.** The term of the franchise granted by this chapter and the rights granted thereunder shall continue for the period of twenty-five (25) years from and after its acceptance by the Company, as herein provided. The anniversary date shall be the date this franchise is filed with the City Clerk or otherwise becomes effective by operation of law.

**112.09 FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.** The City agrees it will not permit any real estate developments or land uses in the City that would cause the

Company's facilities to violate the setback or safety requirements of the National Electric Safety Code or any law, regulation or ordinance of the State of Iowa, Clinton county of the City.

**112.10 ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This chapter sets forth and constitutes the entire agreement between the Company and the City with respect to the rights contained herein, and may not be superseded, modified or otherwise amended without the approval and acceptance of the Company. Upon acceptance by the Company, this chapter shall supersede, abrogate and repeal any prior electric system ordinance between the Company and the City as of the date this chapter is accepted by the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the City enact any ordinance or place any limitations, either operationally or through the assessment of fees, that create additional burdens upon the Company or that delay utility operations.

*(Ch. 111 - Ord. 261-13 – Sep 13 Supp.)*

## CHAPTER 112

### TELEPHONE FRANCHISE

112.01 Franchise Granted  
112.02 Expiration  
112.03 Construction Regulated  
112.04 Emergency, Damage or Destruction

112.05 Regulation  
112.06 Not Exclusive  
112.07 Liability for Damage

**112.01 FRANCHISE GRANTED.** Subject to the conditions stated herein, the Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Company, its successors and assigns are hereby granted a franchise to erect, maintain and operate within the City plants, stations, works, cables, and transmission lines, including the necessary poles, fixtures, and electrical conductors, upon, along, under and over the public roads, streets, alleys and public grounds, including all additions thereto or extensions thereof, for the purpose of furnishing to the citizens of the City and all corporate and private customers telephone service within the City and surrounding territory.

**112.02 EXPIRATION.** The franchise herein granted shall expire twenty-five (25) years after the effective date of the ordinance codified by this chapter<sup>†</sup>.

**112.03 CONSTRUCTION REGULATED.** The work of erecting poles or burying conduits by virtue of this chapter, including the manner in which and the place where the same shall be placed, shall be done under the supervision or specifications of the Council and the said company shall replace and properly re-lay any sidewalk or pavement that may be displaced by reason of the erection of such poles or installation of conduit, and upon failure of the company to do so, after ten days' notice in writing shall have been given by the Mayor to the company, the City may repair such portion of the sidewalk or street that may have been disturbed by the company and collect the cost so incurred from the company. All poles shall be of the best quality and straightness. The company shall provide a map or maps of its installations within the City, both above and under the surface of the streets, alleys, and other public places, at reasonable intervals to keep such information current.

**112.04 EMERGENCY, DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION.** When necessary, in case of fire or other emergency, poles, wires and street fixtures or other telephone property of the Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Company, its successors or assigns, may be cut and removed by order of the Mayor without any liabilities on the part of the City or Mayor.

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<sup>†</sup> **EDITOR'S NOTE:** Ordinance No. 179 granting a telephone franchise for the City was passed and adopted on October 1, 1979. Voters approved the franchise at an election held on November 6, 1979.

**112.05 REGULATION.** The company shall at all times be subject to the City ordinances which may be in effect relative to the use of the public streets by telephone and communication services and the rights herein granted are subject to the further exercise of the police power as now is or may hereafter be possessed by the City, including, without exclusion, the placement of poles, wires and underground conduits and appurtenances such as guys, anchors and manholes to avoid traffic hazard, disturbance of other utilities or unnecessary obstruction of traveled ways and access thereto and requirements for the protection of street trees and plantings and the clearances of wires from the ground.

**112.06 NOT EXCLUSIVE.** It is expressly understood that the franchise in no way grants an exclusive franchise to Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Company, its successors or assigns.

**112.07 LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE.** The company shall indemnify the City against and assume all liabilities for damages which may arise or accrue to the City from any injury to persons or property from the doing of any work herein authorized or the neglect of the company or any of its employees to comply with any ordinance relative to the use of the streets of the City and the acceptance by the company of the franchise shall be an agreement by it to pay to the City any sum of money for which the City may become liable from and by reason of such injury.

## CHAPTER 113

### CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE

113.01 Franchise Granted  
113.02 Construction Regulated  
113.03 Emergency, Damage or Destruction

113.04 Regulation  
113.05 Not Exclusive  
113.06 Liability for Damage

**113.01 FRANCHISE GRANTED.** Subject to the conditions stated herein, the Grand Mound Communications Company, its successors and assigns are hereby granted a franchise to erect, maintain and operate within the City plants, stations, works, cables, and transmission lines, including the necessary poles, fixtures, and electrical conductors, upon, along, under and over the public roads, streets, alleys and public grounds, including all additions thereto or extensions thereof, for the purpose of furnishing to the citizens of the City and all corporate and private customers CATV service within the City and surrounding territory. The franchise herein granted shall expire twenty-five (25) years after the effective date of this chapter.<sup>†</sup>

**113.02 CONSTRUCTION REGULATED.** The work of erecting poles or burying conduits by virtue of this chapter, including the manner in which and the place where the same shall be placed, shall be done under the supervision or specifications of the Council and the said company shall replace and properly re-lay any sidewalk or pavement that may be displaced by reason of the erection of such poles or installation of conduit, and upon failure of the company to do so, after ten (10) days' notice in writing shall have been given by the Mayor to the company, the City may repair such portion of the sidewalk or street that may have been disturbed by the company and collect the cost so incurred from the company. All poles shall be of the best quality and straightness. The company shall provide a map or maps of its installations within the City, both above and under the surface of the streets, alleys, and other public places, at reasonable intervals to keep such information current.

**113.03 EMERGENCY, DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION.** When necessary, in case of fire or other emergency, poles, wires and street fixtures or other CATV property of the Grand Mound Communications Company, its successors or assigns, may be cut and removed by order of the Mayor without any liabilities on the part of the City or Mayor.

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<sup>†</sup> **EDITOR'S NOTE:** Ordinance No. 210, adopting a cable television franchise for the City, was passed and adopted on June 8, 1993.

**113.04 REGULATION.** The company shall at all times be subject to the City ordinances which may be in effect relative to the use of the public streets by CATV and communication services and the rights herein granted are subject to the further exercise of the police power as now is or may hereafter be possessed by the City, including, without exclusion, the placement of poles, wires and underground conduits and appurtenances such as guys, anchors and manholes to avoid traffic hazard, disturbance of other utilities or unnecessary obstruction of traveled ways and access thereto and requirements for the protection of street trees and plantings and the clearances of wires from the ground.

**113.05 NOT EXCLUSIVE.** It is expressly understood that the franchise in no way grants an exclusive franchise to Grand Mound Communications Company, its successors or assigns.

**113.06 LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE.** The Grand Mound Communications Company shall indemnify the City against and assume all liabilities for damages which may arise or accrue to the City from any injury to persons or property from the doing of any work herein authorized or the neglect of the company or any of its employees to comply with any ordinance relative to the use of the streets of the City and the acceptance by the company of the franchise shall be an agreement by it to pay to the City any sum of money for which the City may become liable from and by reason of such injury.

## CHAPTER 114

### CABLE TELEVISION REGULATIONS

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**114.01 DEFINITIONS.** The following words and phrases, when used herein, shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

1. “Basic cable service” means the initial minimum level of service provided for by the Grantee.
2. “Cable television system” means any facility that, in whole or in part, receives directly, or indirectly over the air, and amplifies or otherwise modifies the signals transmitting programs broadcast by one or more television or radio stations and distributes such signals, by wire or cable, to subscribing members of the public who pay for such services.
3. “Channel” means the segment of the electromagnetic spectrum to which a source of television transmission is assigned.
4. “CPI” means, for the purpose of this chapter, the Urban Wage Earner and Clerical Workers Revised Index of the Department of Labor for the previous year.
5. “FCC” means the Federal Communications Commission.
6. “Franchise” means the rights, privileges, and authority granted by the City to the Grantee hereunder and includes all of the terms and conditions of this chapter.



7. “Grantee” means any person, firm, corporation or other entity granted a franchise hereunder, or the lawful successor, transferee or assignee thereof.
8. “Pay cable service” means one or more levels of optional, additional levels of services provided for by the Grantee.
9. “Private property” means all property, real, personal or mixed, owned by a private person, including property owned by a public utility not owned or operated by the City.
10. “Property of the Grantee” means all property, real, personal or mixed, owned or used by the Grantee however arising from or related to or connected with the franchise.
11. “Public property” means all property, real or personal or mixed, owned or used by the City, including property owned or used by a public utility owned or operated by the City.

**114.02 USE OF PROPERTY.** The Grantee may use public property within the City and, with the written consent of the owner thereof, private property within the City, in furtherance of such activities within the City as may now or hereafter be consistent with generally accepted principles applicable to the operation of a cable television system subject, however, to the following restrictions:

1. Laws and Regulations. The Grantee shall comply with all governmental laws, ordinances, rules or regulations as may now or hereafter be applicable thereto.
2. Restrictions. The Grantee shall not use or occupy or permit public property or private property to be used or occupied or do or permit anything to be done on or about public property or private property which will, in any manner:
  - A. Impair the owner’s interest in or title thereto;
  - B. Impair any mortgage or lease as may now or hereinafter be applicable thereto;
  - C. Adversely affect the then value or character thereof;
  - D. Cause or be likely to cause structural damage thereto, or any part thereof;
  - E. Cause or be likely to cause any damage or injury to any utility service available thereto;
  - F. Create a public or private nuisance, cause any offensive or obnoxious vibrations, noise, odor or undesirable effect or interfere

with the safety, comfort or convenience of the owner thereof, and persons lawfully on or about the same;

G. Violate the rules, regulations and requirements of any person furnishing utilities or services thereto; or

H. Make void or voidable any insurance then in force affecting the same or cause an increase in the rates applicable thereto.

**114.03 TAXES.** The Grantee shall pay all real estate taxes, special assessments, personal property taxes, license fees, permit fees and other charges of a like nature which may be taxed, charged, assessed, levied, or imposed upon the property of the Grantee and upon any services rendered by the Grantee.

**114.04 INSURANCE.** The Grantee shall, at all times during the term of the franchise, carry and require their contractors to carry:

1. General Liability. Insurance in such forms and in such companies as shall be approved by the City to protect the City and Grantee from and against any and all claims, injury or damage to persons or property, both real and personal, caused by the construction, erection, operation and maintenance of any structure, equipment or appliance. The amount of such insurance shall be not less than \$100,000 as to any one person, \$300,000 as to any one occurrence for injury or death to persons, and \$100,000 for damages to property, with so-called umbrella coverage of at least \$1,000,000.
2. Worker's Compensation. Worker's Compensation Insurance as provided by the laws of the State of Iowa, as amended.
3. Automobile. Automobile Insurance with limits of not less than \$100,000/\$300,000 of public liability coverage and automobile property damage insurance with a limit of not less than \$100,000 covering all automotive equipment, with so-called umbrella coverage of at least \$1,000,000.
4. Notice of Cancellation. All of said insurance coverage shall provide a ten (10) day notice to the City in the event of material alteration or cancellation of any coverage afforded in said policies prior to the date said material alteration or cancellation shall become effective.
5. Copies Filed. Copies of all insurance policies required hereunder shall be furnished to and filed with the City prior to the commencement of operations or the expiration of prior policies, as the case may be.
6. Defense Costs. The Grantee shall pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the City in defending itself with regard to all damages,

penalties or other claims resulting from the acts of the Grantee, its assigns, employees, agents, invitees, or other persons. Said expenses shall include all out-of-pocket expenses such as attorney's fees, and shall include the value of any service rendered by the City Attorney or any other officers or employees of the City.

**114.05 REPAIRS.** During the term of the franchise, the Grantee shall, at its own expense, make all necessary repairs and replacements to the property of the Grantee. Such repairs and replacements, interior and exterior, ordinary as well as extraordinary, and structural as well as nonstructural, shall be made promptly, as and when needed.

**114.06 HOLD HARMLESS.** During the term of the franchise, the Grantee absolutely assumes and agrees to pay the City for, and the Grantee forever agrees to indemnify the City against, and agrees to hold and save the City harmless from, any and all damage, injury, costs, expenses, liability, claims, settlements, judgments, decrees and awards of every kind and nature whatsoever, including attorney's fees, costs and disbursements, that may ever be claimed against the City by any person whatsoever, or an account of any actual or alleged loss, damage or injury to any property or person whatsoever, however arising from or related to or connected with, directly or indirectly, (a) injury to or death of any person, or loss, damage or injury to any property of the Grantee, and/or (b) the nonobservance by the Grantee of the provisions of any laws, statutes, ordinances, resolutions, regulations or rules duly promulgated by any governmental entity which may be applicable directly or indirectly, to rights, privileges, and authority, and the obligations and liabilities, assumed by the Grantee under the franchise, (c) the nonobservance by the Grantee of any of the terms and conditions of the franchise, and/or (d) the granting of the franchise.

**114.07 ASSIGNMENT.** The Grantee shall not assign or transfer any right granted under this chapter to any other person without prior consent of the Council, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, provided that the Grantee shall have the right to assign the provisions of this chapter to a corporation wholly owned by the Grantee or to a limited partnership of which the Grantee is a general partner without the prior consent of the City.

**114.08 INSOLVENCY OF GRANTEE.** In the event that the Grantee shall become insolvent, or be declared a bankrupt, or the property of the Grantee shall come into the possession of any receiver, assignee or other officer acting under an order of court, and any such receiver, assignee or other such officer shall not be discharged within sixty (60) days after taking possession of such property, the City may, at its option, terminate the franchise by giving written notice thereof to the Grantee.

**114.09 DEFAULT OF GRANTEE.** In the event the Grantee shall fail to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the franchise within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice in writing from the City specifying the failure or default, the City may, at its option, terminate the franchise by giving written notice thereof to the Grantee. This section shall not apply to failures or defaults beyond the reasonable control of the Grantee.

**114.10 TERMINATION.** Upon termination of the franchise for any cause, the Grantee shall remove the property of the Grantee from all public property and private property within the City and shall return such public property and private property to the owner thereof in the same condition as when the property of the Grantee was placed thereon, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

**114.11 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS.** During the term of the franchise, the Grantee shall comply with all governmental laws, ordinances, rules or regulations as may be applicable to the construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, renewal, reconstruction, and removal of a cable television system, the sale and supply of audio and video communications services, the use of public property and private property and the engagement in such further activities as may now or hereafter be consistent with generally accepted principles applicable to the operation of a cable television system.

**114.12 INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY OF THE GRANTEE.** During the term of the franchise, the property of the Grantee shall be constructed, operated, maintained, repaired, replaced, renewed, reconstructed, and removed in accordance with generally accepted engineering principles so as not to endanger or interfere with the lives of persons or to interfere with improvements which the City may deem proper to make or to unnecessarily hinder or obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic or use of public property or private property.

**114.13 INTERFERENCE.** The Grantee's cable television system shall be so designed, engineered and maintained so as not to interfere with radio and television reception of persons who are not subscribers of the Grantee.

**114.14 INSTALLATION OF CABLES.** The Grantee shall have the right, privilege, and authority to lease, rent or in any other manner obtain the use of wooden poles with overhead lines, conduits, trenches, ducts, lines, cables, and other equipment and facilities from any and all holders of public licenses and franchises with the City, and to use such poles, conduits, trenches, ducts, lines, and cables in the course of its business. The Grantee shall install its cable on the existing poles owned by other holders of public licenses and franchises with the City whenever possible for the installation of its cable. When installation of cable on poles is insufficient, or when holders of other public licenses or

franchises have installed underground cable, then in that event, the cable used by the Grantee shall be installed underground.

**114.15 RESTORATION OF GROUND SURFACE.** In case of any disturbance of pavement, sidewalk, driveway or other surfacing, the Grantee shall, at its own cost and expense and in a manner approved by the City, replace and restore all paving, sidewalk, driveway, or surface of any street or alley disturbed, in as good a condition as before said work was commenced.

**114.16 ALTERATION OF GRADE.** In the event that during the term of the franchise, the City shall elect to alter or change the grade of any street, alley, or public way, the Grantee, upon reasonable notice by the City, shall remove, relay, and relocate its poles, wires, cables, underground conduits, manholes, and other fixtures at its own expense.

**114.17 TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF CABLES.** The Grantee shall, on the request of any person holding a building moving permit issued by the City, temporarily raise or lower its cables to permit the moving of buildings. The expense of such temporary removal, raising, or lowering of cables shall be paid by the person requesting the same and the Grantee shall have the authority to require such payment in advance. The Grantee shall be given not less than five (5) days' advance notice to arrange for such temporary cable changes.

**114.18 TREE TRIMMING.** The Grantee shall have the authority to trim trees upon and overhanging streets, alleys, sidewalks, and public places of the City so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in contact with the cables of the Grantee. All trimming shall be done at the expense of the Grantee.

**114.19 LINE EXTENSIONS.** It shall be the obligation of the Grantee to serve all residents of the City except to the extent that density of homes, adverse terrain or other factors render providing service impracticable, technically infeasible or economically noncompensatory. For purposes of determining compliance with the provisions of this section, and to provide for a reasonable and nondiscriminatory policy governing extensions of cable service within the City, Grantee shall extend service to new subscribers at the normal installation charge and monthly rate for customers of that classification where there is an average of fifteen (15) residences within 1,320 cable-bearing strand feet of new cable construction. In the event the requirements of this section are not met, extensions of service shall be required only on a basis which is reasonable and economically feasible.

**114.20 SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.** During the term of the franchise, the Grantee shall furnish reasonable, adequate and efficient cable television service

to subscriber terminals. This requirement may be temporarily suspended due to circumstances beyond the control of the Grantee.

**114.21 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.** The Grantee shall provide a signal to the customer's TV set that will comply with all proof-of-performance standards as contained in the regulations of the FCC.

**114.22 CHANNEL CAPACITY AND PERFORMANCE.** During the term of the franchise, the cable television system of the Grantee shall conform to the channel capacity and performance requirements contained in the then current regulations of the FCC.

**114.23 INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SUBSCRIBER TERMINALS IN CITY BUILDINGS AND SCHOOLS.** During the franchise, the Grantee shall at its sole cost, install and maintain a subscriber terminal in such buildings owned or used by the City, and in such buildings owned or used by recognized educational authorities within the City, both public and private, as may be designated by the governing body having jurisdiction thereof. Such subscriber terminals shall be placed in such location within such buildings as may be designated by the governing body having jurisdiction thereof. This provision is meant to apply only to those buildings accessible to Grantee's system.

**114.24 TELECAST OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.** The Grantee shall not cablecast, tape, reproduce or otherwise convey to its subscribers the activities of any recognized educational authority, public or private, without the written consent of the governing body of such authority.

**114.25 PROGRAM ALTERATION.** Any signal received by the Grantee from a television broadcast station shall be cablecast by the Grantee in its entirety, as received, without alteration.

**114.26 SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Grantee shall have the right to prescribe reasonable service rules and regulations and operating rules for the conduct of its business. Such rules and regulations shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of the franchise.

**114.27 SERVICE AGREEMENTS.** The Grantee shall have the right to prescribe a reasonable form of service agreement for use between the Grantee and its subscribers. Such service agreement shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of the franchise.

**114.28 PAYMENTS TO CITY.** The Grantee shall, during operation under the franchise, pay to the City three percent (3%) of its annual "basic monthly

cable television service” revenue for service rendered to customers located within the City. All payments as required by the Grantee to the City shall be made annually and shall be due and payable by April 1 of the following year.

**114.29 INJURY TO PROPERTY OF THE GRANTEE.** No person shall wrongfully or unlawfully injure the property of the Grantee.

**114.30 INTERCEPTING SIGNALS OF THE GRANTEE.** No person shall wrongfully or unlawfully intercept the signals of the Grantee.

**114.31 FILING OF MAPS AND PLATS.** On or before April 1 of each year, the Grantee shall file with the City maps and plats showing the location and nature of all new property of the Grantee within the City as of the end of the preceding calendar year.

