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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 Slater, Iowa.

**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 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 Slater, Iowa.
- 3. "Clerk" means the city clerk of Slater, 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 Slater, Iowa.

6. "Council" means the city council of Slater, Iowa.

7. "County" means Story 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 "Ordinances" means the ordinances of the City of Slater, Iowa, as embodied in this Code of Ordinances, ordinances not repealed by the ordinance adopting this Code of Ordinances, and those enacted hereafter.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 to 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 any injury to or death of any person or persons whomsoever, and any 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.

**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])

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# **CHARTER**

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2.01 TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the charter of the City of Slater, 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 OF CITY OFFICERS.** 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 Council Members elected at large for overlapping terms of four years. *Code of Iowa, Sec. 376.2*)

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> **EDITOR'S NOTE**: An Ordinance adopting a charter for the City was passed and approved by the Council on July 1, 1974. The original charter was amended to provide for Council member terms of four years.

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## MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS

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**3.01 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. 363.22[3]*)

**3.02 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. 363.22[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.

**3.03 PENALTIES.** A municipal infraction is punishable by the following civil penalties: (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 363.22[1]*)

- 1. Standard Civil Penalties.
  - A. First offense not to exceed \$750.00
  - B. Each repeat offense not to exceed \$1,000.00

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 \$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 \$1,000.00 for each occurrence. However, an environmental violation is not subject to such penalty if all of 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.

**3.04 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.

**3.05 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. 363.22[8]*)

**3.06 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. 363.22[11])

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# **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 such officer is certified as elected, no 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 Slater 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 offices:

- 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])

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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 POWERS AND DUTIES.** 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 multimembered 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.

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(Code of Iowa, Sec. 21.7)
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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[3a])* 

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[3b]*)

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

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

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 contracts are made by competitive bid in writing, publicly invited and opened, or if the remuneration of employment will not be directly affected as a result of the contract and the duties of employment do not directly involve the procurement or preparation of any part of the contract. The competitive bid qualification of this subsection does not apply to a contract for professional services not customarily awarded by competitive bid.

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

5. Newspaper. The designation of an official newspaper. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[3f]*)

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[3g]*)

7. Volunteers. Contracts with volunteer firefighters or civil defense volunteers. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.5[3h]*)

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[3i])

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

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

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 twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.00) in a fiscal year.

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

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[31]*)

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[3m]*)

**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 forty (40) 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])

**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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# **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 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.** Nomination papers shall include a petition and an affidavit of candidacy. The petition and affidavit shall be substantially in the form prescribed by the State Commissioner of Elections, shall include information required by the *Code of Iowa*, and shall be signed in accordance with the *Code of Iowa*.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 45.3, 45.5 & 45.6)

**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]*)

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# FISCAL MANAGEMENT

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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/Administrator 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)

3. Petty Cash Fund. The finance officer shall be custodian of a petty cash fund for the payment of small claims for minor purchases, collect-on-delivery transportation charges, and small fees customarily paid at the time of rendering a service, for which payments the finance officer shall obtain some form of receipt or bill acknowledged as paid by the vendor or agent. At such time as the petty cash fund is approaching depletion, the finance officer shall draw a check for replenishment in the amount of the accumulated expenditures and said check and supporting detail shall be submitted to the Council as a claim in the usual manner for claims and charged to the proper funds and accounts. It shall not be used for salary payments or other personal services or personal expenses.

4. Change Fund. The finance officer is authorized to draw a warrant/check on the Utility Fund for establishing a change fund for the purpose of making change without commingling other funds to meet the requirements of the office. Said change fund shall be in the custody of the Clerk/Administrator, who shall maintain the integrity of the fund.

**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 no later than February 15 of each year.

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

5. Notice of Hearing. Upon adopting a proposed budget the Council shall set a date for public hearing thereon to be held before March 15 and cause notice of such hearing and a summary of the proposed budget to be published not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date established for the hearing. Proof of such publication must be filed with the County Auditor.

