

**CHAPTER 69**

**PARKING REGULATIONS**

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

**69.02 PARK ADJACENT TO CURB.** No person shall 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 twelve (12) inches of the curb or edge of the roadway except as hereinafter provided in the case of angle parking.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)*

**69.03 PARK ADJACENT TO CURB – ONE-WAY STREET.** No person shall 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 twelve (12) inches of the curb or edge of the roadway except as hereinafter provided in the case of angle parking.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)*

**69.04 ANGLE PARKING.** Angle or diagonal parking is permitted only in the following locations:  
 - NONE –  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)*

**69.05 ANGLE PARKING – MANNER.** Upon those streets or portions of streets, which have been signed or marked for angle parking, no person shall park a vehicle other than at an angle to the curb or edge of the roadway. No part of any vehicle, or the load thereon, when parked within a diagonal parking district, shall extend into the roadway more than a distance of sixteen (16) feet when measured at right angles to the adjacent curb or edge of roadway.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)*

**69.06 PARKING FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES ILLEGAL.** No person shall park a vehicle upon public property for more than forty-eight (48) hours, unless otherwise limited under the provisions of Section 69.01 of this chapter, or for any of the following principal purposes:

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

1. Sale. Displaying such vehicle for sale.
2. Repairing. For lubricating, repairing or for commercial washing of such vehicle except such repairs are necessitated by an emergency.
3. Advertising. Displaying advertising.
4. Merchandise Sales. Selling merchandise from such vehicle except in a duly established market place or when so authorized or licensed under the Code of Ordinances.

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

1. Crosswalk. On a crosswalk.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[5])*
2. Center Parkway. On the center parkway or dividing area of any divided street.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [1])*
3. Mailboxes. Within twenty (20) feet on either side of a mailbox which is so placed and so equipped as to permit the depositing of mail from vehicles on the roadway.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1])*
4. Sidewalks. On or across a sidewalk.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [1])*
5. Driveway. In front of a public or private driveway.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [2])*
6. Residential Yards. No person shall park or continually drive any vehicle, trailer, camper, boat or any other type of vehicle on the grass in a front or side yard in any residential zone unless the parking area is surfaced with a durable surface. A durable surface shall consist of Portland cement concrete, asphalt, recycled asphalt, or gravel.
7. Intersection. Within an intersection or within ten (10) feet of an intersection of any street or alley.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [4])*
8. Fire Hydrant. Within five (5) feet of a fire hydrant.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [4])*
9. Stop Sign or Signal. Within ten (10) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop or yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [6])*
10. Railroad Crossing. Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing, except when parked parallel with such rail and not exhibiting a red light.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [8])*

11. Fire Station. Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of said entrance when properly sign posted.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [9])*
12. Excavations. Alongside or opposite of any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping or parking would obstruct traffic.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [10])*
13. Double Parking. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb or a street.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [11])*
14. Hazardous Locations. When because of restricted visibility or when parked vehicles would constitute a hazard to moving traffic, or when other traffic conditions require, the Council may cause curbs to be painted with a yellow color and erect no parking signs.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [13])*
15. Churches, Nursing Homes and Other Buildings. When clearly marked as such, a space of fifty (50) feet is hereby reserved on the side of the street in front of any nursing home, church, or other building where large assemblages of people are being held, within, no motor vehicle shall be parked or stopped except in taking on or discharging passengers or freight, and then only for such length of time as is necessary for such purpose.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.360)*
16. Alleys. No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic, and no person shall stop or park a vehicle within an alley in such a position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property. The provisions of the subsection shall not apply to a vehicle parked in any alley which is eighteen (18) feet wide or less; provided said vehicle is parked to deliver goods or services.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1])*
17. Ramps. In front of a curb cut or ramp, which is located on public or private property in a manner, which blocks access to the curb cut or ramp.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[15])*
18. Parking between Street and Lot Lines. Parking is prohibited on unpaved areas between the edge of the street and the lot line. Parking is allowed on gravel pads existing at the time of the passage of this Ordinance. The maintenance of any existing gravel pad shall be maintained solely at the owner's expense. Sidewalks are not considered paved areas where parking or driving is permitted.
19. In More Than One Space. In any designated parking space so that any part of the vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the markings designating such space.