**114.32 ACCESS.** The Grantee shall and does hereby grant to the City the right to enter upon the property of the Grantee, upon reasonable notice, at any and all reasonable times to inspect the same for purposes pertaining to the rights of the City.

**114.33 DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED.** The Grantee shall not grant any undue preference or advantage to any person, nor subject any person to prejudice or disadvantage with respect to rates, charges, services, service facilities, rules, regulations, or in any other respect.

**114.34 RESERVATIONS.** The right is reserved to the Council to adopt, in addition to the provisions contained herein and in existing applicable ordinances, such additional regulations as it shall find necessary in the exercise of the police power.

**114.35 CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS – FCC MODEL.** The Grantee shall adhere to the FCC’s customer service standards. A copy of such standards, effective as of the date of the passage of Ordinance No. 221, is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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## CHAPTER 118

### CEMETERY

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**118.01 ESTABLISHMENT.** The cemetery ground presently existing and known as the Evergreen Cemetery is established as a municipal cemetery of the City.

**118.02 SUPERINTENDENT.** The Mayor appoints the Cemetery Superintendent, who shall operate the cemetery in accordance with the rules and regulations therefor and under the direction of the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

**118.03 GENERAL OPERATION.** The following rules shall govern general operations of the cemetery:

1. Persons within the cemetery shall at all times maintain decorum of speech and action, including avoidance of loud talking or other noise within earshot of graveside ceremonies if not part of the group participating in the ceremonies, and workers shall suspend their work when near such ceremonies.
2. No person shall drive any vehicle faster than fifteen (15) miles per hour or in a careless manner upon the cemetery roads or drive anywhere except upon such roads unless authorized by the Cemetery Superintendent.
3. Persons shall walk only on roads and walkways or footpaths except when absolutely necessary for maintenance of gravesites, inspection of plots, installation of markers or decoration of graves.
4. No person shall deface or otherwise damage any marker, headstone, monument, cemetery fence or any other cemetery structure.
5. No person except an authorized City employee shall cut, remove or carry away any flowers, trees, shrubs, plants or vines from any lot. However, the owner of a lot may remove and carry away any flowers, plants or vines that said owner has placed upon said lot. No person other than the owner of the lot or City employees in the performance of their

duties shall remove, carry away or destroy any vases, flower pots, urns or other objects which have been placed upon any lot.

6. No person may consume or possess refreshments, liquors or beverages of any kind on the cemetery grounds.

7. No persons other than law enforcement officers and persons engaged in military funerals or like ceremonies whose functions require the carrying of firearms may carry any firearm in or upon the cemetery grounds.

8. All persons using the cemetery grounds shall deposit their rubbish and trash in the receptacles placed in the cemetery for that purpose.

9. No person shall allow any dog or other animal belonging to that person or under that person's control to run at large in the City cemetery, or any part thereof.

**118.04 BURIALS.** The following rules shall apply to burials within the cemetery. The Council, by resolution, may adopt further regulations not in conflict herewith with regard to burials.

1. Undertakers must furnish the Superintendent with the proper permits before any burial will be permitted.

2. Lot owners are forbidden to allow interments to be made in their lots for a remuneration.

3. All graves shall be dug by workers contracted by the City, and no filling, sodding, boxing, mounding or other work upon single graves or lot graves shall be done except by such contractor.

4. No interment of any body other than a human being shall be permitted or made in the cemetery, nor shall there be more than one body per grave, except for (i) interment of mother and infant child, and (ii) interment of not more than two (2) cremains per grave. Any further exceptions to this section must be made by the Council.

5. Arrangements for interments shall be made by the owner of the burial space, by a member or members of the family acting and authorized by law to act for the owner or by an authorized undertaker or other authorized agent of the owner.

6. Notice of interment must be given to the Superintendent at least 24 hours in advance of burial. A longer time may be required by resolution-adopted rule for winter burials. The Superintendent must be present at all interments and have full charge of opening, closing and sodding of all graves.

7. The City shall in no manner be liable for any delay in the interment of a body where a protest to the interment has been made or where the rules and regulations of the cemetery have not been complied with. The City shall be under no duty to recognize any protest of interment unless it is in writing and filed with the Clerk. The City shall not be responsible for errors resulting from orders or instructions given by telephone and the Clerk and Cemetery Superintendent may require such orders to be in writing before finalizing any action.
8. The City shall not be liable for the interment permit or for the identity of the body sought to be interred.
9. Disinterments shall be governed by the above rules in subsections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this section.
10. Cemetery employees shall exercise reasonable care in making a removal, but neither they nor the City shall assume any liability for damages to any casket or burial case or urn incurred in making the removal.

**118.05 MARKERS AND DECORATIONS.** The following rules shall apply to the erection of markers within the cemetery. The Council, by resolution, may adopt further regulations not in conflict herewith with regard to markers.

1. Monuments and grave markers of every description shall have suitable foundations, adequate to prevent tipping or sinking. Such foundations shall be of concrete, installed as prescribed by the City, and shall be at the owner's expense.
2. Foundations shall be of concrete, in area at least as large as the bottom base or first masonry course above ground of the structure to be erected and of adequate depth. Said foundation shall meet the requirements as set forth in the cemetery rules.
3. Location and size of a marker shall be determined by the caretaker and it must be set and maintained so that the top of the marker is flush with the surrounding ground.
4. Commercial monuments shall be of bronze or granite of recognized grade, containing no discoloration, flaws or weak spots.
5. Slabs of any kind will not be permitted as coverings for graves. Surface vaults will not be permitted.
6. If any vault, tomb, mausoleum or like structure in which bodies are entombed in the cemetery shall fall into a state of dilapidation or decay, or be determined by the Council to be offensive or in any way

injurious to the appearance of the cemetery, no adequate provisions having been made by the owner for repair and preservation of such structure, the City shall have the right to remove the said offensive or objectionable structure and to inter any body or bodies contained therein in the earth upon the lot on which such structure was located, maintaining such lot thereafter in good and similar condition as done with other lots in the cemetery.

7. No fences or enclosures around lots shall be permitted.

8. Lot owners shall have the right to cultivate plants within the limit of a one-foot-radius of any monument, which plants must not be detrimental to the cemetery or adjoining lots. Owners of lots shall not change the grade of any lot or interfere in any way with the general plan of landscaping of the cemetery.

9. The caretaker or other authorized employees of the City may enter upon any lot and remove any shrub, plant, ornament or other object which is deemed detrimental to the cemetery or adjoining lots and for the purpose of making any improvements deemed to be advantageous to the cemetery grounds.

10. Lot owners and others are prohibited from placing on lots or graves any toys, cases, boxes, globes, shells, cans, jugs, bottles, bric-a-brac of every description, wooden benches, chairs, settees, headboards or wooden articles of any kind. Any such articles found on the cemetery grounds may be removed.

**118.06 CEMETERY CHARGES.** The Council shall set, from time to time by resolution, charges for grave digging.

**118.07 SALE OF LOTS.** The sale of lots in the cemetery shall be evidenced by a deed signed and executed by the Mayor and the Clerk for and on behalf of the City, and it is the duty of the Clerk to collect the purchase price for any lot sold before delivering the deed of conveyance for the same. The payment of all fees and charges shall be made at the office of the Clerk where receipts will be issued for all amounts paid. Said fees and charges shall be based upon the charges as set out in the rules and regulations then in effect as adopted by the Council.

**118.08 RECORDS.** The City shall keep adequate lot records.

**118.09 LIABILITY.** The City shall take reasonable precautions to protect plot owners and the property rights of plot owners within the cemetery from loss or damage, but it expressly shall not be liable for loss or damage beyond its control and particularly from damage caused by the elements, an act of God,

common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable civil authority, whether the damage be direct or consequential.

#### **118.10 PLATTING.**

1. It is hereby made the duty of the Superintendent to survey, plat, grade, fence, ornament and improve all of the cemetery grounds and the avenues leading thereto from time to time as in the opinion of the Mayor and the Council may be necessary and advisable. The Superintendent may use the caretaker and other labor and help to accomplish the aforementioned duties.
2. Before any new block of the cemetery is opened for sale of lots, the Council shall cause it to be platted and recorded in the office of the County Recorder. A copy of the plat map shall be deposited with the Superintendent and one or more copies with the Clerk. The plat shall be so designed as to provide direct access to each lot from either a road or a walkway or footpath.

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## CHAPTER 120

### LIQUOR LICENSES AND WINE AND BEER PERMITS

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**120.01 LICENSE OR PERMIT REQUIRED.** No person shall manufacture for sale, import, sell, or offer or keep for sale, alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer without first securing a liquor control license, wine permit or beer permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 123 of the Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.22, 123.122 & 123.171)*

**120.02 GENERAL PROHIBITION.** It is unlawful to manufacture for sale, sell, offer or keep for sale, possess or transport alcoholic liquor, wine or beer except upon the terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions enumerated in Chapter 123 of the Code of Iowa, and a license or permit may be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty may be imposed for a violation thereof.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.2, 123.39 & 123.50)*

**120.03 INVESTIGATION.** Upon receipt of an application for a liquor license, wine or beer permit, the Clerk may forward it to the Police Chief, who shall then conduct an investigation and submit a written report as to the truth of the facts averred in the application. The Fire Chief may also inspect the premises to determine if they conform to the requirements of the City. The Council shall not approve an application for a license or permit for any premises which does not conform to the applicable law and ordinances, resolutions and regulations of the City.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.30)*

**120.04 ACTION BY COUNCIL.** The Council shall either approve or disapprove the issuance of the liquor control license or retail wine or beer permit and shall endorse its approval or disapproval on the application, and thereafter the application, necessary fee and bond, if required, shall be forwarded to the Alcoholic Beverages Division of the State Department of Commerce for such further action as is provided by law.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.32 [2])*

**120.05 PROHIBITED SALES AND ACTS.** A person or club holding a liquor license or retail wine or beer permit and the person's or club's agents or employees shall not do any of the following:

1. Sell, dispense or give to any intoxicated person, or one simulating intoxication, any alcoholic liquor, wine or beer.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.49 [1])*

2. Sell or dispense any alcoholic beverage, wine or beer on the premises covered by the license or permit, or permit its consumption thereon between the hours of two o'clock (2:00) a.m. and six o'clock (6:00) a.m. on a weekday, and between the hours of two o'clock (2:00) a.m. on Sunday and six o'clock (6:00) a.m. on the following Monday; however, a holder of a license or permit granted the privilege of selling alcoholic liquor, beer or wine on Sunday may sell or dispense alcoholic liquor, beer or wine between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. on Sunday and two o'clock (2:00) a.m. of the following Monday, and further provided that a holder of any class of liquor control license or the holder of a class "B" beer permit may sell or dispense alcoholic liquor, wine or beer for consumption on the premises between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. on Sunday and two o'clock (2:00) a.m. on Monday when that Monday is New Year's Day and beer for consumption off the premises between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. on Sunday and two o'clock (2:00) a.m. on the following Monday when that Sunday is the day before New Year's Day.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.49 [2b and 2k] & 123.150)*

3. Sell alcoholic beverages, wine or beer to any person on credit, except with bona fide credit card. This provision does not apply to sales by a club to its members nor to sales by a hotel or motel to bona fide registered guests.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.49 [2c])*

4. Employ a person under eighteen (18) years of age in the sale or serving of alcoholic liquor, wine or beer for consumption on the premises where sold.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.49 [2f])*

5. In the case of a retail beer or wine permittee, knowingly allow the mixing or adding of alcohol or any alcoholic beverage to beer, wine or any other beverage in or about the permittee's place of business.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.49 [2i])*

6. Knowingly permit any gambling, except in accordance with Iowa law, or knowingly permit any solicitation for immoral purposes, or immoral or disorderly conduct on the premises covered by the license or permit.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.49 [2a])*



7. Knowingly permit or engage in any criminal activity on the premises covered by the license or permit.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.49 [2j])*

8. Keep on premises covered by a liquor control license any alcoholic liquor in any container except the original package purchased from the Alcoholic Beverages Division of the State Department of Commerce and except mixed drinks or cocktails mixed on the premises for immediate consumption.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.49 [2d])*

9. Reuse for packaging alcoholic liquor or wine any container or receptacle used originally for packaging alcoholic liquor or wine; or adulterate, by the addition of any substance, the contents or remaining contents of an original package of an alcoholic liquor or wine; or knowingly possess any original package which has been reused or adulterated.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.49 [2e])*

10. Allow any person other than the licensee, permittee or employees of the licensee or permittee to use or keep on the licensed premises any alcoholic liquor in any bottle or other container which is designed for the transporting of such beverages, except as allowed by State law.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.49 [2g])*

11. Permit or allow any person under twenty-one (21) years of age to remain upon licensed premises unless over fifty percent (50%) of the dollar volume of the business establishment comes from the sale and serving of prepared foods. This provision does not apply to holders of a class "C" beer permit only.

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## CHAPTER 121

### CIGARETTE PERMITS

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**121.01 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter the following terms are defined:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 453A.1)*

1. “Alternative nicotine product” means a product, not consisting of or containing tobacco, that provides for the ingestion into the body of nicotine, whether by chewing, absorbing, dissolving, inhaling, snorting, or niffing, or by any other means. “Alternative nicotine product” does not include cigarettes, tobacco products, or vapor products, or a product that is regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.
2. “Carton” means a box or container of any kind in which ten or more packages or packs of cigarettes or tobacco products are offered for sale, sold, or otherwise distributed to consumers.
3. “Cigarette” means any roll for smoking made wholly or in part of tobacco, or any substitute for tobacco, irrespective of size or shape and irrespective of tobacco or any substitute for tobacco being flavored, adulterated or mixed with any other ingredient, where such roll has a wrapper or cover made of paper or any other material. However, this definition is not to be construed to include cigars.
4. “Package” or “Pack” means a container of any kind in which cigarettes or tobacco products are offered for sale, sold or otherwise distributed to consumers.
5. “Place of business” means any place where cigarettes are sold, stored or kept for the purpose of sale or consumption by a retailer.
6. “Retailer” means every person who sells, distributes or offers for sale for consumption, or possesses for the purpose of sale for consumption, cigarettes, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products, irrespective of the quantity or amount of the number of sales.

7. “Self-service display” means any manner of product display, placement or storage from which a person purchasing the product may take possession of the product, prior to purchase, without assistance from the retailer or employee of the retailer, in removing the product from a restricted access location.

8. “Tobacco products” mean the following: little cigars, cheroots; stogies, periques, granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed and other smoking tobacco; snuff; snuff flour; Cavendish; plug and twist tobacco; fine-cut and other chewing tobaccos; shorts or refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco; and other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing or smoking in a pipe or otherwise or for both chewing and smoking but does not mean cigarettes.

9. “Vapor Products” means any noncombustible product, which may or may not contain nicotine, that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from a solution or other substance. “Vapor product” includes an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or similar product or device, and any cartridge or other container of a solution or other substance, which may or may not contain nicotine that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe or similar product or device. “Vapor product” does not include a product regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

*(Ord. 270-14 – Dec. 14 Supp.)*

**121.02 PERMIT REQUIRED.** It is unlawful for any person, other than a holder of a retail permit, to sell cigarettes at retail and no retailer shall distribute, sell or solicit the sale of any cigarettes within the City without a valid permit for each place of business. The permit shall be displayed publicly in the place of business so that it can be seen easily by the public. No permit shall be issued to a minor.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 453A.13)*

**121.03 APPLICATION.** A completed application on forms provided by the State Department of Revenue and Finance and accompanied by the required fee shall be filed with the Clerk. Renewal applications shall be filed at least five (5) days prior to the last regular meeting of the Council in June. If a renewal application is not timely filed, and a special Council meeting is called to act on the application, the costs of such special meeting shall be paid by the applicant.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 453A.13)*

**121.04 FEES.** The fee for a retail cigarette permit shall be as follows:  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 453A.13)*

<b>FOR PERMITS GRANTED DURING:</b>	<b>FEE:</b>
July, August or September	\$ 75.00
October, November or December	\$ 56.25
January, February or March	\$ 37.50
April, May or June	\$ 18.75

**121.05 ISSUANCE AND EXPIRATION.** Upon proper application and payment of the required fee, a permit shall be issued. Each permit issued shall describe clearly the place of business for which it is issued and shall be nonassignable. All permits expire on June 30 of each year. The Clerk shall submit a duplicate of any application for a permit, and any permit issued, to the Iowa Department of Public Health within thirty (30) days of issuance.

**121.06 REFUNDS.** A retailer may surrender an unrevoked permit and receive a refund from the City, except during April, May or June, in accordance with the schedule of refunds as provided in Section 453A.13 of the Code of Iowa.  
*(Code of Iowa, 453A.13)*

**121.07 PERSONS UNDER LEGAL AGE.** No person shall sell, give or otherwise supply any tobacco, tobacco products or cigarettes to any person under eighteen (18) years of age. The provision of this section includes prohibiting a minor from purchasing cigarettes or tobacco products from a vending machine. If a retailer or employee of a retailer violates the provisions of this section, the Council shall, after written notice and hearing, and in addition to the other penalties fixed for such violation, assess the following:

1. For a first violation, the retailer shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Failure to pay the civil penalty as ordered under this subsection shall result in automatic suspension of the permit for a period of fourteen (14) days.
2. For a second violation within a period of two (2) years, the retailer's permit shall be suspended for a period of thirty (30) days.
3. For a third violation within a period of three (3) years, the retailer's permit shall be suspended for a period of sixty (60) days.
4. For a fourth violation within a period of three (3) years, the retailer's permit shall be revoked.

The Clerk shall give ten (10) days' written notice to the retailer by mailing a copy of the notice to the place of business as it appears on the application for a

permit. The notice shall state the reason for the contemplated action and the time and place at which the retailer may appear and be heard.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 453A.2, 453A.22 and 453A.36[6])*

**121.08 SELF-SERVICE SALES PROHIBITED.** Beginning January 1, 1999, except for the sale of cigarettes through a cigarette vending machine as provided in Section 453A.36 (6) of the Code of Iowa, a retailer shall not sell or offer for sale cigarettes or tobacco products, in a quantity of less than a carton, through the use of a self-service display.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 453A.36A)*

**121.09 PERMIT REVOCATION.** Following a written notice and an opportunity for a hearing, as provided by the Code of Iowa, the Council may also revoke a permit issued pursuant to this chapter for a violation of Division I of Chapter 453A of the Code of Iowa or any rule adopted thereunder. If a permit is revoked, a new permit shall not be issued to the permit holder for any place of business, or to any other person for the place of business at which the violation occurred, until one year has expired from the date of revocation, unless good cause to the contrary is shown to the Council. The Clerk shall report the revocation or suspension of a retail permit to the Iowa Department of Public Health within thirty (30) days of the revocation or suspension.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 453A.22)*

## CHAPTER 122

# PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS

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**122.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to protect residents of the City against fraud, unfair competition and intrusion into the privacy of their homes by licensing and regulating peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants.

**122.02 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter the following terms are defined:

1. “Peddler” means any person carrying goods or merchandise who sells or offers for sale for immediate delivery such goods or merchandise from house to house or upon the public street.
2. “Solicitor” means any person who solicits or attempts to solicit from house to house or upon the public street any contribution or donation or any order for goods, services, subscriptions or merchandise to be delivered at a future date.
3. “Transient merchant” means any person who engages in a temporary or itinerant merchandising business and in the course of such business hires, leases or occupies any building or structure whatsoever, or who operates out of a vehicle which is parked anywhere within the City limits. Temporary association with a local merchant, dealer, trader or auctioneer, or conduct of such transient business in connection with, as a part of, or in the name of any local merchant, dealer, trader or auctioneer does not exempt any person from being considered a transient merchant.

**122.03 LICENSE REQUIRED.** Any person engaging in peddling, soliciting or in the business of a transient merchant in the City without first obtaining a license as herein provided is in violation of this chapter.

**122.04 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.** An application in writing shall be filed with the Clerk for a license under this chapter. Such application shall set forth the applicant's name, permanent and local address and business address if any. The application shall also set forth the applicant's employer, if any, and the employer's address, the nature of the applicant's business, the last three places of such business and the length of time sought to be covered by the license. An application fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be paid at the time of filing such application to cover the cost of investigating the facts stated therein. Applicants will be required to complete a Clinton County Sheriff's Department Record Check and State of Iowa DCI Criminal History Records Check. Applicants must allow a minimum of two weeks for applications to be processed.