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

6. Copies of Budget on File. Not less than twenty (20) days before the date that the budget must be certified to the County Auditor and not less than ten (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 Clerk and at the City library.

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

7. 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. 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])

**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. Checks shall be prenumbered and signed by the Clerk/Administrator or Deputy Clerk 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 1 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)

# **URBAN RENEWAL**

<b>EDITOR'S</b>	NOTE
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The following ordinances not codified herein, and specifically saved from repeal, have been adopted establishing Urban Renewal Areas in the City and remain in full force and effect.

ORDINANCE	ADOPTED	NAME OF AREA
NO.		
170	July 7, 1997	Slater Urban Renewal Area
184	August 6, 2001	Slater Urban Renewal Area – Amendment #1
185	August 6, 2001	Prairie Creek Urban Renewal Area
196	November 4, 2002	Prairie Creek Urban Renewal Area – Amendment #1
203	August 2, 2004	Slater Urban Renewal Area – Amendment #2
204	August 2, 2004	Prairie Creek Urban Renewal Area – Amendment #2
205	August 2, 2004	Prairie Creek Plat 4 Urban Renewal Area
210	October 3, 2005	Slater Commercial/Industrial Urban Renewal Area
212	January 5, 2006	Prairie Creek Plat 4 Urban Renewal Area - Amendment
220	November 20, 2006	Slater Commercial/Industrial Urban Renewal Area –
		Amendment
249	June 13, 2011	Slater Commercial/Industrial Urban Renewal Area –
		Amendment

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# **DISPOSAL OF CITY-OWNED REAL ESTATE**

9.01 Purpose

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**9.01 PURPOSE.** The provisions codified in this chapter are to provide for the procedures and methods of vacating and disposing of real estate owned by the City.

**9.02 PROCEDURE REQUIRED FOR LEASES OVER THREE YEARS.** The City may not dispose of any interest in real property by sale, lease for a term of more than three years, or gift, except in accordance with the following procedure:

1. The Council shall set forth by resolution its proposal for the vacation, sale, or lease of any property owned by the City and shall publish notice, as hereinafter provided, of the date of the resolution and of a date, time, and place of a public hearing on the proposal.

2. Following the public hearing, the Council may make a determination on the proposal by resolution.

3. The City may not dispose of real property by gift except to a governmental body for public purpose.

4. Following the adoption of a resolution, an ordinance shall be drafted specifically setting forth the vacation or selling of the real property.

**9.03 NOTICE REQUIRED.** The provisions provided by the *Code of Iowa* shall be followed in the publication of notice for the vacation of sale of real estate.

**9.04 STANDARD FEES.** Unless the Council waives all or a portion of the requirements of this section for good cause by resolution, the City shall require the purchaser of the City's interest in real property to pay an administrative fee of \$150.00 and all of the costs of vacating and disposing of the City's interest in real property, which shall include, but is not limited to, engineering and surveying fees, publication fees, and legal fees. The Clerk/Administrator shall withhold any instruments of conveyance approved by the Council until all fees have been paid.

**9.05 VALUATION AND PRICE OF MUNICIPAL REAL PROPERTY.** The City shall require the payment to the City of the fair market value for the conveyance of its interests in real property. For purposes of this chapter, fair market value is one of the following:

- 1. The highest responsible bid at public auction.
- 2. The value established by a licensed appraiser.

3. For fee simple title to unimproved land, the value established by multiplying the average assessed value expressed in dollars per square foot of adjacent lands by the number of square feet to be conveyed.

4. For fee simple title to unimproved land (a) for which the City has maintenance or liability burdens, (b) which cannot reasonably be developed except in conjunction with an adjacent developed or developable tract, and (c) for which there exists no reasonable municipal use the Council may determine by resolution that the value is zero or so negligible that the payment of the standard fees required by this chapter are sufficient consideration.