20. Unattached Vehicles. No person shall park an unattached trailer, boat, or fifth wheel on any city street or public property.
21. Time Limit. No person shall park a boat, travel trailer, fifth wheel travel trailer attached to a vehicle, or motor home, as defined in Iowa Code Section 321.19(39), on any city street or public property for more than forty-eight (48) hours, unless in compliance with the directions of a peace officer.
22. Street Storage. Streets or public property shall not be used for storage of vehicles, boats, trailers, motor homes, or any other items.

**69.08 PERSONS WITH DISABILITY 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 the 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 Codes. 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.

**69.09 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. The provisions of this section do not apply to pickup, light delivery or panel delivery trucks.  
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1])

1. Parking on Streets. No person shall park any motor truck, semi-trailer or truck tractor which exceeds 10 tons licensed weight on any street or alley between sunrise and sunset for a longer period than 60 minutes, or between sunset and sunrise for a longer period than 30 minutes, except for loading or unloading purposes, or while in the actual process of being loaded or unloaded.

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2. Livestock Trucks and Livestock Trailers.
  - A. No person shall park any livestock truck or livestock trailer on any street while loaded or partially loaded with livestock otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the repairing or adjusting of the vehicle which has been necessitated by an emergency affecting the vehicle, or in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals.
  - B. No person shall park upon any street any empty livestock truck or livestock trailer unless the same has been cleaned or flushed immediately prior thereto.
  - C. No person shall load or unload any livestock truck or livestock trailer upon any street.

**69.10 SNOW EMERGENCY.**

1. All of the streets within the City are deemed snow routes. When conditions of snow or ice exist on the traffic surface of a designated snow route, it is unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to impede or block traffic.
2. The Mayor or designee shall be responsible for determining when conditions exist to declare a snow emergency and when the enforcement of this ordinance shall begin. The Mayor or designee is empowered to contact the designated media source when the snow emergency is in effect. The Mayor or designee is also empowered to end the prohibition on parking.
3. No person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on a designated snow route during a declared snow emergency or when there is a minimum of four (4) inches of snow on the road surface until such time as the streets have been cleared of accumulated snow from curb-to-curb.

**69.11 CONSTRUCTION ZONE.** No person shall stop 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 posted construction zone. The Superintendent of Streets may post construction zones and the appropriate signage as needed.

**69.12 LOADING SPACES.** “No Parking” spaces may be provided in front of shipping or receiving entrances to business establishments having no access to an alley in compliance with the following conditions:

1. The owner or occupant of any such business establishment desiring a “No Parking” space in front of the establishment shall make written application for a permit to the Council setting forth all relevant information and stating the number of feet desired for such purposes.
2. The Council shall have the authority to grant or refuse any permit request at their discretion, or they may grant the same with reasonable restriction and limitations. Such permit may at any time, when the public welfare will be promoted, be withdrawn or further limited by the Council.
3. The permit holder shall place two (2) “No Parking” standards or signs on the sidewalk, next to the curb, marking the limits of such “No Parking” space. Such signs shall be of the size, character and description required by the Police Chief.

**69.13 PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.** No person shall park a vehicle on privately owned property or an area adjacent thereto developed as an off-street parking facility, without the consent of the owner, lessee, or person in charge of the privately owned property or facility. Upon complaint of the owner, lessee or person in charge of such property or facility, a violation of this section shall place the vehicle in the status of an illegally parked vehicle. It shall be the responsibility of the owner, lessee or person in charge of the privately owned property or facility to post signs giving reasonable notice of the prohibited parking by stating *No Parking--- Private Lot --- Violators Will Be Towed at the Owner's Expense*. Before towing any such vehicle, the owner, lessee, or person in charge of the property or facility shall agree in writing to release and hold harmless the City, its agents, officers and employees against any and all damages or claims for damages arising out of the towing of the vehicle. (Ordinance No. 1707, 12/4/17)