**122.05 LICENSE FEES.** The following license fees shall be paid to the Clerk prior to the issuance of any license.

1. Solicitors. In addition to the application fee for each person actually soliciting (principal or agent), a fee for the principal of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year.
2. Peddlers or Transient Merchants.
  - A. For one day: \$25.00
  - B. For one week: \$50.00
  - C. For up to six (6) months: \$75.00
  - D. For one year or major part thereof: \$125.00

**122.06 BOND REQUIRED.** Before a license under this chapter is issued to a transient merchant, an applicant shall provide to the Clerk evidence that the applicant has filed a bond with the Secretary of State in accordance with Chapter 9C of the *Code of Iowa*.

**122.07 LICENSE ISSUED.** If the Clerk finds the application is completed in conformance with the requirements of this chapter, the facts stated therein are found to be correct and the license fee paid, a license shall be issued upon receipt of all fees paid and successful records checks by local and state.

**122.08 DISPLAY OF LICENSE.** Each solicitor or peddler shall keep such license in possession at all times while doing business in the City and shall, upon the request of prospective customers, exhibit the license as evidence of compliance with all requirements of this chapter. Each transient merchant shall display publicly such merchant's license in the merchant's place of business.



**122.09 LICENSE NOT TRANSFERABLE.** Licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter are not transferable in any situation and are to be applicable only to the person filing the application.

**122.10 TIME RESTRICTION.** All peddler's and solicitor's licenses shall provide that said licenses are in force and effect only between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. and six o'clock (6:00) p.m. The only exception to these hours are on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in which said licenses are in force and effect only between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. and midnight (12:00) a.m.

**122.11 REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF LICENSE.** After notice and hearing, the Clerk may revoke any license issued under this chapter for the following reasons:

1. Fraudulent Statements. The licensee has made fraudulent statements in the application for the license or in the conduct of the business.
2. Violation of Law. The licensee has violated this chapter or has otherwise conducted the business in an unlawful manner.
3. Endangered Public Welfare, Health or Safety. The licensee has conducted the business in such manner as to endanger the public welfare, safety, order or morals.
4. Violation of the City of Grand Mound's Peddler or Solicitor Permit Application policy.

**122.12 NOTICE.** The Clerk shall send a notice to the licensee at the licensee's local address, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for a hearing on the possible revocation of a license. Such notice shall contain particulars of the complaints against the licensee, the ordinance provisions or State statutes allegedly violated, and the date, time and place for hearing on the matter.

**122.13 HEARING.** The Clerk shall conduct a hearing at which both the licensee and any complainants shall be present to determine the truth of the facts alleged in the complaint and notice. Should the licensee, or authorized representative, fail to appear without good cause, the Clerk may proceed to a determination of the complaint.

**122.14 RECORD AND DETERMINATION.** The Clerk shall make and record findings of fact and conclusions of law, and shall revoke a license only when upon review of the entire record the Clerk finds clear and convincing evidence of substantial violation of this chapter or State law.

**122.15 APPEAL.** If the Clerk revokes or refuses to issue a license, the Clerk shall make a part of the record the reasons therefor. The licensee, or the applicant, shall have a right to a hearing before the Council at its next regular meeting. The Council may reverse, modify or affirm the decision of the Clerk by a majority vote of the Council members present and the Clerk shall carry out the decision of the Council.

**122.16 EFFECT OF REVOCATION.** Revocation of any license shall bar the licensee from being eligible for any license under this chapter for a period of one year from the date of the revocation.

**122.17 REBATES.** Any licensee, except in the case of a revoked license, shall be entitled to a rebate of part of the fee paid if the license is surrendered before it expires. The amount of the rebate shall be determined by dividing the total license fee by the number of days for which the license was issued and then multiplying the result by the number of full days not expired. In all cases, at least five dollars (\$15.00) of the original fee shall be retained by the City to cover administrative costs.

**122.18 LICENSE EXEMPTIONS.** The following are excluded from the application of this chapter.

1. Newspapers. Persons delivering, collecting for or selling subscriptions to newspapers.
2. Club Members. Members of local civic and service clubs, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America and similar organizations.
3. Local Residents and Farmers. Local residents and farmers who offer for sale their own products.
4. Students. Students representing the Central Clinton Community School District conducting projects sponsored by organizations recognized by the school.
5. Route Sales. Route delivery persons who only incidentally solicit additional business or make special sales.

**122.19 CHARITABLE AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.** Authorized representatives of charitable or nonprofit organizations operating under the provisions of Chapter 504A of the *Code of Iowa* desiring to solicit money or to distribute literature are exempt from the operation of Sections 122.04 and 122.05. All such organizations are required to submit in writing to the Clerk the name and purpose of the cause for which such activities are sought, names and addresses of the officers and directors of the organization, the period during which such activities are to be carried on, and whether any

commissions, fees or wages are to be charged by the solicitor and the amount thereof. If the Clerk finds that the organization is a bona fide charity or nonprofit organization the Clerk shall issue, free of charge, a license containing the above information to the applicant. In the event the Clerk denies the exemption, the authorized representatives of the organization may appeal the decision to the Council, as provided in Section 122.15 of this chapter.

*(Ch. 122 – Ord. 286-18 – Dec. 18 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 123

### HOUSE MOVERS

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**123.01 HOUSE MOVER DEFINED.** A “house mover” means any person who undertakes to move a building or similar structure upon, over or across public streets or property when the building or structure is of such size that it requires the use of skids, jacks, dollies or any other specialized moving equipment.

**123.02 PERMIT REQUIRED.** It is unlawful for any person to engage in the activity of house mover as herein defined without a valid permit from the City for each house, building or similar structure to be moved. Buildings of less than one hundred (100) square feet are exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

**123.03 APPLICATION.** Application for a house mover’s permit shall be made in writing to the Clerk. The application shall include:

1. Name and Address. The applicant’s full name and address and if a corporation the names and addresses of its principal officers.
2. Building Location. An accurate description of the present location and future site of the building or similar structure to be moved.
3. Routing Plan. A routing plan approved by the Mayor, street superintendent, and public utility officials. The route approved shall be the shortest route compatible with the greatest public convenience and safety.

**123.04 BOND REQUIRED.** The applicant shall post with the Clerk a penal bond in the minimum sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) issued by a surety company authorized to issue such bonds in the State. The bond shall guarantee the permittee’s payment for any damage done to the City or to public property, and payment of all costs incurred by the City in the course of moving the building or structure.

**123.05 INSURANCE REQUIRED.** Each applicant shall also file a certificate of insurance indicating that the applicant is carrying public liability

insurance in effect for the duration of the permit covering the applicant and all agents and employees for the following minimum amounts:

1. Bodily Injury - \$50,000 per person; \$100,000 per accident.
2. Property Damage - \$50,000 per accident.

**123.06 PERMIT FEE.** A permit fee in an amount set by resolution of the Council shall be payable at the time of filing the application with the Clerk. A separate permit shall be required for each house, building or similar structure to be moved.

**123.07 PERMIT ISSUED.** Upon approval of the application, filing of bond and insurance certificate, and payment of the required fee, the Clerk shall issue a permit.

**123.08 PUBLIC SAFETY.** At all times when a building or similar structure is in motion upon any street, alley, sidewalk or public property, the permittee shall maintain flagmen at the closest intersections or other possible channels of traffic to the sides, behind and ahead of the building or structure. At all times when the building or structure is at rest upon any street, alley, sidewalk or public property the permittee shall maintain adequate warning signs or lights at the intersections or channels of traffic to the sides, behind and ahead of the building or structure.

**123.09 TIME LIMIT.** No house mover shall permit or allow a building or similar structure to remain upon any street or other public way for a period of more than twelve (12) hours without having first secured the written approval of the City.

**123.10 REMOVAL BY CITY.** In the event any building or similar structure is found to be in violation of Section 123.09 the City is authorized to remove such building or structure and assess the costs thereof against the permit holder and the surety on the permit holder's bond.

**123.11 PROTECT PAVEMENT.** It is unlawful to move any house or building of any kind over any pavement, unless the wheels or rollers upon which the house or building is moved are at least one (1) inch in width for each one thousand (1,000) pounds of weight of such building. If there is any question as to the weight of a house or building, the estimate of the City as to such weight shall be final.

**123.12 OVERHEAD WIRES.** The holder of any permit to move a building shall see that all telephone, cable television and electric wires and poles are

removed when necessary and replaced in good order, and shall be liable for the costs of the same.

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## CHAPTER 135

### STREET USE AND MAINTENANCE

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**135.01 REMOVAL OF WARNING DEVICES.** It is unlawful for a person to willfully remove, throw down, destroy or carry away from any street or alley any lamp, obstruction, guard or other article or things, or extinguish any lamp or other light, erected or placed thereupon for the purpose of guarding or enclosing unsafe or dangerous places in said street or alley without the consent of the person in control thereof.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 716.1)*

**135.02 OBSTRUCTING OR DEFACING.** It is unlawful for any person to obstruct, deface, or injure any street or alley in any manner.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 716.1)*

**135.03 PLACING DEBRIS ON.** It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street or alley any glass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, leaves, grass or any other debris likely to be washed into the storm sewer and clog the storm sewer, or any substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.369)*

**135.04 PLAYING IN.** It is unlawful for any person to coast, sled or play games on streets or alleys, except in the areas blocked off by the City for such purposes.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2])*

**135.05 TRAVELING ON BARRICADED STREET OR ALLEY.** It is unlawful for any person to travel or operate any vehicle on any street or alley temporarily closed by barricades, lights, signs, or flares placed thereon by the authority or permission of any City official, police officer or member of the fire department.

**135.06 USE FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES.** It is unlawful to park, store or place, temporarily or permanently, any machinery or junk or any other goods, wares, and merchandise of any kind upon any street or alley for the purpose of

storage, exhibition, sale or offering same for sale, without permission of the Council.

**135.07 WASHING VEHICLES.** It is unlawful for any person to use any public sidewalk, street or alley for the purpose of washing or cleaning any automobile, truck equipment, or any vehicle of any kind when such work is done for hire or as a business. This does not prevent any person from washing or cleaning his or her own vehicle or equipment when it is lawfully parked in the street or alley.

**135.08 BURNING PROHIBITED.** No person shall burn any trash, leaves, rubbish or other combustible material in any curb and gutter or on any paved or surfaced street or alley.

**135.09 EXCAVATIONS AND PAVING.** No person shall dig, excavate, pave, or in any manner disturb any street, parking, terrace, or alley except in accordance with the following:

1. Permit Required. No excavation or paving shall be commenced without first obtaining a permit therefor. A written application for such permit shall be filed with the City and shall contain the following:
  - A. An exact description of the property, by lot and street number, in front of or along which it is desired to excavate;
  - B. A statement of the purpose, for whom and by whom the excavation is to be made;
  - C. The person responsible for the refilling of said excavation and restoration of the street or alley surface; and
  - D. Date of commencement of the work and estimated completion date.
2. Public Convenience. Streets, parking, terraces, and alleys shall be opened in the manner which will cause the least inconvenience to the public and admit the uninterrupted passage of water along the gutter on the street.
3. Barricades, Fencing and Lighting. Adequate barricades, fencing and warning lights meeting standards specified by the City shall be so placed as to protect the public from hazard. Any costs incurred by the City in providing or maintaining adequate barricades, fencing or warning lights shall be paid to the City by the permit holder/property owner.
4. Bond Required. When excavating a street or alley, the applicant shall post with the City a penal bond in the minimum sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) issued by a surety company authorized to

issue such bonds in the State. The bond shall guarantee the permittee's payment for any damage done to the City or to public property, and payment of all costs incurred by the City in the course of administration of this section. In lieu of a surety bond, a cash deposit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) may be filed with the City.

5. Insurance Required. When excavating a street or alley each applicant shall also file a certificate of insurance indicating that the applicant is carrying public liability insurance in effect for the duration of the permit covering the applicant and all agents and employees for the following minimum amounts:

A. Bodily Injury - \$50,000.00 per person; \$100,000.00 per accident.

B. Property Damage - \$50,000.00 per accident.

6. Restoration of Public Property. Streets, sidewalks, alleys, parking, terraces, and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored to the condition of the property prior to the commencement of the work, or in a manner satisfactory to the City, at the expense of the permit holder/property owner.

7. Inspection. All work shall be subject to inspection by the City. Backfill shall not be deemed completed, nor resurfacing of any improved street or alley surface begun, until such backfill is inspected and approved by the City. The permit holder/property owner shall provide the City with notice at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time when inspection of backfill is desired.

8. Completion by the City. Should any excavation or paving in any street, parking, terrace, or alley be discontinued or left open and unfinished for a period of twenty four (24) hours after the approved completion date, or in the event the work is improperly done, the City has the right to finish or correct the excavation, or paving work and charge any expenses therefor to the permit holder/property owner.

9. Responsibility for Costs. All costs and expenses incident to the excavation and paving shall be borne by the permit holder and/or property owner. The permit holder and owner shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by such excavation or paving.

10. Notification. At least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of the excavation, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, the person performing the excavation shall contact the Statewide Notification Center and provide the center with the information required under Section 480.4 of the *Code of Iowa*.

11. Permit Fee. A permit fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be payable at the time of filing the application with the City. A separate permit shall be required for each excavation.

12. Permit Issued. Upon approval of the application, filing of bond and insurance certificate, and payment of any required fees, a permit shall be issued.

13. Permit Exemption. Utility companies are exempt from the permit application requirement of this section. They shall, however, comply with all other pertinent provisions.

*(Ord. 294-19 – Jun. 19 Supp.)*

**135.10 MAINTENANCE OF PARKING OR TERRACE.** It shall be the responsibility of the abutting property owner to maintain all property outside the lot and property lines and inside the curb lines upon the public streets, except that the abutting property owner shall not be required to remove diseased trees or dead wood on the publicly owned property or right-of-way. Maintenance includes timely mowing, trimming trees and shrubs and picking up litter. No person shall dig, excavate, or in any way alter or disturb the parking or terrace, including the parking or terrace's surface material except in accordance with the following:

1. Permit Required. No alterations shall be commenced without first obtaining a permit therefor. A written application for such permit shall be filed with the City Clerk and shall contain the following:

A. An exact description of the property, by lot and street number, in front of or along which it is desired to alter;

B. A statement of the purpose, for whom and by whom the alteration is to be made;

C. The person responsible for completing said alteration and restoration of the parking or terrace surface; and

D. Date of the commencement of the work and estimated completion date.

E. Specifications of the alterations to occur, including surface material to be used and a plan for allowing for the flow of storm water along the parking or terrace to not be hindered.

2. Public Convenience. Parking and terrace areas shall be altered in the manner which will cause the least inconvenience to the public and admit the uninterrupted passage of water along the street.

3. Barricades, Fencing, and Lighting. Adequate barricades, fencing and warning lights meeting standards specified by the City shall be so place as to protect the public from hazard.
4. Inspection. All work shall be subject to inspection by the City's Public Works Superintendent. Backfill shall not be deemed completed, nor resurfacing of any improved area until such backfill is inspected and approved by the City's Public Works Superintendent. The permit holder/property owner shall provide the City with at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time when inspection of backfill is desired.
5. Completion by the City. Should any alteration on any parking or terrace be discontinued or left open, or unfinished for a period of twenty-four (24) hours after the approved completion date, or in the event the work is improperly done, the City has the right to finish or correct the alteration work and charge any expenses therefor to the permit holder/property owner.
6. Responsibility for Costs. All costs and expenses incident to the alterations shall be borne by the permit holder and or property owner. The permit holder and owner shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by such alteration of the parking/terrace.
7. Permit Fee. No permit fee is required.
8. Permit Issued. Upon approval of the application, a permit shall be issued.

*(Ord. 295-19 – Jun. 19 Supp.)*

**135.11 FAILURE TO MAINTAIN PARKING OR TERRACE.** If the abutting property owner does not perform an action required under the above section within a reasonable time, the City may perform the required action and assess the cost against the abutting property for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2e])*

**135.12 DUMPING OF SNOW.** It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 [2])*

**135.13 DRIVEWAY CULVERTS.** The property owner shall, at the owner's expense, install any culvert deemed necessary under any driveway or any other access to the owner's property, and before installing a culvert, permission must first be obtained from the City. In the event repairs are needed at any time with respect to culverts, it shall be the responsibility of the property owner to make such repairs, and, in the event the owner fails to do so, the City shall have the right to make the repairs. If the property owner fails to reimburse the City for the cost of said repairs, the cost shall be certified to the County Treasurer and specially assessed against the property as by law provided.

## CHAPTER 136

### SIDEWALK REGULATIONS

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**136.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to enhance safe passage by citizens on sidewalks, to place the responsibility for the maintenance, repair, replacement or reconstruction of sidewalks upon the abutting property owner and to minimize the liability of the City.

**136.02 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter the following terms are defined:

1. “Broom finish” means a sidewalk finish that is made by sweeping the sidewalk when it is hardening.
2. “Defective sidewalk” means any public sidewalk exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics:
  - A. Vertical separations equal to three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inch or more.
  - B. Horizontal separations equal to one (1) inch or more.
  - C. Holes or depressions equal to three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inch or more and at least four (4) inches in diameter.
  - D. Spalling over fifty percent (50%) of a single square of the sidewalk with one or more depressions equal to one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) inch or more.
  - E. Spalling over less than fifty percent (50%) of a single square of the sidewalk with one or more depressions equal to three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inch or more.
  - F. A single square of sidewalk cracked in such a manner that no part thereof has a piece greater than one square foot.
  - G. A sidewalk with any part thereof missing to the full depth.

H. A change from the design or construction grade equal to or greater than three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inch per foot.

3. “Established grade” means that grade established by the City for the particular area in which a sidewalk is to be constructed.

4. “One-course construction” means that the full thickness of the concrete is placed at one time, using the same mixture throughout.

5. “Owner” means the person owning the fee title to property abutting any sidewalk and includes any contract purchaser for purposes of notification required herein. For all other purposes, “owner” includes the lessee, if any.

6. “Portland cement” means any type of cement except bituminous cement.

7. “Sidewalk” means all permanent public walks in business, residential or suburban areas.

8. “Sidewalk improvements” means the construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement or removal, of a public sidewalk and/or the excavating, filling or depositing of material in the public right-of-way in connection therewith.

9. “Wood float finish” means a sidewalk finish that is made by smoothing the surface of the sidewalk with a wooden trowel.

**136.03 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE AND ACCUMULATIONS.** It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2b & e])*

**136.04 RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE.** It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to repair, replace or reconstruct, or cause to be repaired, replaced or reconstructed, all broken or defective sidewalks and to maintain in a safe and hazard-free condition any sidewalk outside the lot and property lines and inside the curb lines or traveled portion of the public street.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2c])*

**136.05 CITY MAY ORDER REPAIRS.** If the abutting property owner does not maintain sidewalks as required, the Council may serve notice on such owner, by certified mail, requiring the owner to repair, replace or reconstruct sidewalks within a reasonable time and if such action is not completed within the time stated in the notice, the Council may require the work to be done and



assess the costs against the abutting property for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2d & e])*

**136.06 SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ORDERED.** The Council may order the construction of permanent sidewalks upon any street or court in the City and may specially assess the cost of such improvement to abutting property owners in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 384 of the *Code of Iowa*.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.38)*

**136.07 GAPS IN SIDEWALK; SERVICE OF NOTICE.** Whenever non-sidewalk lots create a gap in an area of the City where sidewalks generally exist, or whenever other compelling circumstances require the installation of a sidewalk where none has previously existed, the City Council may require the installation of sidewalks by the owner or owners of the lots without sidewalks. Whenever the Council shall, in accordance with the provisions of this section, order any permanent sidewalk to be built, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to prepare a notice of said requirement and to serve, by certified mail, a copy of the notice of said order on the owner or owners of each of said lots or parts of lots or tracts of land fronting, abutting or lying along said contemplated improvement. The notice and return shall be filed with the Clerk and by him/her preserved among the records of the City. When it has reported that no one is found upon whom such service can be made, the said notice shall be published at least once in one of the newspapers published in the City and shall require the owner of said lot, lots, part of lot or pieces of ground to construct such sidewalk within the time so ordered by the Council, and that if the owner shall fail to do so, the same will be done at the owner's cost as provided in this chapter; and such publication made after such return by the officer attempting to serve such notice shall in all cases be sufficient service upon such owner.