5. For interests less than fee simple title, such as easements, the Council may determine by resolution that the value is negligible, the Council may determine by resolution that the value is zero or so negligible that the payment of the standard fees required by this chapter are sufficient consideration.

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# MAYOR

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# **15.01 TERM OF OFFICE.** The Mayor is elected for a term of two 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, except for supervisory duties delegated to the City Clerk/Administrator, 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.

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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 Mayor Pro Tem and the Mayor also appoints, with Council approval, the following officials:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.4)

- 1. Parks and Recreation Board
- 2. Library Board of Trustees
- 3. Cemetery Board

The Mayor also recommends individuals for appointment by the Council for membership on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**15.04 COMPENSATION.** The salary of the Mayor is \$3,000.00 per year, payable quarterly.

**15.05 VOTING.** The Mayor is not a member of the Council and shall not vote as a member of the Council.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.4)

# **MAYOR PRO TEM**

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**16.01 VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.** The Mayor shall appoint a member of the Council as Mayor Pro Tem, who shall serve as 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 appoint, 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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# **CITY COUNCIL**

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**17.01** NUMBER AND TERM OF COUNCIL. The Council consists of five Council members elected at large for overlapping terms of four 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 approved by the Council. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 26.10*)

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 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 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) on a public improvement 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.

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

**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 regular meetings of the Council are on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at Council Chambers at City Hall. If such day falls on a legal holiday, the meeting is held at a time determined by the Council.

2. Special Meetings. Special meetings shall be held upon call of the Mayor or upon the request of a majority of the members of the Council.

(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 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 Administrator
- 3. City Attorney
- 4. Planning and Zoning Commission
- 5. Cemetery Sexton

**17.06 COMPENSATION.** The salary of each Council member is \$30.00 for each meeting of the Council attended, payable quarterly.

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

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# **CITY CLERK**

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**18.01 APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION.** At its first meeting in January following the regular City election, the Council shall appoint by majority vote a City Clerk to serve for a term of two years. 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.** Within fifteen (15) days following a regular or special meeting, the Clerk 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 claims.

(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) or 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:

> City Hall Post Office Library

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.** The Clerk shall attend all regular and special Council meetings and, 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 positions and the time at which they shall assume the duties of their offices.

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

**18.12 ELECTIONS.** The Clerk shall perform the duties relating to elections and nominations in accordance with Chapter 376 of the *Code of Iowa*.

**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 is the word "SEAL" and around the margin of which are the words "INCORPORATED CITY OF SLATER, IOWA."

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## **CITY TREASURER**

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**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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## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

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**20.01 OFFICE; APPOINTMENT.** The office of the City Administrator is created. At its first meeting in January following the regular City election, the Council shall appoint by majority vote a City Administrator to serve for a term of two years.

**20.02 QUALIFICATIONS.** The City Administrator shall be a person qualified by training and experience to perform the duties set forth herein.

**20.03 DUTIES.** The City Administrator has the duties and authority described in this section:

1. The City Administrator shall administer all ordinances, resolutions, and Council directives and policies and shall perform such additional acts and carry out such additional duties as the Council may, from time to time, designate.

2. The City Administrator shall supervise and direct the administration of City government, conduct the business affairs of the City, and coordinate and direct all City services provided through the various departments. The City Administrator shall supervise the City's administrative policies and procedures, including personnel and purchasing. The City Administrator shall manage and may employ and remove City employees over which the City Administrator has authority, with the agreement of the Mayor.

3. The City Administrator shall, as requested, assist the Mayor and City Commissions, Boards, Agencies, and other bodies in the performance of their duties.

4. The City Administrator shall study continuously City operating procedures, organizations, and facilities and, when appropriate and necessary, give advice and recommendations to the Mayor and Council on fiscal and other policies. The City Administrator shall keep the Mayor and Council informed of the progress of the City's programs and policies.