**136.08 PERMIT REQUIRED.** No person shall remove, reconstruct or install a sidewalk unless such person has obtained a permit from the City and has agreed in writing that said removal, reconstruction or installation will comply with all ordinances and requirements of the City for such work.

**136.09 SIDEWALK STANDARDS.** Sidewalks installed, maintained, repaired, replaced or constructed under the provisions of this chapter shall be of the following construction and meet the following standards:

1. Cement. Portland cement shall be the only cement used in the construction and repair of sidewalks.
2. Construction. Sidewalks shall be of one-course construction.

3. Sidewalk Base. Concrete may be placed directly on compact and well-drained soil. Where soil is not well drained, a three (3) inch subbase of compact, clean, coarse gravel or sand shall be laid. The adequacy of the soil drainage is to be determined by the City.
4. Sidewalk Bed. The sidewalk bed shall be so graded that the constructed sidewalk will be at established grade.
5. Length, Width and Depth. Length, width and depth requirements are as follows:
  - A. Residential sidewalks shall be at least four (4) feet wide and four (4) inches thick, and each section shall be no more than six (6) feet in length.
  - B. Business District sidewalks shall extend from the property line to the curb. Each section shall be four (4) inches thick and no more than six (6) feet in length.
  - C. Driveway areas shall be not less than six (6) inches in thickness.
6. Location. Residential sidewalks shall be located with the inner edge (edge nearest the abutting private property) one foot from the property line and shall be installed for the full length of the property line, unless the Council establishes a different distance due to special circumstances.
7. Grade. Curb tops shall be on level with the centerline of the street which shall be the established grade, unless the sidewalk official or Council establishes a different grade due to circumstances.
8. Elevations. The street edge of a sidewalk shall be at an elevation even with the curb at the curb or not less than one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) inch above the curb for each foot between the curb and the sidewalk.
9. Slope. All sidewalks shall slope one-quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) inch per foot toward the curb.
10. Finish. All sidewalks shall be finished with a “broom” or “wood float” finish.
11. Curb Ramps and Sloped Areas for Persons with Disabilities. If a street, road, or highway is newly built or reconstructed, a curb ramp or sloped area shall be constructed or installed at each intersection of the street, road, or highway with a sidewalk or path. If a sidewalk or path is newly built or reconstructed, a curb ramp or sloped area shall be constructed or installed at each intersection of the sidewalk or path with a street, highway, or road. Curb ramps and sloped areas that are required

pursuant to this subsection shall be constructed or installed in compliance with applicable Federal requirements adopted in accordance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, including (but not limited to) the guidelines issued by the Federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 216C.9)*

**136.10 BARRICADES AND WARNING LIGHTS.** Whenever any material of any kind is deposited on any street, avenue, highway, passageway or alley when sidewalk improvements are being made or when any sidewalk is in a dangerous condition, it shall be the duty of all persons having an interest therein, either as the contractor or the owner, agent, or lessee of the property in front of or along which such material may be deposited, or such dangerous condition exists, to put in conspicuous places at each end of such sidewalk and at each end of any pile of material deposited in the street, a sufficient number of approved warning lights or flares, and to keep them lighted during the entire night and to erect sufficient barricades both at night and in the daytime to secure the same. The party or parties using the street for any of the purposes specified in this chapter shall be liable for all injuries or damage to persons or property arising from any wrongful act or negligence of the party or parties, or their agents or employees or for any misuse of the privileges conferred by this chapter or of any failure to comply with provisions hereof.

**136.11 FAILURE TO REPAIR OR BARRICADE.** It is the duty of the owner of the property abutting the sidewalk, or the owner's contractor or agent, to notify the City immediately in the event of failure or inability to make necessary sidewalk improvements, including construction or installation, or to install or erect necessary barricades as required by this chapter.

**136.12 INTERFERENCE WITH SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS.** No person shall knowingly or willfully drive any vehicle upon any portion of any sidewalk or approach thereto while in the process of being improved or upon any portion of any completed sidewalk or approach thereto, or shall remove or destroy any part or all of any sidewalk or approach thereto, or shall remove, destroy, mar or deface any sidewalk at any time or destroy, mar, remove or deface any notice provided by this chapter.

**136.13 AWNINGS.** It is unlawful for a person to erect or maintain any awning over any sidewalk unless all parts of the awning are elevated at least eight (8) feet above the surface of the sidewalk and the roof or covering is made of duck, canvas or other suitable material supported by iron frames or brackets securely fastened to the building, without any posts or other device that will obstruct the sidewalk or hinder or interfere with the free passage of pedestrians.

**136.14 ENCROACHING STEPS.** It is unlawful for a person to erect or maintain any stairs or steps to any building upon any part of any sidewalk without permission by resolution of the Council.

**136.15 OPENINGS AND ENCLOSURES.** It is unlawful for a person to:

1. Stairs and Railings. Construct or build a stairway or passageway to any cellar or basement by occupying any part of the sidewalk, or to enclose any portion of a sidewalk with a railing without permission by resolution of the Council.
2. Openings. Keep open any cellar door, grating or cover to any vault on any sidewalk except while in actual use with adequate guards to protect the public.
3. Protect Openings. Neglect to properly protect or barricade all openings on or within six (6) feet of any sidewalk.

**136.16 FIRES OR FUELS ON SIDEWALKS.** It is unlawful for a person to make a fire of any kind on any sidewalk or to place or allow any fuel to remain upon any sidewalk.

**136.17 DEFACING.** It is unlawful for a person to scatter or place any paste, paint or writing on any sidewalk.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 716.1)*

**136.18 DEBRIS ON SIDEWALKS.** It is unlawful for a person to throw or deposit on any sidewalk any glass, nails, glass bottle, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, or any other debris, or any substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 [2])*

**136.19 MERCHANDISE DISPLAY.** It is unlawful for a person to place upon or above any sidewalk, any goods or merchandise for sale or for display in such a manner as to interfere with the free and uninterrupted passage of pedestrians on the sidewalk; in no case shall more than two (2) feet of the sidewalk next to the building be occupied for such purposes.

**136.20 SALES STANDS.** It is unlawful for a person to erect or keep any vending machine or stand for the sale of fruit, vegetables or other substances or commodities on any sidewalk without first obtaining a written permit from the Council.

**136.21 SIDEWALK INSPECTOR.** A sidewalk official shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this chapter. The sidewalk official shall be appointed by the Mayor or his designee.

*(Ch. 136 – Ord. 285-18 – Nov. 18 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 137

### VACATION AND DISPOSAL OF STREETS

137.01 Power to Vacate  
137.02 Notice of Vacation Hearing  
137.03 Findings Required

137.04 Disposal of Vacated Streets or Alleys  
137.05 Disposal by Gift Limited

**137.01 POWER TO VACATE.** When, in the judgment of the Council, it would be in the best interest of the City to vacate a street, alley, portion thereof or any public grounds, the Council may do so by ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 [2a])*

**137.02 NOTICE OF VACATION HEARING.** The Council shall cause to be published a notice of public hearing of the time at which the proposal to vacate shall be considered.

**137.03 FINDINGS REQUIRED.** No street, alley, portion thereof or any public grounds shall be vacated unless the Council finds that:

1. Public Use. The street, alley, portion thereof or any public ground proposed to be vacated is not needed for the use of the public, and therefore, its maintenance at public expense is no longer justified.
2. Abutting Property. The proposed vacation will not deny owners of property abutting on the street or alley reasonable access to their property.

**137.04 DISPOSAL OF VACATED STREETS OR ALLEYS.** When in the judgment of the Council it would be in the best interest of the City to dispose of a vacated street or alley, portion thereof or public ground, the Council may do so in accordance with the provisions of Section 364.7, Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.7)*

**137.05 DISPOSAL BY GIFT LIMITED.** The City may not dispose of real property by gift except to a governmental body for a public purpose.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.7[3])*

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## STREET GRADES

### 138.02 Record Maintained

**138.02 RECORD MAINTAINED.** The Clerk shall maintain a record of all established grades and furnish information concerning such grades upon request.

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## CHAPTER 139

### NAMING OF STREETS

139.01 Naming New Streets  
139.02 Changing Name of Street  
139.03 Recording Street Names

139.04 Official Street Name Map  
139.05 Revision of Street Name Map

**139.01 NAMING NEW STREETS.** New streets shall be assigned names in accordance with the following:

1. Extension of Existing Street. Streets added to the City that are natural extensions of existing streets shall be assigned the name of the existing street.
2. Resolution. All street names, except streets named as a part of a subdivision or platting procedure, shall be named by resolution.

**139.02 CHANGING NAME OF STREET.** The Council may, by resolution, change the name of a street.

**139.03 RECORDING STREET NAMES.** Following official action naming or changing the name of a street, the Clerk shall file a copy thereof with the County Recorder, County Auditor and County Assessor.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 354.26)*

**139.04 OFFICIAL STREET NAME MAP.** Streets within the City are named as shown on the Official Street Name Map which is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this chapter. The Official Street Name Map shall be identified by the signature of the Mayor, and bearing the seal of the City under the following words: "This is to certify that this is the Official Street Name Map referred to in Section 139.04 of the Code of Ordinances of Grand Mound, Iowa."

**139.05 REVISION OF STREET NAME MAP.** If in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, changes are made in street names, such changes shall be entered on the Official Street Name Map promptly after the change has been approved by the Council with an entry on the Official Street Name Map as follows: "On (date), by official action of the City Council, the following changes were made in the Official Street Name Map: (brief description)," which entry shall be signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

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## CHAPTER 140

### CONTROLLED ACCESS FACILITIES

140.01 Exercise of Police Power  
140.02 Definition  
140.03 Right of Access Limited

140.04 Access Controls Imposed  
140.05 Unlawful Use of Controlled Access Facility  
140.06 Permitted Access Points

**140.01 EXERCISE OF POLICE POWER.** This chapter shall be deemed an exercise of the police power of the City under Chapter 306A, Code of Iowa, for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and for the promotion of the general welfare.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 306A.1)*

**140.02 DEFINITION.** The term “controlled access facility” means a highway or street especially designed for through traffic, and over, from or to which owners or occupants of abutting land or other persons have no right or easement or only a controlled right or easement of access, light, air or view by reason of the fact that their property abuts upon such controlled access facility or for any other reason.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 306A.2)*

**140.03 RIGHT OF ACCESS LIMITED.** No person has any right of ingress or egress to or from abutting lands onto or across any controlled access facility, except at such designated points at which access is permitted.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 306A.4)*

**140.04 ACCESS CONTROLS IMPOSED.** There are hereby fixed and established controlled access facilities within the City, described as follows:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 306A.3)*

1. Project No. FN147. On the Primary Road System extension improvement, Project No. FN147, Primary Road No. U.S. 30, within the City, described as follows:

From Station 728+46.0 to Station 736+67.0

regulating access to and from abutting properties along said highway all in accordance with the plans for such improvement identified as Project No. FN147, on file in the office of the Clerk.

**140.05 UNLAWFUL USE OF CONTROLLED ACCESS FACILITY.** It is unlawful for any person to:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 306A.3 and 321.366)*

1. Cross Dividing Line. Drive a vehicle over, upon or across any curb, central dividing section, or other separation or dividing line on such controlled access facilities.
2. Turns. Make a left turn or a semicircular or U-turn except through an opening provided for that purpose in the dividing curb section, separation or line.
3. Use of Lanes. Drive any vehicle except in the proper lane provided for that purpose and in the proper direction and to the right of the central dividing curb, separation, section or line.
4. Enter Facility. Drive any vehicle into the controlled access facility from a local service road except through an opening provided for that purpose in the dividing curb or dividing section or dividing line which separates such service road from the controlled access facility property.
5. Signs on Public Property. No signboards will be allowed on public property along said highway.
6. Signs on Private Property. No signboards will be allowed on private property when such signboards will obstruct the view of any portion of the public highway or street or railroad track.

**140.06 PERMITTED ACCESS POINTS.** Points of access are hereby permitted as follows:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 306A.4)*

1. Project No. FN147. The compiled list furnished by the Iowa Highway Commission of drives and entrances provided for access under the improvement specified as Project No. FN147 is hereby recorded as follows:

STATION	WIDTH	PURPOSE
730+41 – right side	41 feet	Commercial
734+25 – right side	24 feet	Field entrance

## CHAPTER 141

# CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES

141.01 Purpose  
141.02 Level of Service  
141.03 Design Criteria

141.04 Paved Routes  
141.05 Unpaved Roads  
141.06 Bridges and Drainage Structures

**141.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the City of Grand Mound's policy for the construction of roads, reconstruction of roads, construction of bridges, reconstruction of bridges and other roadway and drainage features associated with road and bridge construction.

**141.02 LEVEL OF SERVICE.** The level of service shall be based on traffic counts, pavement type, roadway geometrics and other data used in accepted engineering design as established by the City Engineer, Iowa Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

**141.03 DESIGN CRITERIA.** In implementation, this policy shall set the minimum design standards that the City of Grand Mound will follow in the construction or reconstruction of roads and bridges. These criteria shall be based on accepted engineering practices and standards established by the Iowa Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

The City Engineer shall assure the minimum design standards established herein are adhered to in a uniform manner unless, in his or her professional judgment, a deviation from standards is warranted. Minimum design standards are not subject to discretionary enforcement. Any deviations must be documented as unreasonable and or impossible to implement by the City Engineer and/or the City Council.

### **141.04 PAVED ROUTES.**

#### **1. New Pavement.**

A. New pavement shall be constructed with a 24' wide pavement and granular shoulders. Intersections with non-paved roads shall have pavement extended back onto the intersecting road 50' beyond the end of the intersection radius.

(1) Residential streets for a curbed street will be 31' back to back of curb.

B. Paved shoulders and edge line rumble strips shall be constructed if crash data warrants based on accepted HSIP and TSIP cost/benefit analysis.

C. Concrete rumble strip panels shall be installed on all approach stop situations.

D. Concrete pavement will be the first choice for pavement provided clear zone and shoulder widths can be maintained by design requirements.

2. Reconstruction of Pavement.

A. Paved roads shall be reconstructed with a 24' wide pavement or to the previous pavement width, whichever is greater with granular shoulders.

(1) Residential streets for a curbed street will be 31' back to back of curb.

B. Concrete rumble strip panels shall be installed on all approach stop situations.

C. Concrete pavement will be the first choice for pavement provided clear zone and shoulder widths can be maintained by design requirements.

**141.05 UNPAVED ROADS.**

1. Gravel Roads.

A. New construction of a gravel road shall have a 28' finished top, including shoulders.

B. Reconstruction of a gravel road shall be to the previous width prior to reconstruction.

2. Class B and C Roads.

A. Class B and C roads will be built to the minimums as outlined by Iowa Code.

**141.06 BRIDGES AND DRAINAGE STRUCTURES.**

1. Paved Routes.

A. Bridges on paved routes shall be built with a minimum width of 30'. Wider structures will be installed when there are issues relating to oversized vehicles, pedestrian facilities, biking usage or other issues where the additional width is felt to be warranted.



- B. Culverts under paved roads shall be concrete.
  - C. Pipe culverts larger than 54" in diameter may be substituted with reinforced concrete box culverts.
  - D. Design for drainage structures will be governed by accepted hydraulic design standards. Input from IDNR, Corp of Engineers, Iowa DOT, NRCS, or USGS may impact the size and type of the structure to be placed.
  - E. Water and livestock will use separate structures whenever possible.
2. Unpaved Routes.
- A. Bridges will normally be a minimum of 24' on gravel roads. Dead end roads may be narrower at the discretion of the City Engineer.
  - B. Culverts may be metal or concrete. Pipe culverts larger than 54" in diameter may be substituted with reinforced box culverts.
  - C. Design for drainage structures will be governed by accepted hydraulic design standards. Input from IDNR, Corp of Engineers, Iowa DOT, NRCS, or USGS may impact the size and type of the structure to be placed.
  - D. Water and livestock will use separate structures whenever possible.
3. Class B and C Roads. Class B and C roads will be built to the minimums as outlined by Iowa Code.
4. Entrance Bridges. Any and all bridges/drainage structures that are fully or partially in the road right-of-way that serve as entrances to private property from the public roadway shall be considered the jurisdiction and responsibility of the City. If a structure does not sit fully or partially in the road right-of way it will be considered a private structure and not under the jurisdiction of the City.

*(Ch. 141 – Ord. 274-15 – Oct. 15 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 145

### DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

145.01 Enforcement Officer  
145.02 General Definition of Unsafe  
145.03 Unsafe Building  
145.04 Notice to Owner

145.05 Conduct of Hearing  
145.06 Posting of Signs  
145.07 Right to Demolish  
145.08 Costs

**145.01 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.** The Clerk is responsible for the enforcement of this chapter.

**145.02 GENERAL DEFINITION OF UNSAFE.** All buildings or structures which are structurally unsafe or not provided with adequate egress, or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life, or which in relation to existing use constitute a hazard to safety or health, or public welfare, by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, or abandonment, are, for the purpose of this chapter, unsafe buildings. All such unsafe buildings are hereby declared to be public nuisances and shall be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal in accordance with the procedure specified in this chapter.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657A.1 & 364.12[3a])*

**145.03 UNSAFE BUILDING.** “Unsafe building” means any structure or mobile home meeting any or all of the following criteria:

1. Various Inadequacies. Whenever the building or structure, or any portion thereof, because of (a) dilapidation, deterioration, or decay; (b) faulty construction; (c) the removal, movement or instability of any portion of the ground necessary for the purpose of supporting such building; (d) the deterioration, decay or inadequacy of its foundation; or (e) any other cause, is likely to partially or completely collapse.
2. Manifestly Unsafe. Whenever, for any reason, the building or structure, or any portion thereof, is manifestly unsafe for the purpose for which it is being used.
3. Inadequate Maintenance. Whenever a building or structure, used or intended to be used for dwelling purposes, because of dilapidation, decay, damage, faulty construction, or otherwise, is determined by any health officer to be unsanitary, unfit for human habitation or in such condition that it is likely to cause sickness or disease.

4. Fire Hazard. Whenever any building or structure, because of dilapidated condition, deterioration, damage, or other cause, is determined by the Fire Marshal or Fire Chief to be a fire hazard.

5. Abandoned. Whenever any portion of a building or structure remains on a site after the demolition or destruction of the building or structure or whenever any building or structure is abandoned for a period in excess of six (6) months so as to constitute such building or portion thereof an attractive nuisance or hazard to the public.

**145.04 NOTICE TO OWNER.** The enforcement officer shall examine or cause to be examined every building or structure or portion thereof reported as dangerous or damaged and, if such is found to be an unsafe building as defined in this chapter, the enforcement officer shall give to the owner of such building or structure written notice stating the defects thereof. This notice may require the owner or person in charge of the building or premises, within forty-eight (48) hours or such reasonable time as the circumstances require, to commence either the required repairs or improvements or demolition and removal of the building or structure or portions thereof, and all such work shall be completed within ninety (90) days from date of notice, unless otherwise stipulated by the enforcement officer. If necessary, such notice shall also require the building, structure, or portion thereof to be vacated forthwith and not reoccupied until the required repairs and improvements are completed, inspected and approved by the enforcement officer.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 [3h])*

1. Notice Served. Such notice shall be served by sending by certified mail to the owner of record, according to Section 364.12[3h] of the Code of Iowa, if the owner is found within the City limits. If the owner is not found within the City limits such service may be made upon the owner by registered mail or certified mail. The designated period within which said owner or person in charge is required to comply with the order of the enforcement officer shall begin as of the date the owner receives such notice.

2. Hearing. Such notice shall also advise the owner that he or she may request a hearing before the Council on the notice by filing a written request for hearing within the time provided in the notice.

**145.05 CONDUCT OF HEARING.** If requested, the Council shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the following:

1. Notice. The owner shall be served with written notice specifying the date, time and place of hearing.

2. Owner's Rights. At the hearing, the owner may appear and show cause why the alleged nuisance shall not be abated.
3. Determination. The Council shall make and record findings of fact and may issue such order as it deems appropriate.<sup>†</sup>

**145.06 POSTING OF SIGNS.** The enforcement officer shall cause to be posted at each entrance to such building a notice to read: "DO NOT ENTER. UNSAFE TO OCCUPY. CITY OF GRAND MOUND, IOWA." Such notice shall remain posted until the required repairs, demolition, or removal are completed. Such notice shall not be removed without written permission of the enforcement officer and no person shall enter the building except for the purpose of making the required repairs or of demolishing the building.

**145.07 RIGHT TO DEMOLISH.** In case the owner fails, neglects, or refuses to comply with the notice to repair, rehabilitate, or to demolish and remove the building or structure or portion thereof, the Council may order the owner of the building prosecuted as a violator of the provisions of this chapter and may order the enforcement officer to proceed with the work specified in such notice. A statement of the cost of such work shall be transmitted to the Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3h])*

**145.08 COSTS.** Costs incurred under Section 145.07 shall be paid out of the City treasury. Such costs shall be charged to the owner of the premises involved and levied as a special assessment against the land on which the building or structure is located, and shall be certified to the County Treasurer for collection in the manner provided for other taxes.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3h])*

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<sup>†</sup> **EDITOR'S NOTE:** Suggested forms of notice and of a resolution and order of the Council for the administration of this chapter are provided in the APPENDIX to this Code of Ordinances. Caution is urged in the use of this procedure. We recommend you review the situation with your attorney before initiating procedures and follow his or her recommendation carefully.

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## CHAPTER 146

### MANUFACTURED AND MOBILE HOMES

146.01 Definitions

146.02 Conversion to Real Property

146.03 Foundation Requirements

146.04 Mobile Home Park Approval Required

146.05 Inspection of Plans

146.06 Location Within City Restricted

146.07 Water and Sewer Connections

**146.01 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter the following terms are defined:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 435.1)*

1. “Manufactured home” means a factory-built structure, built under the authority of 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5403, which was constructed on or after June 15, 1976, and is required by Federal law to display a seal from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. “Manufactured home community” means any site, lot, field or tract of land under common ownership upon which ten or more occupied manufactured homes are harbored, either free of charge or for revenue purposes, and includes any building, structure, or enclosure used or intended for use as part of the equipment of the manufactured home community.
3. “Mobile home” means any vehicle without motive power used or so manufactured or constructed as to permit its being used as a conveyance upon the public streets and highways and so designed, constructed or reconstructed as will permit the vehicle to be used as a place for human habitation by one or more persons; but also includes any such vehicle with motive power not registered as a motor vehicle in Iowa. A mobile home means any such vehicle built before June 15, 1976, which was not built to a mandatory building code and which contains no State or Federal seals.
4. “Mobile home park” means any site, lot, field or tract of land upon which three (3) or more mobile homes or manufactured homes, or a combination of any of these homes, are placed on developed spaces and operated as a for-profit enterprise with water, sewer or septic, and electrical services available.

The term “manufactured home community” or “mobile home park” is not to be construed to include manufactured or mobile homes, buildings, tents or other structures temporarily maintained by any individual, educational institution or company on their own premises and used exclusively to house their own labor

or students. The manufactured home community or mobile home park shall meet the requirements of any zoning regulations that are in effect.

**146.02 CONVERSION TO REAL PROPERTY.** A mobile home or manufactured home which is located outside a manufactured home community or mobile home park shall be converted to real estate by being placed on a permanent foundation and shall be assessed for real estate taxes except in the following cases:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 435.26 & Sec. 435.35)*

1. **Retailer's Stock.** Mobile homes or manufactured homes on private property as part of a retailer's or a manufacturer's stock not used as a place for human habitation.
2. **Existing Homes.** A taxable mobile home or manufactured home which is located outside of a manufactured home community or mobile home park as of January 1, 1995, shall be assessed and taxed as real estate, but is exempt from the permanent foundation requirement of this chapter until the home is relocated.

**146.03 FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS.** A mobile home or manufactured home located outside of a manufactured home community or mobile home park shall be placed on a permanent frost-free foundation system which meets the support and anchorage requirements as recommended by the manufacturer or required by the State Building Code. The foundation system must be visually compatible with permanent foundation systems of surrounding residential structures. Any such home shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the State Building Code.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 103A.10 & 414.28)*

**146.04 MOBILE HOME PARK APPROVAL REQUIRED.** Any person desiring to construct a mobile home park or manufactured home community within the City limits shall first receive approval from the Council. Requests for approval shall be accompanied by a plat and other documents, to be filed in duplicate, showing the following information:

1. The name and address of the applicant.
2. A legal description of the mobile home park or manufactured home community area and extent of area to be used for mobile home park or manufactured home community purposes.
3. The location and legal description of the mobile home park or manufactured home community.
4. Location and site of mobile home or manufactured home lots.
5. Location, number and type of service buildings.



6. Plans and specifications of all other buildings and improvements constructed or to be constructed within the mobile home park or manufactured home community.
7. Method and plan of sewage disposal.
8. Public water supply taps and facilities.
9. Method and plan of garbage disposal.
10. Plan of electric lighting including the location of exterior park lights and the electric facilities provided for mobile homes or manufactured homes.
11. Drainage facilities.

**146.05 INSPECTION OF PLANS.** The Council shall inspect the proposed plans. If it is found that the proposed mobile home park or manufactured home community will be in compliance with all provisions of this chapter and all other applicable ordinances or statutes, the request to construct the mobile home park or manufactured home community shall be approved.

**146.06 LOCATION WITHIN CITY RESTRICTED.** No mobile home park or manufactured home community shall be located within the limits of the City except in restricted residence areas allowed by the City's building and land use regulations.

**146.07 WATER AND SEWER CONNECTIONS.** No mobile home park or manufactured home community shall be located in the City unless it has City water available to it and unless it is connected with the City's sanitary sewer system, if available, or proper sanitary facilities if sewer connection is not available.

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## CHAPTER 150

### BUILDING NUMBERING

#### 150.01 Definitions

#### 150.02 Owner Requirements

#### 150.03 Building Numbering Map

**150.01 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. “Owner” means the owner of the principal building.
2. “Principal building” means the main building on any lot or subdivision thereof.

**150.02 OWNER REQUIREMENTS.** Every owner shall comply with the following numbering requirements:

1. Obtain Building Number. The owner shall obtain the assigned number to the principal building from the Clerk.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3d])*

2. Display Building Number. The owner shall place or cause to be installed and maintained on the principal building the assigned number in a conspicuous place to the street in figures not less than two and one-half (2½) inches in height and of a contrasting color with their background.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3d])*

3. Failure to Comply. If an owner refuses to number a building as herein provided, or fails to do so for a period of thirty (30) days after being notified in writing by the City to do so, the City may proceed to place the assigned number on the principal building and assess the costs against the property for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3h])*

**150.03 BUILDING NUMBERING MAP.** The Clerk shall be responsible for preparing and maintaining a building numbering map.

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## CHAPTER 151

### TREES

151.01 Purpose	151.10 Tree Topping
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151.07 Distance From Street Corners	151.16 Arborist's Bond
151.08 Utilities	151.17 Violation
151.09 Public Tree Care	151.18 Emergencies

**151.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to promote and protect the public health, safety and general welfare by providing for the regulations of the planting, maintenance and removal of trees, shrubs and other plants within the City.

**151.02 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined.

1. “Parking” means that part of the street, avenue or highway in the City not covered by the sidewalk and lying between the lot line and the curb line; or, on unpaved streets, that part of the street, avenue or highway lying between the lot line and that portion of the street usually traveled by vehicle traffic.
2. “Street tree” or “tree” means a tree in the public place except where otherwise indicated. Trees located within parkings are street trees.

**151.03 OFFICIAL STREET TREE SPECIES.** The following list constitutes the official street tree species for the City. This does not mean it is complete or will remain unchanged; however, it provides a broad selection of trees that show promise as tough, attractive additions to the City landscape. No species other than these may be planted as street trees without written permission of the Community Tree Consultant.

SMALL TREES	MEDIUM TREES	LARGE TREES
Crabapple Flowering Crab Hornbeam Hophornbeam Amur Corktree Amur Maple Red Bud Serviceberry Japanese Tree Lilac Japanese Pagoda Tree Hawthorn	Little Leaf Linden Redmond Linden Thornless Honey Locust	Ginkgo White Oak Red Oak Black Oak Swamp White Oak Basswood Sycamore Hackberry Green Ash (seedless) Maples (hard) White Ash
Where: Small      = mature height less than 25 feet (as a rule, must be trained to tree form) Medium    = mature height 25 to 40 feet Large      = mature height greater than 40 feet		

No species other than those included in this list may be planted without written permission of the Community Tree Consultant. All trees planted within City parkings shall be a minimum of one and one-quarter (1¼) inches in caliper or larger at the base and a minimum of four (4) feet tall or larger in height. Trees must meet the American Standard for Nursery Stock.

**151.04 PROHIBITED TREES.** The following list includes trees that are not allowed to be planted on City parkings:

Boxelder	Siberian Elm	Chinese Elm
Cottonwood	White Poplar	Lombardy Poplar
Boileana Poplar	Willows	Tree of Heaven
American Elm	Silver Maple	Catalpa
Black Locust	Russian Olive	Weeping Birch
Crimson King Maple	Mulberry	Pin Oak
White Birch	Paper Birch	Mountain Ash
Hybrid Poplar		

For safety considerations, no conifers or evergreens should be planted between the sidewalk and the curb of any City street.

**151.05 SPACING.** The spacing of street trees shall be in accordance with the three (3) species size classes listed in Section 151.03 of this chapter, and no trees may be planted closer together than the following: small trees, 30 feet; medium trees, 40 feet; large trees, 50 feet – except in special plantings approved by the City Tree Board.

**151.06 DISTANCE FROM CURB AND SIDEWALK.** The distance trees may be planted from curbs or curb lines and sidewalks shall be in accordance with the three (3) species size classes listed in Section 151.03 of this chapter, and no trees may be planted closer to any curb or sidewalk than the following: small trees, 2 feet; medium trees, 3 feet; and large trees, 4 feet. No trees shall be planted where the width of the parking is less than three (3) feet.

**151.07 DISTANCE FROM STREET CORNERS.** No street tree shall be planted closer than twenty (20) feet from any street corner, measured from the point of nearest intersecting curbs or curb lines.

**151.08 UTILITIES.** No street trees other than those species listed as small trees in Section 151.03 may be planted under or within ten (10) lateral feet of any overhead electrical wire, or over or within five (5) lateral feet of any underground water line, sewer, transmission line or other utility.

**151.09 PUBLIC TREE CARE.** The City and Iowa Electric Light & Power Company shall have the right to plant, prune, maintain and remove trees, plants and shrubs within the lines of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares and public grounds, as may be necessary to insure public safety or to preserve or enhance the symmetry and beauty of such public grounds. The City Tree Board may remove or cause or order to be removed any tree or shrub or part thereof which is in an unsafe condition or which by reason of its nature is injurious to sewers, gas lines, water lines or other public improvements, or is affected with any injurious fungus, insect or other pest, or which obstructs view of traffic. This section does not prohibit the planting of street trees by adjacent property owners providing that the selection and location of said trees is in accordance with Sections 151.03 through 151.08 of this chapter.

**151.10 TREE TOPPING.** It is unlawful as a normal practice for any person or City department to top any street tree, park tree or other tree on public property. Topping is defined as the severe cutting back of limbs to stubs larger than three inches in diameter within the tree's crown to such a degree so as to remove the normal canopy and disfigure the tree. Trees severely damaged by storms or other causes, or certain trees under utility wires or other obstructions where other pruning practices are impractical, may be exempted from this section at the determination of the City Tree Board. The tree trimming and tree topping conducted by the employees of the Iowa Electric Light & Power Company shall be exempt from this section.

**151.11 PRUNING; CORNER CLEARANCE.** The owner or agent of the abutting property shall keep the trees on or overhanging the street trimmed so that all branches will be at least fifteen (15) feet above the surface of the street and eight (8) feet above the sidewalks. If the abutting property owner fails to trim the trees as required in this chapter, the City may serve notice on the abutting property owner requiring that such action be taken within sixty (60) days. If such action is not taken within that time, the City may perform the required action and assess the costs against the abutting property for collection in the same manner as a property tax. No person shall plant, remove, cut above the ground or disturb any tree on any street, park or other public place without first filing an application and procuring a permit from the Community Tree

Consultant. The person receiving the permit shall abide by the standards set forth in this chapter.

**151.12 REMOVAL OF DEAD OR DISEASED TREES.** The City has the right to cause the removal of any dead or diseased trees on private property within the City when such trees constitute a hazard to life and property, or harbor insects or diseases which constitute a potential threat to other trees within the City. The City Tree Board shall notify in writing the owners of such trees. Removal shall be done by said owners at their own expense within sixty (60) days after the date of service of notice. In the event of failure of owners to comply with such provisions, the City shall have the authority to remove such trees and charge the cost of removal on the owner's property tax notice.

**151.13 PROCEDURE UPON ORDER TO PRESERVE OR REMOVE.** When the City finds it necessary to order the trimming, preservation or removal of trees or plants upon private property, as authorized in Section 151.12, it shall serve a written order to correct the dangerous condition upon the owner, operator, occupant or other person responsible for its existence.

1. Method of Service. The order required herein shall be served in one of the following ways:
  - A. By making person delivery of the order to the person responsible.
  - B. By leaving the order with some person of suitable age and discretion upon the premises.
  - C. By affixing a copy of the order to the door of the entrance of the premises in violation.
  - D. By mailing a copy of the order to last known address of the owner of the premises, by registered mail.
  - E. By publishing a copy of the order in a local paper once a week for three successive weeks.
2. Time for Compliance. The order required herein shall set forth a time limit for compliance, dependent upon the hazard and danger created by the violation. In cases of extreme danger to persons or public property, the City shall have the authority to require compliance immediately upon service of the order, or remove the hazard at City cost without right of appeal.
3. Appeal From Order. A person to whom an order hereunder is directed shall have the right, within 24 hours of the service of each order, to appeal to the Council, who shall review such order within 30 days and file its decision thereon. Unless the order is revoked or modified, it shall



remain in full force and be obeyed by the person to whom directed. No person to whom an order is directed shall fail to comply with such order within three days after an appeal shall have been determined.

4. Failure to Comply. When a person to whom an order is directed shall fail to comply within the specified time, the City shall remedy the condition or contract with others for such purpose and charge the cost thereof to the person to whom the order is directed. The person remedying a condition under a contract made hereunder shall be authorized to enter premises for that purpose.

5. Special Assessment. If the cost of remedying a condition is not paid within 30 days after receipt of a statement therefor from the City, such cost shall be levied against the property upon which said hazard exists as a special assessment. The levying of such assessment shall not affect the liability of the person to whom the order is directed to fine and imprisonment as herein provided. Such special assessment shall be certified by the City to the County Treasurer and shall thereupon become and be a lien upon such property, shall be included in the next tax bill rendered to the owner or owners thereof unless paid before, and shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes against such property.

**151.14 REMOVAL OF STUMPS.** All stumps of street and park trees shall be removed below the surface of the ground so that the top of the stump does not project above the surface of the ground.

**151.15 ABUSE OR MUTILATION OF TREES.** No person shall:

1. Damage, cut, carve, transplant or injure the bark of street or park trees.
2. Remove any healthy street or park tree or plant without the approval of the City Tree Board.
3. Attach any rope, wire or other contrivance to any street or park tree or plant.
4. Dig in or otherwise disturb, injure or impair the root systems of street or park trees.
5. Cause or permit any wire charged with electricity to come in contact with street or park trees or plant or allow any gaseous, liquid or solid substance which is harmful to such trees or plants to come in contact with them.

**151.16 ARBORIST'S BOND.** It is unlawful for any person to engage in the business of trimming, pruning, spraying or otherwise treating trees or shrubs within the City without first filing evidence of possession of liability insurance

in the minimum amounts of \$300,000 for bodily injury or death and \$100,000 property damage indemnifying the City or any person injured or damaged resulting from the pursuit of such endeavor as herein described.

**151.17 VIOLATION.** Each day that a violation by any person of the provisions of this chapter is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense, except when under appeal.

**151.18 EMERGENCIES.** The City shall, by resolution, declare a state of emergency in the event of storm, disaster, tree disease or other cause and order the removal of trees, fallen limbs or debris at City cost and expense.

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## CHAPTER 155

### BUILDING AND LAND USE REGULATIONS

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**155.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide and establish reasonable rules and regulations for the erection, reconstruction and exterior alteration of buildings of all kinds, as well as the use and occupancy of such buildings to promote the health, morals, safety and general welfare in the City.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.1)*

**155.02 BUILDING OFFICIAL.** The Mayor shall appoint a Building Official, who shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

**155.03 PERMIT REQUIRED.** No building or other structure shall be erected, altered, used or occupied within the City without first receiving a permit therefor.

**155.04 APPLICATION.** Application shall be made in writing, filed with the Building Official and contain the following information:

1. Name. The name and address of the applicant.
2. Location. The street address and full legal description of the property.
3. Proposed Work. The nature of work proposed to be done.
4. Use. The use for which the structure is or will be used.
5. Plans. Application for permits shall be accompanied by such drawings of the proposed work, drawn to scale, including such floor plans, sections, elevations, and structural details, as the Building Official may require.

6. Plot Diagram. There shall also be filed a plot diagram in a form and size suitable for filing permanently with the permit record, drawn to scale, with all dimensions figured, showing accurately the size and exact location of all proposed new construction or, in the case of demolition, of such construction as is to be demolished and of all existing buildings.

**155.05 FEES.** A fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall accompany the application.

**155.06 AMENDMENTS.** Nothing shall prohibit the filing of amendments to an application or to a plan or other record accompanying same, at any time before the completion of the work for which the permit was sought. Such amendments, after approval, shall be filed with and be deemed a part of the original application.

**155.07 COMPLETION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS.** Nothing contained in this chapter shall require any change in the plans, construction, size or designated use of a building, for which a valid permit has been issued or lawful approval given before the effective date of this Code of Ordinances; provided, however, construction under such permit or approval shall have been started within six (6) months and the ground story framework, including structural parts of the second floor, shall have been completed within one year and the entire building completed within two (2) years after the effective date of this Code of Ordinances.

**155.08 SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS.** No more than two (2) building permits for each separate tract existing as of the effective date of this Code of Ordinances shall be issued unless the tract has been platted in accordance with subdivision regulations established in the Code of Ordinances, except that this provision shall not limit the number of building permits that may be issued for accessory buildings or additions or improvements to a main or accessory building already legally located upon said tract.

**155.09 APPLICATION APPROVED.** It is the duty of the Building Official to examine applications for permits within a reasonable time after filing. If, after examination, the Building Official finds no objection to the same and it appears that the proposed work will be in compliance with the laws and ordinances applicable thereto, the Building Official shall issue a permit therefor or forward the findings to the Council for its approval or disapproval.

**155.10 EROSION CONTROL.** When a land disturbing activity, as defined by the Code of Iowa, is to occur as a part of a project for which a permit hereunder is sought, no permit shall be issued unless there is on file with the

City a soil erosion control plan which covers the proposed project and is approved by the Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 161A.64)*

**155.11 ACTION BY COUNCIL.** If the Building Official forwards findings to the Council, the Council shall, within a reasonable time, either approve or disapprove the application. If disapproved, the Council shall state its reasons for disapproval and notify the applicant of same. If approved, the Council shall instruct the Building Official to issue the building permit to the applicant. Said permit shall be issued in triplicate, one copy for the applicant, one copy for the County Assessor and one copy to be retained in the City records.