5. The City Administrator shall prepare and submit to the Council a budget and shall implement the approved budget.

6. The City Administrator shall direct the purchasing of all commodities, materials, supplies, capital outlay, and services for all departments of the City that have been budgeted and appropriated by resolution of the Council and shall ensure the quality and character thereof.

7. The City Administrator shall supervise, manage, and maintain all public places, including streets and alleys, and City-owned facilities and property.

8. The City Administrator shall administer the Zoning Code of the City, review building and zoning applications, refer matters to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment as needed, and authorize building permits and occupancy certificates. The City Administrator shall assist the Council and the

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Planning and Zoning Commission in carrying out their duties related to land use regulation and planning within the City. The City Administrator shall facilitate the preparation and administration of the comprehensive plan. The City Administrator shall perform or designate a person to perform the functions of the building commissioner.

9. The City Administrator shall attend all Council meetings, unless excused by the Council. The City Administrator shall attend such additional meetings of City Commissions, Boards, Agencies, and other bodies as the Council may require.

10. The City Administrator shall act as the Council's liaison with law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency management agencies and with commercial and governmental utility services that serve the City and with neighboring municipalities and with County, State, and Federal governmental bodies. When designated to do so, the City Administrator shall act as the City's delegate to the Story County Emergency Management Commission and other bodies of which the City is a member.

11. The City Administrator may perform the duties of the City Clerk or City Treasurer if appointed by the Council to fill such offices contemporaneously and otherwise shall cooperate with and assist the City Clerk and City Treasurer with all accounting and accounting procedures and shall keep the Council fully advised of current and future financial and other conditions of the City and in keeping and maintaining current, accurate City records. The City Administrator shall be the City Clerk pro tempore when the appointed City Clerk is temporarily unable to perform the duties required of that office.

12. The City Administrator shall cooperate with, coordinate with, advise, assist, and consult with the City Attorney and the City Engineer, the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer as appropriate and necessary.

13. The City Administrator may hear and decide matters pertaining to the existence of or remedial action or penalty for nuisance and municipal infractions and may affirm, modify, suspend, reverse, or remand an order issued by subordinate municipal officers. Appeal of a decision of the City Administrator may be made to the Council.

14. The City Administrator may promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures for the management of administrative offices.

**20.04 COMPENSATION.** The Council shall fix the compensation of the City Administrator from time to time by resolution.

**20.05 COUNCIL'S RETAINED POWERS.** The Council retains the Council's power to appoint the City Clerk, City Treasurer, and the City Attorney. The Council retains the power to control and direct the activities of the City Administrator. The Council retains the power to establish the policies of the City.

**20.06 MAYOR'S RETAINED POWERS.** The Mayor retains the authority to act as the City's chief elected official, to have chief responsibility for relations with the public, to preside at Council meetings, and to fulfill all obligations and responsibilities imposed by State law or City ordinance or delegated by the Council.

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

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**21.01 APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION.** The Council shall appoint by majority vote a City Attorney to serve for an indefinite term. The City Attorney shall receive such compensation as established by resolution of the Council.

**21.02 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]*)

**21.03 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]*)

**21.04 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]*)

**21.05 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])

**21.06 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 City Clerk/Administrator.

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

**21.07 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])* 

**21.08 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]*)

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# LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**22.01 PUBLIC LIBRARY.** There is established a free public library for the use of the City, to be known as the Slater Public Library. It is referred to in this chapter as the Library.

**22.02 LIBRARY TRUSTEES.** The Board of Trustees of the Library, hereinafter referred to as the Board, consists of seven members. All board members are to be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council.

**22.03 QUALIFICATIONS OF TRUSTEES.** Five of the trustees shall be bona fide citizens and residents of the City over the age of 19 years. Two trustees shall be bona fide citizens and residents of the Ballard School District, but not of any City, over the age of 19 years.

**22.04 ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.** The organization of the Board shall be as follows:

1. Term of Office. All appointments to the Board shall be for six years, except to fill vacancies. Appointments shall be made at the regular January Council meeting and terms shall commence at the next regular Board meeting. Appointments shall be made every two years of one-third the total number or as near as possible, to stagger the terms.

2. Vacancies. The position of any resident Trustee shall be vacated if such member moves permanently from the City or from the County in case of a nonresident member. The position of any Trustee shall be deemed vacated if such member is absent from six (6) consecutive regular meetings of the Board, except in the case of sickness or temporary absence from the City. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled in the same manner as an original appointment, and the new Trustee shall fill out the unexpired term for which the appointment is made.

3. Compensation. Trustees shall receive no compensation for their services.

**22.05 POWERS AND DUTIES.** The Board shall have and exercise the following powers and duties:

1. Officers. To meet and elect from its members a President, a Secretary, and such other officers as it deems necessary. The City Treasurer shall serve as Board Treasurer, but shall not be a member of the Board.

2. Physical Plant. To have charge, control and supervision of the Library, its appurtenances, fixtures and rooms containing the same.

3. Charge of Affairs. To direct and control all affairs of the Library.

4. Hiring of Personnel. To employ a Librarian, assistants, and other employees necessary for the proper management of the Library, and to fix their salaries; however, prior to such employment, the compensation of the Librarian, assistants, and employees shall have been fixed for the term of the employment by a majority of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof.

5. Removal of Personnel. To remove, by a two-thirds vote of the Board, the Librarian, assistants or employees for misdemeanor, incompetency or inattention to duty, subject however, to the provisions of Chapter 35C of the *Code of Iowa*.

6. Purchases. To select and make purchases of all items considered necessary for the operation of the library.

7. Use by Nonresidents. To authorize the use of the Library by nonresidents and to fix charges for this privilege.

8. Rules and Regulations. To make and adopt, amend, modify, or repeal rules and regulations for the care, use, government, and management of the Library and the business of the Board, fixing and enforcing penalties for violations. Copies of such rules and regulations shall be posted in the Library where they can be seen by the public.

9. Expenditures. To have exclusive control of the expenditure of all appropriations allocated for Library purposes by the Council, and of all moneys available by gift or otherwise for the erection of Library buildings, and of all other moneys belonging to the Library fund, including fines and rentals collected under the rules of the Board.

10. Budget. To make and send to the Council, at least 45 days before the date the Council must certify the budget to the County Auditor each year, an estimate of the amount necessary for the improvement, operation, and maintenance of the Library for the coming fiscal year, the amounts expended for like purposes for the two preceding years, and the amount of income expected for the next fiscal year from sources other than taxation, and upon request of Council for the year and ensuing fiscal year.

11. Gifts. To accept gifts, in the name of the Library, of real property, personal property, or mixed property, and devises and bequests, including trust funds; to execute deeds and bills of sale for the conveyance of said property; and to expend the funds received by them from such gifts, for the improvement of the Library.

12. Enforce the Performance of Conditions on Gifts. To enforce the performance of conditions on gifts, donations, devises and bequests accepted by the City by action against the Council.

#### (Code of Iowa, Ch. 661)

13. Record of Proceedings. To keep a record of its proceedings.

14. County Historical Association. To have authority to make agreements with the local County historical association where such exists, and to set apart the necessary room and to care for such articles as may come into the possession of the association. The Trustees are further authorized to purchase necessary receptacles and materials for the preservation and protection of such articles as are in their judgment of a historical and educational nature and pay for the same out of funds allocated for Library purposes.

**22.06 CONTRACTING WITH OTHER LIBRARIES.** The Board has power to contract with other libraries in accordance with the following:

1. Contracting. The Board may contract with any other boards of trustees of free public libraries, with any other city, school corporation, private or semiprivate organization, institution of higher learning, township, or County, or with the trustees of any County library district for the use of the Library by their respective residents. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.5 & Ch. 28E)* 

2. Termination. Such a contract may be terminated at any time by mutual consent of the contracting parties. It also may be terminated by a majority vote of the electors represented by either of the contracting parties. Such a termination proposition shall be submitted to the electors by the governing body of a contracting party on a written petition of not less than five percent (5%) in number of the electors who voted for governor in the territory of the contracting party at the last general election. The petition must be presented to the governing body not less than forty (40) days before the election. The proposition may be submitted at any election provided by law that is held in the territory of the party seeking to terminate the contract.