**155.12 APPLICATION DENIED - APPEAL.** If the Building Official denies an application for permit, the reasons for such denial shall be stated and the applicant notified of such denial and of the right to appeal to the Council. The Council upon appeal may affirm, modify or reverse the determination of the Building Official provided however, no application shall be approved and permit issued which would result in an abrogation of the intent and purpose of this chapter.

**155.13 RESTRICTIONS.** No permit for the erection, alteration, use or occupancy of a building or similar structure shall be granted unless it definitely appears that such erection, alteration, use or occupancy shall not cause or be the source of the following:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 414.24)*

1. Noise. Any undue noise.
2. Electrical Interference. Any undue radio or television interference.
3. Odors. Any offensive odors.
4. Refuse. Any offensive or unsightly refuse.
5. Smoke. Any offensive or undue smoke.
6. Fire Hazard. Any fire hazard.
7. Appearance. Any unsightliness due to the appearance of any building or structure on the premises.
8. Congestion. Any undue gathering, congregating, parking of cars, or undue congestion of people or traffic.
9. Other. Any effect which will be obnoxious, offensive, dangerous or injurious to the health, welfare and safety of citizens.

**155.14 CONDITION OF THE PERMIT.** All work performed under any permit shall conform to the approved application and plans, and approved amendments thereof. The location of all new construction as shown on the approved plot diagram, or an approved amendment thereof, shall be strictly adhered to. It is unlawful to reduce or diminish the area of a lot or plot of which a plot diagram has been filed and has been used as the basis for a permit, unless a revised plot diagram showing the proposed change in conditions shall have been filed and approved; provided that this shall not apply when the lot is reduced by reason of a street opening or widening or other public improvement.

**155.15 POSTING OF PERMIT.** A copy of the permit shall be kept on the premises open to public inspection during the prosecution of the work and until the completion of same. The Building Official may require a certified copy of the approved plans to be kept on the premises at all times from the commencement of the work to the completion thereof. The Building Official shall be given at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice of the starting of work under a permit.

**155.16 REVOCATION.** The Building Official may revoke a permit or approval issued under the provisions of this chapter in case there has been any false statement or misrepresentation as to a material fact in the application or plans on which the permit or approval was based.

**155.17 PERMIT VOID.** In the event that construction covered by a permit is not initiated and underway within one year from the date of issuance of a permit, such permit shall be deemed void and of no effect.

**155.18 RESTRICTED RESIDENCE DISTRICT MAP.** The official restricted residence district map is on file with the Clerk and is hereby made a part of this chapter by reference.

**155.19 PROHIBITED USE.** No building or other structure, except residences, school houses, churches and other similar structures, shall be erected, altered, used or occupied within the restricted residence district as defined herein without first receiving from the Council a special use permit therefor. No such special use permit shall be issued without the affirmative vote of three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the full Council.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 414.24)*

**155.20 EXCEPTIONS.** The provisions of the preceding section shall have no application to any business, store, shop or factory existing and in operation in a restricted residence district on April 11, 1977, except in the matter of reconstruction, alteration or change in use of the structure.

**155.21 NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.** Whenever a restricted residence district is established or changed, a public hearing must be held, notice of which shall be given at least seven (7) days in advance in the manner prescribed in Section 18.05 of this Code of Ordinances. In no case shall the public hearing be held earlier than the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting following the published notice.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 414.24)*

**155.22 FRONT YARD REQUIREMENTS.** Within the restricted residence district there shall be a front yard of not less than twenty (20) feet (measured from the front lot line), except as follows:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 414.24)*

1. Between Existing Buildings. Where a building is to be erected on a parcel of land that is within one hundred (100) feet of existing buildings on both sides, the minimum front yard shall be a line drawn between the closest front corners of the adjacent buildings on the two (2) sides, or
2. Adjacent to Existing Building. Where a building is to be erected on a parcel of land that is within one hundred (100) feet of an existing building on one side only within the same block, such building may be erected as close to the street as a line drawn from the closest front corner of that building to a point twenty (20) feet back from the front lot line measured at the center of the lot on which the proposed building is to be erected.
3. Double Frontage. Where lots have a double frontage, the front yard as required herein shall be provided on both streets.

**155.23 SIDE YARD REQUIREMENTS.** Within the restricted residence district no building shall be erected closer than six (6) feet to either side lot line.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 414.24)*

**155.24 REAR YARD REQUIREMENTS.** Within the restricted residence district there shall be a rear yard provided for each principal building of not less than twenty (20) feet (when measured from the rear lot line).

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 414.24)*

**155.25 RESIDENTIAL DWELLING STANDARDS.** All single-family dwelling units shall meet the following minimum standards:

1. The minimum width of a dwelling structure or principal building shall be twenty-two (22) feet at the exterior dimension of three (3) or more exterior walls, exclusive of attached garages, porches or other accessory structures.
2. All dwelling units including attached garages shall be placed on a permanent frost-free foundation.
3. All dwelling units shall provide for a minimum of nine hundred (900) square feet of floor space.

**155.26 GARAGES AND OTHER ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.** A garage or other similar accessory building may be built in a rear yard but such garage or accessory building shall not occupy more than thirty percent (30%) of a rear yard and shall not be nearer than six (6) feet to any side or rear lot line, except that when a garage is entered from an alley it shall not be located closer than ten (10) feet to the alley line and except that a garage that is located closer than ten (10) feet to the rear line of the main building shall provide the side yard for the main building. Also, a garage or accessory building may be built in a side yard if compliance is made with the same side yard requirements as for the main building.

**155.27 EXISTING LOTS.** No yard or lot existing on the effective date of this Code of Ordinances shall be reduced in dimension or area below the minimum requirements established in this chapter.

**155.28 CERTIFYING ORDINANCES.** Within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of the adoption of any amendments to the provisions of this chapter the Clerk shall certify such amendment to the County Recorder.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.11)*

**155.29 ABATEMENT OF VIOLATION.** Any building or structure erected, altered, used or occupied in violation of this chapter shall be determined a nuisance and the same may be abated by the City or by any property owner within said district in the manner provided for the abatement of nuisances.

**155.30 VARIANCES.** Variances to the provisions of this chapter may be granted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all of the members of the Council. Said variance must include the reason for a variance, why the variance was granted and a specific description of the property for which the variance was granted.



**155.31 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.** Recreational vehicles may be parked or stored on private property. Recreational vehicles so parked or stored may be occupied on a temporary basis for a period not to exceed 14 days within 90 days of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of occupancy. *(Ord. 237-05 – Oct. 05 Supp.)*

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## CHAPTER 160

### FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS

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#### 160.01 STATUTORY AUTHORITY, FINDINGS OF FACT AND PURPOSE.

1. Statutory Authority. The Legislature of the State of Iowa has in Chapter 364, *Code of Iowa*, as amended, delegated the power to cities to exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges and property of the City or of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort and convenience of its residents.
2. Findings of Fact.
  - A. The flood hazard areas of the City of Grand Mound are subject to periodic inundation which can result in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base all of which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare of the community.
  - B. These flood losses, hazards, and related adverse effects are caused by: (i) The occupancy of flood hazard areas by uses vulnerable to flood damages which create hazardous conditions as a result of being inadequately elevated or otherwise protected from flooding and (ii) the cumulative effect of obstructions on the floodplain causing increases in flood heights and velocities.
3. Statement of Purpose. It is the purpose of this chapter to protect and preserve the rights, privileges and property of the City of Grand Mound and its residents and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, and comfort and convenience of its residents by

minimizing those flood losses described in Section 160.01(2)(A) of this chapter with provisions designed to:

- A. Restrict or prohibit uses which are dangerous to health, safety or property in times of flood or which cause excessive increases in flood heights or velocities.
- B. Require that uses vulnerable to floods, including public facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction or substantial improvement.
- C. Protect individuals from buying lands which may not be suited for intended purposes because of flood hazard.
- D. Assure that eligibility is maintained for property owners in the community to purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program.

**160.02 DEFINITIONS.** Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this chapter shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this chapter its most reasonable application.

- 1. “Base flood” means the flood having one (1) percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. (See 100-year flood.)
- 2. “Basement” means any enclosed area of a building which has its floor or lowest level below ground level (subgrade) on all sides. Also see “lowest floor.”
- 3. “Development” means any manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations.
- 4. “Existing construction” means any structure for which the “start of construction” commenced before the effective date of the of the first floodplain management regulations adopted by the community. May also be referred to as “existing structure.”
- 5. “Existing factory-built home park or subdivision” means a factory-built home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the factory-built homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) was completed before the effective date of these flood plain management regulations.

6. “Expansion of existing factory-built home park or subdivision” means the preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the factory-built homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads).
7. “Factory-built home” means any structure designed for residential use which is wholly or in substantial part made, fabricated, formed or assembled in manufacturing facilities for installation or assembly and installation on a building site. For the purpose of this chapter, factory-built homes include mobile homes, manufactured homes and modular homes and also includes “recreational vehicles” which are placed on a site for greater than 180 consecutive days and not fully licensed for and ready for highway use.
8. “Factory-built home park” means a parcel or contiguous parcels of land divided into two or more factory-built home lots for sale or lease.
9. “Flood” means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas resulting from the overflow of streams or rivers or from the unusual and rapid runoff of surface waters from any source.
10. “Flood elevation” means the elevation floodwaters would reach at a particular site during the occurrence of a specific flood. For instance, the 100-year flood elevation is the elevation of floodwaters related to the occurrence of the 100-year flood.
11. “Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)” means the official map prepared as part of (but published separately from) the Flood Insurance Study which delineates both the flood hazard areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.
12. “Flood plain” means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water as a result of a flood.
13. “Flood plain management” means an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damages and promoting the wise use of flood plains, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, floodproofing and flood plain management regulations.
14. “Floodproofing” means any combination of structural and nonstructural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures, including utility and sanitary facilities which will reduce or eliminate flood damage to such structures.

15. “Floodway” means the channel of a river or stream and those portions of the flood plains adjoining the channel, which are reasonably required to carry and discharge flood waters or flood flows so that confinement of flood flows to the floodway area will not cumulatively increase the water surface elevation of the base flood by more than one (1) foot.

16. “Floodway fringe” means those portions of the flood plain, other than the floodway, which can be filled, leveed, or otherwise obstructed without causing substantially higher flood levels or flow velocities.

17. “Historic structure” means any structure that is:

A. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places, maintained by the Department of Interior, or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing in the National Register;

B. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;

C. Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or,

D. Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified by either (i) an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or (ii) directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

18. “Lowest floor” means the floor of the lowest enclosed area in a building including a basement except when all the following criteria are met:

A. The enclosed area is designed to flood to equalize hydrostatic pressure during floods with walls or openings that satisfy the provisions of Section 160.09(4)(A); and

B. The enclosed area is unfinished (not carpeted, dry-walled, etc.) and used solely for low damage potential uses such as building access, parking or storage; and

C. Machinery and service facilities (e.g., hot water heater, furnace, electrical service) contained in the enclosed area are located at least one (1) foot above the 100-year flood level; and

D. The enclosed area is not a “basement” as defined in this section.

In cases where the lowest enclosed area satisfies criteria A, B, C and D above, the lowest floor is the floor of the next highest enclosed area that does not satisfy the criteria above.

19. “Minor projects” means small development activities (except for filling, grading and excavating) valued at less than \$500.

20. “New construction” (new buildings, factory-built home parks) means those structures or development for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of the Flood Insurance Rate Map.

21. “New factory-built home park or subdivision” means a factory-built home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the factory-built homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after the effective date of these flood plain management regulations.

22. “100-Year Flood” means a flood, the magnitude of which has a one percent (1%) chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year or which, on the average, will be equaled or exceeded at least once every one hundred (100) years.

23. “Recreational vehicle” means a vehicle which is:

- A. Built on a single chassis;
- B. Four hundred (400) square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- C. Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and
- D. Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as a temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

24. “Routine maintenance existing building and facilities” means repairs necessary to keep a structure in a safe and habitable condition that do not trigger a building permit, provided they are not associated with a general improvement of the structure or repair of a damaged structure. Such repairs include:

- A. Normal maintenance of structures such as re-roofing, replacing roofing tiles and replacing siding;

- B. Exterior and interior painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work;
- C. Basement sealing;
- D. Repairing or replacing damaged or broken window panes; and
- E. Repairing plumbing systems, electrical systems, heating or air conditioning systems and repairing wells or septic systems.

25. “Special flood hazard area” means the land within a community subject to the “100-year flood.” This land is identified as Zone A on the Flood Insurance Rate Map.

26. “Start of construction” includes substantial improvement, and means the date the development permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement or permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as pouring of a slab or footings, the installation of pile, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a factory-built home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of the building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

27. “Structure” means anything constructed or erected on the ground or attached to the ground, including, but not limited to, buildings, factories, sheds, cabins, factory-built homes, storage tanks and other similar uses.

28. “Substantial damage” means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damage condition would equal or exceed fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

29. “Substantial improvement” means any improvement to a structure which satisfies either of the following criteria:



A. Any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure either (i) before the “start of construction” of the improvement, or (ii) if the structure has been “substantially damaged” and is being restored, before the damage occurred. The term does not, however, include any project for improvement of a structure to comply with existing State or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which are solely necessary to assure safe conditions for the existing use. The term also does not include any alteration of an “historic structure,” provided the alteration will not preclude the structure’s designation as an “historic structure.”

B. Any addition which increases the original floor area of a building by twenty-five (25) percent or more. All additions constructed after July 18, 2011, the effective date of the Flood Insurance Rate Map, shall be added to any proposed addition in determining whether the total increase in original floor space would exceed twenty-five percent.

30. “Variance” means a grant of relief by a community from the terms of the flood plain management regulations.

31. “Violation” means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with this chapter.

**160.03 LANDS TO WHICH CHAPTER APPLIES.** The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all areas having special flood hazards within the jurisdiction of the City. For the purpose of this chapter, the special flood hazard areas are those areas designated as Zone A on the Flood Insurance Rate Map for Clinton County and Incorporated Areas, City of Grand Mound, Panel 19045C0425D, dated July 18, 2011, as amended, which is hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter.

**160.04 RULES FOR INTERPRETATION OF FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARIES.** The boundaries of the Special Flood Hazard areas shall be determined by scaling distances on the official Flood Insurance Rate Map. When an interpretation is needed as to the exact location of a boundary, the City Clerk shall make the necessary interpretation. The City Council shall hear and decide appeals when it is alleged that there is an error in any requirement, decision, or determination made by the Clerk in the enforcement or administration of this chapter.

**160.05 COMPLIANCE.** No structure or land shall hereafter be used and no structure shall be located, extended, converted or structurally altered without

full compliance with the terms of this chapter and other applicable regulations which apply to uses within the jurisdiction of this chapter.

**160.06 ABROGATION AND GREATER RESTRICTIONS.** It is not intended by this chapter to repeal, abrogate or impair any existing easements, covenants, or deed restrictions. However, where this chapter imposes greater restrictions, the provision of this chapter shall prevail. Any ordinances inconsistent with this chapter are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency only.

**160.07 INTERPRETATION.** In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this chapter shall be held to be minimum requirements and shall be liberally construed in favor of the Council and shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any other powers granted by State statutes.

**160.08 WARNING AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** The standards required by this chapter are considered reasonable for regulatory purposes. This chapter does not imply that areas outside the designated special flood hazard areas will be free from flooding or flood damages. This chapter shall not create liability on the part of the City or any officer or employee thereof for any flood damages that result from reliance on this chapter or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

**160.09 FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT STANDARDS.** All uses must be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage and shall meet the following applicable performance standards. Where floodway data and 100-year flood data have not been provided on the Flood Insurance Rate Map, the Department of Natural Resources shall be contacted to compute such data. The applicant will be responsible for providing the Department of Natural Resources with sufficient technical information to make such determination.

1. All development within the special flood hazard areas shall:
  - A. Be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.
  - B. Use construction methods and practices that will minimize flood damage.
  - C. Use construction materials and utility equipment that are resistant to flood damage.
  - D. Obtain all other necessary permits from Federal, State and local governmental agencies including approval when required from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.
2. Residential buildings. All new or substantially improved residential structures shall have the lowest floor, including basement,

elevated a minimum of one (1) foot above the 100-year flood level. Construction shall be upon compacted fill which shall, at all points, be no lower than one (1) foot above the 100-year flood level and extend at such elevation at least 18 feet beyond the limits of any structure erected thereon. Alternate methods of elevating (such as piers) may be allowed, subject to favorable consideration by the City Council, where existing topography, street grades, or other factors preclude elevating by fill. In such cases, the methods used must be adequate to support the structure as well as withstand the various forces and hazards associated with flooding. All new residential structures shall be provided with a means of access which will be passable by wheeled vehicles during the 100-year flood.

3. Nonresidential buildings. All new or substantially improved nonresidential buildings shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated a minimum of one (1) foot above the 100-year flood level, or together with attendant utility and sanitary systems, be flood-proofed to such a level. When floodproofing is utilized, a professional engineer registered in the State shall certify that the floodproofing methods used are adequate to withstand the flood depths, pressures, velocities, impact and uplift forces and other factors associated with the 100-year flood; and that the structure, below the 100-year flood level, is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water. A record of the certification indicating the specific elevation (in relation to North American Vertical Datum) to which any structures are flood-proofed shall be maintained by the Administrator.

4. All new and substantially improved structures:

A. Fully enclosed areas below the “lowest floor” (not including basements) that are subject to flooding shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:

- (1) A minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided.
- (2) The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade.

- (3) Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

Such areas shall be used solely for parking of vehicles, building access and low damage potential storage.

B. New and substantially improved structures must be designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy.

C. New and substantially improved structures must be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.

5. Factory-built Homes.

A. All factory-built homes, including those placed in existing factory-built home parks or subdivisions, shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the structure is a minimum of one (1) foot above the 100-year flood level.

B. All factory-built homes, including those placed in existing factory-built home parks or subdivisions, shall be anchored to resist flotation, collapse or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors.

6. Utility and Sanitary Systems.

A. On-site waste disposal and water supply systems shall be located or designed to avoid impairment to the system or contamination from the system during flooding.

B. All new and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system as well as the discharge of effluent into flood waters. Wastewater treatment facilities (other than on-site systems) shall be provided with a level of flood protection equal to or greater than one (1) foot above the 100-year flood elevation.

C. New or replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system. Water supply treatment facilities other than on-site

systems shall be provided with a level of protection equal to or greater than one (1) foot above the 100-year flood elevation.

D. Utilities such as gas or electrical systems shall be located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage to the system and the risk associated with such flood damaged or impaired systems.

7. Storage of materials and equipment that are flammable, explosive or injurious to human, animal or plant life is prohibited unless elevated a minimum of one (1) foot above the 100-year flood level. Other material and equipment must either be similarly elevated or (i) not be subject to major flood damage and be anchored to prevent movement due to flood waters or (ii) be readily removable from the area within the time available after flood warning.

8. Flood control structural works such as levees, flood-walls, etc. shall provide, at a minimum, protection from a 100-year flood with a minimum of 3 feet of design freeboard and shall provide for adequate interior drainage. In addition, structural flood control works shall be approved by the Department of Natural Resources.

9. Watercourse alterations or relocations must be designed to maintain the flood carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion. In addition, such alterations or relocations must be approved by the Department of Natural Resources.

10. Subdivisions (including factory-built home parks and subdivisions) shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damages and shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood damage. Development associated with subdivision proposals (including the installation of public utilities) shall meet the applicable performance standards of this chapter. Subdivision proposals intended for residential use shall provide all lots with a means of access which will be passable by wheeled vehicles during the 100-year flood. Proposals for subdivisions greater than five (5) acres or fifty (50) lots (whichever is less) shall include 100-year flood elevation data for those areas located within the Special Flood Hazard Area.

11. Accessory Structures.

A. Detached garages, sheds, and similar structures accessory to a residential use are exempt from the 100-year flood elevation requirements where the following criteria are satisfied:

(1) The structure shall not be used for human habitation.

(2) The structure shall be designed to have low flood damage potential.

(3) The structure shall be constructed and placed on the building site so as to offer minimum resistance to the flow of floodwaters.

(4) The structure shall be firmly anchored to prevent flotation which may result in damage to other structures.