**22.07 NONRESIDENT USE.** The Board may authorize the use of the Library by persons not residents of the City or County in any one or more of the following ways:

1. Lending. By lending the books or other materials of the Library to nonresidents on the same terms and conditions as to residents of the City, or County, or upon payment of a special nonresident Library fee.

2. Depository. By establishing depositories of Library books or other materials to be loaned to nonresidents.

3. Bookmobiles. By establishing bookmobiles or a traveling library so that books or other Library materials may be loaned to nonresidents.

4. Branch Library. By establishing branch libraries for lending books or other Library materials to nonresidents.

**22.08 EXPENDITURES.** All money allocated by the Council from the General Fund for the operation and maintenance and management of the Library shall be set aside in an account for the Library. The City Treasurer shall be responsible for the account and any expenditures shall be paid for only on orders of the Board, signed by its President and Secretary.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.20 & 392.5)

**22.09 ANNUAL REPORT.** The Board shall make a report to the Council immediately after the close of the municipal fiscal year. This report shall contain statements as to the condition of the Library, the number of books added, the number circulated, the number lost or not returned, the amount of fines collected, and the amount of money expended in the maintenance of the Library during the year, together with such further information as may be required by the Council.

**22.10 INJURY TO BOOKS OR PROPERTY.** It is unlawful for a person willfully, maliciously or wantonly to tear, deface, mutilate, injure or destroy, in whole or in part, any newspaper, periodical, book, map, pamphlet, chart, picture or other property belonging to the Library or reading room.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 716.1)

**22.11 THEFT.** No person shall take possession or control of property of the Library with the intent to deprive the Library thereof.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 714.1)

**22.12 NOTICE POSTED.** There shall be posted in clear public view within the Library notices informing the public of the following:

1. Failure to Return. Failure to return Library materials for two months or more after the date the person agreed to return the Library materials, or failure to return Library equipment for one month or more after the date the person agreed to return the Library equipment, is evidence of intent to deprive the owner, provided a reasonable attempt, including the mailing by restricted certified mail of notice that such material or equipment is overdue and criminal actions will be taken, has been made to reclaim the materials or equipment.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 714.5)

2. Detention and Search. Persons concealing Library materials may be detained and searched pursuant to law.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 808.12)

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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**23.01 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.** The City Planning and Zoning Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, consists of five members appointed by the Council, after recommendation by the Mayor. Appointments shall be made at the regular January Council meeting and terms shall commence at the next regular Commission meeting. The Commission members shall be residents of the City and shall not hold any elective office in the City government.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 414.6 & 392.1)

**23.02 TERM OF OFFICE.** The term of office of the members of the Commission shall be five years. The terms of not more than one-third of the members will expire in any one year. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)* 

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

**23.04 COMPENSATION.** All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, except their actual expenses, which shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

**23.05 POWERS AND DUTIES.** The Commission shall have and exercise the following powers and duties:

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.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

2. Adopt Rules and Regulations. The Commission shall adopt such rules and regulations governing its organization and procedure as it may deem necessary. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)* 

3. 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*.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 414.6)

4. Recommendations of Improvements. No statuary, memorial or work of art in a public place, and no public building, bridge, viaduct, street fixtures, public structure

or appurtenances, shall be located or erected, or site therefor 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 improvement when the Commission after thirty (30) days' written notice requesting such recommendations, shall have failed to file same.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

5. Review and Comment on Plats. All plans, plats, or re-plats of subdivision or re-subdivisions 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.