(5) The structure's service facilities such as electrical and heating equipment shall be elevated or flood-proofed to at least one (1) foot above the 100-year flood level.

B. Exemption from the 100-year flood elevation requirements for such a structure may result in increased premium rates for flood insurance coverage of the structure and its contents.

12. Recreational Vehicles.

A. Recreational vehicles are exempt from the requirements of Section 160.09(5) of this chapter regarding anchoring and elevation of factory-built homes when the following criteria are satisfied.

(1) The recreational vehicle shall be located on the site for less than 180 consecutive days, and,

(2) The recreational vehicle must be fully licensed and ready for highway use. A recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system and is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices and has no permanently attached additions.

B. Recreational vehicles that are located on the site for more than 180 consecutive days and are not ready for highway use must satisfy requirements of Section 160.09(5) of this chapter regarding anchoring and elevation of factory-built homes.

13. Pipeline river and stream crossings shall be buried in the streambed and banks, or otherwise sufficiently protected to prevent rupture due to channel degradation and meandering.

**160.10 ADMINISTRATION.** The City Clerk shall implement and administer the provisions of this chapter and will herein be referred to as the Administrator. Duties and responsibilities of the Administrator shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

1. Review all flood plain development permit applications to assure that the provisions of this chapter will be satisfied.
2. Review all flood plain development permit applications to assure that all necessary permits have been obtained from Federal, State and local governmental agencies including approval when required from the Department of Natural Resources for flood plain construction.
3. Record and maintain a record of the elevation (in relation to North American Vertical Datum) of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new or substantially improved structures in the special flood hazard area.
4. Record and maintain a record of the elevation (in relation to North American Vertical Datum) to which all new or substantially improved structures have been flood-proofed.
5. Notify adjacent communities and/or counties and the Department of Natural Resources prior to any proposed alteration or relocation of a watercourse and submit evidence of such notifications to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
6. Keep a record of all permits, appeals and such other transactions and correspondence pertaining to the administration of this chapter.

**160.11 FLOOD PLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUIRED.** A Flood Plain Development Permit issued by the Administrator shall be secured prior to any flood plain development (any manmade change to improved and unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations) including the placement of factory-built homes.

**160.12 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT.** Application for a Flood Plain Development Permit shall be made on forms supplied by the Administrator and shall include the following information:

1. Work To Be Done. Description of the work to be covered by the permit for which application is to be made.
2. Location. Description of the land on which the proposed work is to be done (i.e., lot, block, tract, street address or similar description) that will readily identify and locate the work to be done.
3. Use or Occupancy. Indication of the use or occupancy for which the proposed work is intended.
4. Flood Elevation. Elevation of the 100-year flood.

5. Floor Elevation. Elevation (in relation to North American Vertical Datum) of the lowest floor (including basement) of buildings or of the level to which a building is to be flood-proofed.
6. Cost of Improvement. For buildings being improved or rebuilt, the estimated cost of improvements and market value of the building prior to the improvements.
7. Other. Such other information as the Administrator deems reasonably necessary (e.g., drawings or a site plan) for the purpose of this chapter.

**160.13 ACTION ON APPLICATION.** The Administrator shall, within a reasonable time, make a determination as to whether the proposed flood plain development meets the applicable standards of this chapter and shall approve or disapprove the application. For disapprovals, the applicant shall be informed, in writing, of the specific reasons therefor. The Administrator shall not issue permits for variances except as directed by the Council.

**160.14 CONSTRUCTION AND USE TO BE AS PROVIDED IN APPLICATION AND PLANS.** Flood Plain Development Permits, issued on the basis of approved plans and applications, authorize only the use, arrangement, and construction set forth in such approved plans and applications and no other use, arrangement or construction. Any use, arrangement, or construction at variance with that authorized shall be deemed a violation of this chapter. The applicant shall be required to submit certification by a professional engineer or land surveyor, as appropriate, registered in the State, that the finished fill, building floor elevations, floodproofing, or other flood protection measures were accomplished in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, prior to the use or occupancy of any structure.

**160.15 VARIANCES.** The Council may authorize upon request in specific cases such variances from the terms of this chapter that will not be contrary to the public interest, where owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this chapter will result in unnecessary hardship. Variances granted must meet the following applicable standards:

1. Cause. Variances shall only be granted upon (i) a showing of good and sufficient cause, (ii) a determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship to the applicant, and (iii) a determination that the granting of the variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisances, cause fraud on or victimization of the public or conflict with existing local codes or ordinances.



2. Required To Afford Relief. Variances shall only be granted upon a determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.
3. Notice To Applicant. In cases where the variance involves a lower level of flood protection for buildings than what is ordinarily required by this chapter, the applicant shall be notified in writing over the signature of the Administrator that (i) the issuance of a variance will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance coverage and (ii) such construction increases risks to life and property.

**160.16 FACTORS UPON WHICH THE DECISION TO GRANT VARIANCES SHALL BE BASED.** In passing upon applications for variances, the Council shall consider all relevant factors specified in other sections of this chapter and:

1. The danger to life and property due to increased flood heights or velocities caused by encroachments.
2. The danger that materials may be swept on to other land or downstream to the injury of others.
3. The proposed water supply and sanitation systems and the ability of these systems to prevent disease, contamination and unsanitary conditions.
4. The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner.
5. The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the City.
6. The requirements of the facility for a flood plain location.
7. The availability of alternative locations not subject to flooding for the proposed use.
8. The compatibility of the proposed use with existing development and development anticipated in the foreseeable future.
9. The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and flood plain management program for the area.
10. The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles.
11. The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise and sediment transport of the flood water expected at the site.

12. The cost of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions, including maintenance and repair of public utilities (sewer, gas, electrical and water systems), facilities, streets and bridges.
13. Such other factors which are relevant to the purpose of this chapter.

**160.17 CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO VARIANCES.** Upon consideration of the factors listed in Section 160.16, the Council may attach such conditions to the granting of variances as it deems necessary to further the purpose of this chapter. Such conditions may include, but not necessarily be limited to:

1. Modification of waste disposal and water supply facilities.
2. Limitation of periods of use and operation.
3. Imposition of operational controls, sureties, and deed restrictions.
4. Requirements for construction of channel modifications, dikes, levees, and other protective measures, provided such are approved by the Department of Natural Resources and are deemed the only practical alternative to achieving the purposes of this chapter.
5. Floodproofing measures.

**160.18 NONCONFORMING USES.**

1. A structure or the use of a structure or premises which was lawful before the passage or amendment of this chapter, but which is not in conformity with the provisions of this chapter, may be continued subject to the following conditions:
  - A. If such use is discontinued for six (6) consecutive months, any future use of the building premises shall conform to this chapter.
  - B. Uses or adjuncts thereof that are or become nuisances shall not be entitled to continue as nonconforming uses.
2. If any nonconforming use or structure is destroyed by any means, including flood, it shall not be reconstructed if the cost is more than fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred, unless it is reconstructed in conformity with the provisions of this chapter. This limitation does not include the cost of any alteration to comply with existing State or local health, sanitary, building or safety codes or regulations or the cost of any alteration of a structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provided that the alteration shall not preclude its continued designation.

**160.19 AMENDMENTS.** The regulations and standards set forth in this chapter may from time to time be amended, supplemented, changed, or repealed. No amendment, supplement, change, or modification shall be undertaken without prior approval from the Department of Natural Resources.

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## CHAPTER 165

### SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

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**165.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to establish minimum standards for the design, development and improvement of all new subdivisions and resubdivisions so that existing developments will be protected and so that adequate provisions are made for public services and to promote the health, safety and general welfare in the City.

**165.02 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter, the following terms or words are defined.

1. “Alley” means a public right-of-way, other than a street, fifteen (15) feet or less in width, affording secondary means of access to abutting property.
2. “Block” means an area of land within a subdivision that is entirely bounded by streets or highways, and/or the exterior boundaries of the subdivision.
3. “Building line” means a line on a plat between which line and public right-of-way no buildings or structures may be erected.
4. “Cul-de-sac” means a minor street having one end open to traffic and terminated by a vehicular turnaround.
5. “Easement” means a grant of the right to use a strip of land for specific purposes by the general public, a corporation or certain persons.
6. “Lot” means a portion of a subdivision or other parcel of land intended for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of transfer of ownership or for building development.
7. “Major street” means a street of considerable continuity connecting various sections of the City designated as a major street on the official major street plan of the City.

8. “Minor street” means a street which is used primarily for access to the abutting properties.

9. “Performance bond” means a surety bond or cash deposit made out to the City, in an amount equal to the full cost of the improvements which are required by this chapter, said cost estimated by the City, and said surety bond or cash deposit being legally sufficient to secure to the City that the said improvements will be constructed in accordance with this chapter.

10. “Plat” means a map, drawing or chart on which the subdivider’s plan of the subdivision of land is presented and which the subdivider submits for approval and intends, in final form, to record.

11. “Subdivider” means the person undertaking the subdivision or resubdivision of a tract or parcel of land.

12. “Subdivision” means the division of land into three (3) or more lots or other division of land for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of transfer of ownership or building development. The term, when appropriate to the context, relates to the process of subdividing or to the land subdivided, or the resubdivision of land heretofore divided or platted into lots or other divisions of land, or, if a new street is involved, any division of land.

**165.03 PLATTING REQUIRED.** Every owner of any tract or parcel of land who has subdivided or shall hereafter subdivide or plat the same for the purpose of laying out an addition, subdivision, building lot or lots, acreage or suburban lots within the City or, pursuant to Section 354.9 of the Code of Iowa, within two (2) miles from the corporate limits shall cause plats of such area to be made in the form, and containing the information, as hereinafter set forth before selling any lots therein contained or placing the plat on record.

**165.04 PROCEDURE.** In obtaining final approval of a proposed subdivision by the Council, the subdivider shall submit a preliminary plat in accordance with the requirements hereinafter set forth and install improvements or provide a performance bond.

**165.05 REQUIREMENTS OF PRELIMINARY PLAT.** The subdivider shall first prepare and file with the Clerk seven (7) copies of a preliminary plat of adequate scale and size showing the following:

1. Title, scale, north point and date.
2. Subdivision boundary lines, showing dimensions, bearings, angles, and references to section, townships and range lines or corners.

3. Present and proposed streets, alleys and sidewalks, with their right-of-way, in or adjoining the subdivision, including dedicated widths, approximate gradients, types and widths of surfaces, curbs, and planting strips, and location of street lights.
4. Proposed layout of lots, showing numbers, dimensions, radii, chords and the square foot areas of lots that are not rectangular.
5. Building setback or front yard lines.
6. Parcels of land proposed to be dedicated or reserved for schools, parks, playgrounds, or other public, semi-public or community purposes.
7. Present and proposed easements, showing locations, widths, purposes and limitations.
8. Present and proposed utility systems, including sanitary and storm sewers, other drainage facilities, water lines, gas mains, electric utilities, and other facilities, with the size, capacity, invert elevation and location of each.
9. Proposed name of the subdivision which shall not duplicate or resemble existing subdivision names in the County.
10. Names and addresses of the owner, subdivider, builder, and engineer, surveyor or architect who prepared the preliminary plat, and the engineer, surveyor or architect who will prepare the final plat.
11. A general summary description of any protective covenants or private restrictions to be incorporated in the final plat.
12. Contours at vertical intervals of not more than two (2) feet if the general slope of the site is less than ten percent (10%) and at vertical intervals of not more than five (5) feet if the general slope is ten percent (10%) or greater, unless the Council waives this requirement.

**165.06 REFERRAL OF PRELIMINARY PLAT.** The Clerk shall forthwith refer six (6) copies of the preliminary plat to the Council.

**165.07 ACTION BY THE COUNCIL.** The Council shall carefully examine the preliminary plat as to its compliance with the laws and regulations of the City, the existing street system and good engineering practices. The Council shall, as soon as possible, but not more than sixty (60) days after receipt of the preliminary plat, negotiate with the subdivider on changes deemed advisable and the kind and extent of improvements to be made by the subdivider, and pass upon the preliminary plat as originally submitted or modified. If the Council does not act within sixty (60) days, the preliminary plat shall be deemed to be approved; provided, however, the subdivider may agree to an extension of the time for a period not to exceed an additional sixty (60) days.

The Council shall then set forth its recommendations in writing, whether of approval, modification or disapproval.

1. In the event that substantial changes or modifications are made by the Council or in the event the Council disapproves of the preliminary plat, the Council shall give its reasons therefor and may request and cause the revised preliminary plat to be resubmitted in the same manner as the original plat.
2. If approved, the Council shall express its approval as “conditional approval” and state the conditions of such approval, if any.
3. The action of the Council shall be noted on two (2) copies of the preliminary plat, referenced and attached to any conditions determined. One copy shall be returned to the subdivider and the other copy retained by the Clerk.
4. The “conditional approval” by the Council shall not constitute final acceptance of the addition or subdivision by the City but an authorization to proceed with preparation of the final plat.

**165.08 FINAL PLAT.** The final plat shall conform substantially to the preliminary plat as approved, and, if desired by the subdivider, it may constitute only that portion of the approved preliminary plat which the subdivider proposes to record and develop at the time, provided, however, that such portion conforms to all requirements of these regulations.

**165.09 REFERRAL OF FINAL PLAT.** The subdivider shall, within twelve (12) months of the “conditional approval” of the preliminary plat by the Council, prepare and file seven (7) copies of the final plat and other required documents with the Clerk as hereinafter set forth, and upon failure to do so within the time specified, the “conditional approval” of the preliminary plat shall be null and void unless an extension of time is applied for and granted by the Council. Upon receipt of the final plat and other required documents, the Clerk shall transmit six (6) copies of the final plat to the members of the Council for their recommendations and approval.

**165.10 REQUIREMENTS OF THE FINAL PLAT.** The final plat shall be clearly and legibly drawn to a scale of not more than one hundred (100) feet to one inch with India ink on a reproducible tracing linen. It shall show:

1. The title under which the subdivision is to be recorded.
2. The linear dimensions in feet and decimals of a foot of the subdivision boundary, lot lines, streets and alleys. These should be exact and complete to include all distances, radii, arc, chords, points of tangency and central angles.



3. Street names and clear designations of public alleys. Streets that are continuations of present streets should bear the same name. If new names are needed, they should be distinctive. Street names may be required to conform to the City plan.
4. Location, type, materials, and size of all monuments and markers including all U.S., County or other official benchmarks.
5. The plat should be signed and acknowledged by the subdivision land owner and his or her spouse.
6. A sealed certification of the accuracy of the plat by the professional engineer or land surveyor who drew the final plat.

**165.11 FINAL PLAT ATTACHMENTS.** The final plat shall have the following attached to it:

1. A correct description of the subdivision land.
2. A statement by the proprietors and their spouses, if any, that the plat is prepared with their free consent and in accordance with their desire, signed and acknowledged before an officer authorized to take the acknowledgments of deeds. The statement by the proprietors may also include a dedication to the public of all lands within the plat that are designated for streets, alleys, parks, open areas, school property or other public use, if the dedication is approved by the Council.
3. An opinion by an attorney-at-law who has examined the abstract of title of the land being platted. The opinion shall state the names of the proprietors and holders of mortgages, liens or other encumbrances on the land being platted and shall note the encumbrances, along with any bonds securing the encumbrances. Utility easements shall not be construed to be encumbrances for the purpose of this section.
4. A certificate of the County Treasurer that the land is free from certified taxes and certified special assessments or that the land is free from certified taxes and that the certified special assessments are secured by bond in compliance with Section 354.12 of the Code of Iowa.
5. A certificate of dedication of streets and other public property.
6. A statement of restrictions of all types that run with the land and become covenants in the deeds of lots.
7. Resolution and certificate for approval by the Council and for signatures of the Mayor and Clerk.
8. Profiles, typical cross sections, and specifications of street improvements and utility systems, to show the location, size and grade.

These should be shown on a fifty (50) foot horizontal scale and a five (5) foot vertical scale with west or south at the left.

9. A certificate by the Council or delegated official that all required improvements and installations have been completed, or that a performance bond guaranteeing completion has been approved by the City Attorney and filed with the Clerk, or that the Council has agreed that the City will provide the necessary improvements and installations and assess the costs against the subdivider or future property owners in the subdivision.

10. The encumbrance bond, if any.

**165.12 FURTHER ACTION BY THE COUNCIL.** Upon receipt of the final plat the Council shall, within forty-five (45) days, either approve or disapprove the final plat.

1. In the event that said plat is disapproved by the Council, such disapproval shall be expressed in writing. The Council shall further point out wherein said proposed plat is objectionable in open meeting.

2. In the event that said plat is found to be acceptable and in accordance with this chapter, the Council shall accept the same.

3. The passage of a resolution by the Council accepting the plat shall constitute final approval of the platting of the area shown on the final plat, but the subdivider or owner shall cause such plat to be recorded in the office of the County Recorder and shall file satisfactory evidence of such recording in the office of the Clerk before the City shall recognize the plat as being in full force and effect.

**165.13 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.** The following general requirements shall be followed by all subdividers:

1. Relation to Existing Streets.

A. The arrangement, character, extent, width, grade and location of all streets shall be considered in their relation to existing and planned streets, to topographic conditions, to public convenience and safety, and in their appropriate relation to the proposed uses of the land to be served by such streets.

B. The arrangement of streets in a subdivision shall either provide for the continuation or appropriate projection of existing principal streets in surrounding areas or conform to a plan for the neighborhood approved by the Council to meet a particular situation where topographical or other conditions make continuance or conformance to existing streets impracticable.

2. Acreage Subdivisions.
  - A. Where the plat submitted covers only a part of the subdivider's plat, a sketch of the prospective future system of the unsubmitted part shall be furnished and the street system of the part submitted shall be considered in the light of adjustments in connection with the street system of the part not submitted.
  - B. Where the parcel is subdivided into larger tracts than for building lots such parcels shall be divided so as to allow for the opening of major streets and the ultimate extension of adjacent minor streets.
  - C. Subdivisions showing unplatted strips or private streets controlling access to public ways will not receive approval.
3. Minor Streets. Minor streets shall be so planned as to discourage through traffic. Cul-de-sac streets are permitted where topography and other conditions justify their use. Such streets shall not be longer than five hundred (500) feet and shall terminate with a turnaround, having an outside roadway diameter of at least eighty (80) feet and a street property line diameter of at least one hundred (100) feet. The right-of-way width of the straight portion of such streets shall be a minimum of fifty (50) feet. The property line at the intersection of the turnaround and the straight portion of the street shall be rounded at a radius of not less than twenty (20) feet.
4. Frontage Streets.
  - A. Where a subdivision abuts or contains an existing or proposed arterial street, the Council may require marginal access streets, reverse frontage with screen planting contained in a non-access reservation along the rear property line, deep lots with rear service alleys, or such other treatment as may be necessary for adequate protection of residential properties and to afford separation of through and local traffic.
  - B. Where a subdivision borders on or contains a railroad right-of-way or limited access highway right-of-way, the Council may require a street approximately parallel to and on each side of such right-of-way at a distance suitable for the appropriate use of the intervening land, as for park purposes in residential districts, or for commercial or industrial purposes in appropriate districts. Such distances shall also be determined with due regard for the requirements of approach grades and future grade separations.
5. Half streets. Half streets are prohibited except where essential to the reasonable development of the subdivision in conformity with the

other requirements of these regulations, and where the Council finds it will be practicable to require the dedication of the other half when the adjoining property is subdivided. Wherever a half street is adjacent to a tract to be subdivided, the other half of the street shall be platted within such tract.

6. Street Geometrics.
  - A. Street jogs with centerline offsets of less than one hundred twenty-five (125) feet shall be avoided.
  - B. A tangent at least one hundred (100) feet long shall be introduced between reverse curves on arterial and collector streets.
  - C. When connecting street lines deflect from each other at any one point by more than ten (10) degrees, they shall be connected by a curve with a radius adequate to insure a sight distance of not less than two hundred (200) feet for minor and collector streets, and of such greater radii as the City shall determine for special cases.
  - D. Street right-of-way widths shall be as shown in the City's master plan.
7. Intersections.
  - A. Insofar as is practical, acute angles between streets at their intersection are to be avoided.
  - B. Streets shall be laid out so as to intersect as nearly as possible at right angles and no street shall intersect any other street at less than sixty (60) degrees.
  - C. Property lines at street intersections shall be rounded with a radius of ten (10) feet, or of a greater radius where the Council may deem it necessary. The Council may permit comparable cutoffs or chords in place of rounded corners.
8. Street Names. Streets that are in alignment with others already existing and named shall bear the name of the existing streets. The proposed names of new streets shall not duplicate or sound similar to existing street names. Street names shall be subject to the approval of the Council.
9. Street Grades. Street grades, wherever feasible, shall not exceed five percent (5%), with due allowance for reasonable vertical curves. No street grade shall be less than one-half (1/2) of one percent.
10. Alleys.

- A. Alleys shall be provided in commercial and industrial districts, except that the Council may waive this requirement where other definite and assured provision is made for service access, such as off-street loading, unloading and parking consistent with and adequate for the uses proposed.
  - B. The width of an alley shall be fifteen (15) feet.
  - C. Alley intersections and sharp changes in alignment shall be avoided, but where necessary, corners shall be cut off sufficiently to permit safe vehicular movement.
  - D. Dead-end alleys shall be avoided where possible, but if unavoidable, shall be provided with adequate turnaround facilities at the dead end, as determined by the Council.
11. Blocks.
- A. No block may be more than one thousand three hundred twenty (1,320) feet or less than five hundred (500) feet in length between the centerlines of intersecting streets, except where, in the opinion of the Council, extraordinary conditions unquestionably justify a departure from these limits.
  - B. In blocks over seven hundred (700) feet in length, the Council may require at or near the middle of the block a public way or easement of not less than ten (10) feet in width for use by pedestrians and/or as an easement for public utilities.
12. Lots.
- A. The lot size, width, depth, shape and orientations shall be appropriate for the location of the subdivision, for the type of development and use contemplated.
  - B. Minimum lot dimensions and sizes shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 155 of this Code of Ordinances, provided:
    - (1) Residential lots where not served by public sewer shall not be less than eighty (80) feet wide or less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet in area.
    - (2) Depth and width of properties reserved or laid out for commercial and industrial purposes shall be adequate to provide for the off-street parking facilities required by the type of use and development contemplated.

(3) Corner lots for residential use shall have an extra ten (10) feet of width to permit appropriate building setback from and orientation to both streets.

C. The subdividing of the land shall be such as to provide, by means of a public street, each lot with satisfactory access to an existing public street.

D. Double frontage and reverse frontage lots shall be avoided except where essential to provide separation of residential development from traffic arteries or to overcome specific disadvantages of topography and orientation. A planting screen easement of at least ten (10) feet and across which there shall be no right of access, shall be provided along the line of lots abutting such a traffic artery or other disadvantageous use.

E. Side lot lines shall be substantially at right angles to straight street lines or radial to curved street lines.

13. Building Lines. Building lines shall be shown on all lots within the platted area. The Council may require building lines in accordance with the needs of each subdivision.

14. Easements.

A. Easements across lots or centered on rear or side lines shall be provided for utilities where necessary and shall be at least ten (10) feet wide.

B. Where a subdivision is traversed by a water course, drainage way, channel or stream, there shall be provided a storm water easement or drainage right-of-way conforming substantially with the lines of such water course, and further width for construction, or both, as will be adequate for the purpose.

15. Plat Markers. Markers shall be placed at all block corners, angle points, points of curves in streets, and all such intermediate points as shall be required by the Council. The markers shall be of such material, size and length as may be approved by the Council.

**165.14 IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED.** The subdivider shall install and construct all improvements required by this chapter. All required improvements shall be installed and constructed in accordance with the specifications and under the supervision of the Council and to its satisfaction.

1. Streets and Alleys. All streets and alleys within the platted area which are dedicated for public use shall be brought to the grade approved by the Council.

2. Roadways. All roadways shall be surfaced with portland cement concrete or with asphaltic concrete over a crushed stone base as the Council may require.
3. Curb and Gutter. Curb and gutter shall be required on all streets. All curb and gutter shall be constructed to the grade approved by the Council.
4. Sidewalks. Sidewalks may be required by the Council if they are considered necessary for the general welfare and safety of the community. Sidewalks shall be constructed to the grade approved by the Council.
5. Water Lines. Where a public water main is reasonably accessible, the subdivider shall connect with such water main and provide a water connection for each lot with service pipe installed to the property line in accordance with the Water Department standards, procedure and supervision.
6. Sewers.
  - A. Where a public sanitary sewer is reasonably accessible, the subdivider shall connect or provide for the connection with such sanitary sewer and shall provide within the subdivision the sanitary sewer system required to make the sewer accessible to each lot in the subdivision. Sanitary sewers shall be stubbed into each lot. Sewer systems shall be approved by the Council and the State Department of Health and the construction subject to the supervision of the Council.
  - B. Where sanitary sewers are not available, other facilities, as approved by the Council and the State Department of Health, must be provided for the adequate disposal of sanitary wastes.
  - C. Adequate provisions shall be made for the disposal of storm waters, subject to the approval of the Council.

**165.15 COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS.** Before the Council will approve the final plat, all of the foregoing improvements shall be constructed and accepted by formal resolution of the Council. Before passage of said resolution of acceptance, the Clerk shall report that said improvements meet all City specifications and ordinances or other City requirements, and the agreements between subdivider and the City.

**165.16 PERFORMANCE BOND.** The completion requirement may be waived in whole or in part if the subdivider will post a performance bond with the Council guaranteeing that improvements not completed will be constructed

within a period of one (1) year from final acceptance of the plat; but final acceptance of the plat will not constitute final acceptance by the City of any improvements to be constructed. Improvements will be accepted only after their construction has been completed, and no public funds will be expended in the subdivision until such improvements have been completed and accepted by the City.

**165.17 VARIANCES.** Where in the case of a particular proposed subdivision, it can be shown that strict compliance with the requirements of this chapter would result in extraordinary hardship to the subdivider because of unusual topography or other conditions, the Council may vary, modify or waive the requirements so that substantial justice may be done and the public interest secured. Provided, however, such variance, modification or waiver will not have the effect of nullifying the intent and purpose of this chapter. In no case shall any variance or modification be more than minimum easing of the requirements and in no instance shall it be in conflict with any requirement of Chapter 155 of this Code of Ordinances, and such variances and waivers may be granted only by the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Council.

**165.18 CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS.** Any regulations or provisions of this chapter may be changed and amended from time to time by the Council, provided however, that such changes or amendments shall not become effective until after a public hearing has been held, public notice of which shall have been published at least once, not less than four (4) or more than twenty (20) days before the date of the hearing.



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# **APPENDIX TO CODE OF ORDINANCES**

## **USE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

The following information is provided to assist in the use and proper maintenance of this Code of Ordinances.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES**

**1. OFFICIAL COPY.** The “OFFICIAL COPY” of the Code of Ordinances must be kept by the City Clerk and should be identified as the “OFFICIAL COPY.”

**2. DISTRIBUTION.** Other copies of the Code of Ordinances should be made available to all persons having a relatively frequent and continuing need to have access to ordinances which are in effect in the City as well as reference centers such as the City Library, County Law Library and perhaps the schools.

**3. SALE.** The sale or distribution of copies in a general fashion is not recommended as experience indicates that indiscriminate distribution tends to result in outdated codes being used or misused.

**4. RECORD OF DISTRIBUTION.** The City Clerk should be responsible for maintaining an accurate and current record of persons having a copy of the Code of Ordinances. Each official, elected or appointed, should return to the City, upon leaving office, all documents, records and other materials pertaining to the office, including this Code of Ordinances.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])*

### **NUMBERING OF ORDINANCES AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

It is recommended that a simple numerical sequence be used in assigning ordinance numbers to ordinances as they are passed. For example, if the ordinance adopting the Code of Ordinances was No. 163, we would suggest that the first ordinance passed changing, adding to or deleting from the Code be assigned the number 164; the next ordinance be assigned the number 165, and

so on. We advise against using the Code of Ordinances numbering system for the numbering of ordinances.

### **RETENTION OF AMENDING ORDINANCES**

Please note that two books should be maintained: (1) the Code of Ordinances, and (2) an ordinance book. We will assist in the maintenance of the Code of Ordinances book, per the Supplement Agreement, by revising and returning appropriate pages for the Code of Ordinances book as required to accommodate ordinances amending the Code. The City Clerk is responsible for maintaining the ordinance book and must be sure that an original copy of each ordinance adopted, bearing the signatures of the Mayor and Clerk, is inserted in the ordinance book and preserved in a safe place.

### **SUPPLEMENT RECORD**

A record of all supplements prepared for the Code of Ordinances is provided in the front of the Code. This record will indicate the number and date of the ordinances adopting the original Code and of each subsequently adopted ordinance which has been incorporated in the Code. For each supplemented ordinance, the Supplement Record will list the ordinance number, date, topic, and chapter number of the Code affected by the amending ordinance. A periodic review of the Supplement Record and ordinances passed will assure that all ordinances amending the Code have been incorporated therein.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLEMENTS**

Supplements containing revised pages for insertion in each Code will be sent to the Clerk. It is the responsibility of the Clerk to see that each person having a Code of Ordinances receives each supplement so that each Code may be properly updated to reflect action of the Council in amending the Code.

### **AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

The Code of Ordinances contains most of the laws of the City as of the date of its adoption and is continually subject to amendment to reflect changing policies of the Council, mandates of the State, or decisions of the Courts. Amendments to the Code of Ordinances can only be accomplished by the adoption of an ordinance.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.2)*

The following forms of ordinances are recommended for making amendments to the Code of Ordinances:

CODE OF ORDINANCES, GRAND MOUND, IOWA

**ADDITION OF NEW PROVISIONS**

New material may require the addition of a new SUBSECTION, SECTION or CHAPTER, as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, IOWA, \_\_\_\_\_, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION LIMITING PARKING TO THIRTY MINUTES ON A PORTION OF SOUTH BOONE STREET**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa:

**SECTION 1. NEW SECTION.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa, \_\_\_\_\_ is amended by adding a new Section 69.16, entitled **PARKING LIMITED TO THIRTY MINUTES**, which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

**69.16 PARKING LIMITED TO THIRTY MINUTES.** It is unlawful to park any vehicle for a continuous period of more than thirty (30) minutes between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m. on each day upon the following designated streets:

1. South Boone Street, on the west side, from Forest Avenue to Mason Drive.

**SECTION 2. REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and approved  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**DELETION OF EXISTING PROVISIONS**

Provisions may be removed from the Code of Ordinances by deleting SUBSECTIONS, SECTIONS or CHAPTERS as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, IOWA, \_\_\_\_\_, BY REPEALING SECTION 65.02, SUBSECTION 5, PERTAINING TO THE SPECIAL STOP REQUIRED ON LAKE BOULEVARD**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa:

**SECTION 1. SUBSECTION REPEALED.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa, \_\_\_\_\_, is hereby amended by repealing Section 65.02, Subsection 5, which required vehicles traveling south on Lake Boulevard to stop at Second Place North.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**MODIFICATION OR CHANGE OF EXISTING PROVISION**

Existing provisions may be added to, partially deleted or changed as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_,  
IOWA, \_\_\_\_, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING  
TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa:

**SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED.** Section 99.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa, \_\_\_\_, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

**99.02 RATE.** Each customer shall pay sewer service charges in the amount of 100 percent (100%) of the bill for water and water service attributable to the customer for the property served, but in no event less than ten dollars (\$10.00) per month.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**ORDINANCES NOT CONTAINED IN THE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES**

There are certain types of ordinances which the City will be adopting which do not have to be incorporated in the Code of Ordinances. These ordinances include ordinances (1) establishing grades of streets or sidewalks, (2) vacating streets or alleys, (3) authorizing the issuance of bonds and (4) zoning map ordinances.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 380.8)*

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_****AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE ALLEY LYING IN  
BLOCK TWO (2) RAILROAD ADDITION TO  
\_\_\_\_\_, IOWA**

Be It Enacted by the City Council of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa:

**SECTION 1.** The alley lying in Block Two (2), Railroad Addition to \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa, is hereby vacated and closed from public use.

**SECTION 2.** The Council may by resolution convey the alley described above to abutting property owners in a manner directed by the City Council.

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 5.** This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and  
approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

These ordinances should be numbered in the same numerical sequence as any  
other amending ordinance and placed in their proper sequence in the ordinance  
book.



**SUGGESTED FORM****DANGEROUS BUILDINGS****FIRST NOTICE**

TO: (Name and address of owner, agent or occupant of the property on which nuisance is located or the person causing or maintaining the nuisance).

You are hereby notified to abate the nuisance existing at (name location of nuisance) within \_\_\_\_ days from service of this notice or file written request for a Council hearing with the undersigned officer within said time limit.

The nuisance consists of (describe the nuisance and cite the law or ordinance) and shall be abated by (state action necessary to abate the particular nuisance).

In the event you fail to abate or cause to be abated the above nuisance as directed, or file written request for hearing within the time prescribed herein, the City will take such steps as are necessary to abate or cause to be abated the nuisance and the cost will be assessed against you as provided by law.

Date of Notice: \_\_\_\_\_

City of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(enforcement officer)

**SUGGESTED FORM****DANGEROUS BUILDINGS****NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO: (Name and address of the owner, agent or occupant of the property on which nuisance is located or the person causing or maintaining the nuisance).

You are hereby notified that the City Council of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa, will meet on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, at (address of City Hall) for the purpose of considering whether or not the alleged nuisance consisting of (describe the nuisance) on your property, locally known as \_\_\_\_\_, constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Chapter (145) of the Code of Ordinances of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa, and should be abated by (state action necessary to abate the particular nuisance).

You are further notified that at such time and place you may appear and show cause why the said alleged nuisance should not be abated.

You are further notified to govern yourselves accordingly.

Date of Notice: \_\_\_\_\_

City of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(enforcement officer)

**SUGGESTED FORM****DANGEROUS BUILDINGS****RESOLUTION AND ORDER**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa:

**WHEREAS**, notice has heretofore been served on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, on (property owner's name), through (agent's name or "none"), agent, to abate the nuisance existing at (legal description and address) within \_\_\_\_ days from service of notice upon the said (name of owner or agent); and

(EITHER)

**WHEREAS**, a hearing was requested by the said (name of property owner or agent) and the same was held at this meeting and evidence produced and considered by the City Council;

(OR, ALTERNATE TO PRECEDING PARAGRAPH)

**WHEREAS**, the said owner (agent) named above has failed to abate or cause to be abated the above nuisance as directed within the time set, and after evidence was duly produced and considered at this meeting, and said owner has failed to file a written request for hearing, as provided, after being properly served by a notice to abate;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the owner of said property, or his agent (name of owner or agent) is hereby directed and ordered to abate the nuisance consisting of (describe the nuisance) by (state action necessary to abate) within \_\_\_\_ days after the service of this Order upon him; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the enforcement officer be and is hereby directed to serve a copy of this Order upon the said property owner or agent named above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event the owner, or agent (name the owner or agent) fails to abate the said nuisance within the time prescribed above, then and in that event the City will abate the said nuisance and the cost will be assessed against the property and/or owner (owner's name) at (address), as the law shall provide.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**Note:** It is suggested by the blank space in the resolution that additional time be allowed the owner to abate the nuisance after the passage of the resolution before any action is taken on the part of the City to abate the same. In some instances, for the sake of public safety, the time element could be stricken from the resolution and immediate action be taken to abate the nuisance after the order is given.

**SUGGESTED FORM****NOTICE TO ABATE NUISANCE**

TO: (Name and address of owner, agent, or occupant of the property on which the nuisance is located or the person causing or maintaining the nuisance).

You are hereby notified to abate the nuisance existing at (name location of nuisance) or file written request for a hearing with the undersigned officer within (hours or days) from service of this notice.

The nuisance consists of: (describe the nuisance) and shall be abated by: (state action necessary to abate the particular nuisance).

In the event you fail to abate or cause to be abated the above nuisance as directed, the City will take such steps as are necessary to abate or cause to be abated the nuisance and the costs will be assessed against you as provided by law.

Date of Notice: \_\_\_\_\_

City of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(designate officer initiating notice)

**NOTICE****REQUIRED SEWER CONNECTION**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)  
\_\_\_\_\_, Iowa

You are hereby notified that connection to the public sanitary sewer system is required at the following described property within \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) days from service of this notice or that you must file written request for a hearing before the Council with the undersigned office within said time limit.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The nearest public sewer line within \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) feet of the above described property is located

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In the event you fail to make connection as directed, or file written request for hearing within the time prescribed herein, the connection shall be made by the City and the costs thereof assessed against you as by law provided.

Date Of Notice: \_\_\_\_\_

City Of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa

By: \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name) (Title)

# NOTICE OF HEARING

## REQUIRED SEWER CONNECTION

TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)  
\_\_\_\_\_, Iowa

You are hereby notified that the City Council of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa, will meet on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall for the purpose of considering whether or not connection to the public sanitary sewer system shall be required at the following described property:

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

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You are further notified that at such time and place you may appear and show cause why said connection should not be required.

You are further notified to govern yourselves accordingly.

Date Of Notice:

City Of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa

By: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Title)

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER****REQUIRED SEWER CONNECTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa:

**WHEREAS**, notice has heretofore been served on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_,

(Name of Property Owner)

through \_\_\_\_\_, Agent,  
(Agent's Name or "None")

to make connection of the property described as

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

to the public sanitary sewer located

within \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) days from service of notice upon said owner or agent;  
and,

(EITHER)

**WHEREAS**, a hearing was requested by the said owner or agent and the same was held at this meeting and evidence produced and considered by the City Council;

(OR AS ALTERNATE TO THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH)

**WHEREAS**, the said owner or agent named above has failed to make such required connection within the time set, and after evidence was duly produced and considered at this meeting, and said owner or agent has failed to file a written request for hearing after being properly served by a notice to make such connection or request a hearing thereon;



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the owner of said property, or his agent, \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Owner or Agent)

is hereby directed and ordered to make such required connection within \_\_\_\_\_ days after the service of this ORDER upon him; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk be and the same is hereby directed to serve a copy of this ORDER upon said property owner or agent named above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in the event the owner, or agent, \_\_\_\_\_, fails to make such

(Name of Owner or Agent)

connection within the time prescribed above, then and in that event the City will make such connection and the cost thereof will be assessed against the property and/or owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner's Name)

, as provided by law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Resolution approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, IOWA

## APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING/LAND USE PERMIT

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPLICATION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_Tel. No. (Bus.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Res.) \_\_\_\_\_**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

_____	FEE PAID
_____	PLOT DIAGRAM SUBMITTED
_____	PLAN SUBMITTED
_____	APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
_____	SUBMITTED

I/WE HEREBY REQUEST A BUILDING/LAND USE PERMIT TO:

<input type="checkbox"/> BUILD	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTER	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE THE USE
OF		

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT USE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED USE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*A PLOT DIAGRAM, showing lot lines, exact location and dimensions of all existing and proposed structures on the property, AND A PLAN OF ANY PROPOSED WORK MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.*

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I have read Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of the Code of Ordinances of \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa, and believe to the best of my knowledge, that the work proposed in this application would not violate any portion of this chapter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's Signature)

CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, IOWA

**BUILDING/LAND USE PERMIT**

NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of Application) \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

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THIS PERMIT IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
CHAPTER \_\_\_, "BUILDING AND LAND USE REGULATIONS" OF THE  
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF \_\_\_\_\_, IOWA.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

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THIS PERMIT ISSUED TO:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Building Official

CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, IOWA

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ APPLICATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION NO. OF BUILDING/LAND USE PERMIT \_\_\_\_\_

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APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO. (Business) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Building Official

CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, IOWA

**CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY**

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ PERMANENT

☐ TEMPORARY

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

C.O. APPLICATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDING/LAND USE PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

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THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS  
OF CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF  
\_\_\_\_\_, IOWA, AND COMPLIES WITH ALL THE BUILDING AND  
HEALTH LAWS.

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THIS CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Building Official