### (Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

6. Review and Comment of Street and Park Improvements. No plan for any street, park, parkway, boulevard, traffic-way, river front, 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 Commission shall have had thirty (30) days within which to file its recommendations thereon.

#### (Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

7. 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.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

8. 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.

#### (Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

9. 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.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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**24.01 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, playgrounds, and community facilities for other forms of recreation. It shall also plan and oversee City programs and encourage other programs to enhance the leisure time activities of the City's residents of all ages.

**24.02 BOARD ORGANIZATION.** The Board shall consist of seven members, all residents of the City, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council, for overlapping terms of four years. Appointments shall be made at the regular January Council meeting and terms shall commence at the next regular Board meeting. The Board shall annually choose from its membership a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary. Members shall serve without compensation, but may receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the term.

**24.03 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, subject to the limitation of expenditures for salaries and supplies, contracts and capital outlays set forth in the annual budget provided by the Council for parks and recreation operations. The Board shall cooperate with the Mayor in the allotment of time of City employees for parks and recreation purposes. The Chairperson shall order supplies by the procedures established by the Council for all departments of the City, and payment will be made by check written by the Clerk for invoices submitted and approved by the Board.

**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. Its revenues and expenditures shall be reported monthly by the Clerk in the manner of other departmental expenditures, and a copy shall be provided to each member of the Board and in the Clerk's report to the Council.

**24.05 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.

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# **CEMETERY BOARD**

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#### 25.01 CEMETERY BOARD ESTABLISHED. The Cemetery Board is established.

**25.02 APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF MEMBERS.** The Cemetery Board shall consist of six members, each of whom shall be a citizen of the City, appointed by the Mayor with the advice of incumbent members and with the approval of the Council, for staggered four-year terms. Appointments shall be made at the regular January Council meeting and terms shall commence at the next regular Board meeting. The Mayor shall designate the first Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, and the Board shall choose its Chairperson and Vice Chairperson every two years thereafter. Members shall serve without compensation, but may receive their actual expenses. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

### 25.03 DUTIES OF CEMETERY BOARD. The Cemetery Board shall:

1. Have authority over the municipal cemetery and personnel, subject to the limitation of expenditures for salaries, supplies, contracts, and capital outlay set forth in the annual budget established by the Council;

2. Advise the Council on the needs of and matters of planning for the municipal cemetery;

3. Recommend a Sexton for Council appointment;

4. Adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the sale, use, and maintenance of cemetery lots;

5. Adopt and publish rules and regulations designed to protect, preserve, and foster the beauty of the cemetery;

6. Establish a schedule of fees for the sale of cemetery lots and for perpetual care of monuments or other improvements;

7. Receive and disburse funds of the perpetual care fund as prescribed by Chapter 523I of the *Code of Iowa* and this chapter.

**25.04 REVIEW BY COUNCIL.** Actions by the Cemetery Board shall be subject to review by the Council. Rules and regulations of the Cemetery Board shall be reviewed by the Council which may approve or disapprove of all or part of such rules or regulations. Rules and regulations approved by the Council shall have the force and effect of a resolution of the Council.

**25.05 CEMETERY SEXTON.** The office of Sexton is established. The Sexton shall serve without compensation, but may receive reimbursement for actual expenses.

**25.06 APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF SEXTON.** The Council shall appoint by majority vote a person to serve as Sexton. The Sexton shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. In the event a vacancy of the office of Sexton should occur, the Council shall appoint a person to fulfill the remaining term of the departing Sexton.

25.07 DUTIES OF SEXTON. The Sexton shall:

1. Manage the operation of the cemetery under the direction of the Cemetery Board;

2. Open and close graves in accordance with instructions received from proper authorities;

3. Supervise and control all interments and disinterments, or appoint an appropriate City employee to supervise and control such interments or disinterments when the Sexton is unavailable, to ensure proper placement and conformity with cemetery rules;

4. Supervise and control the installation of all foundations and determine the position of monuments, markers, memorials, or other improvements to insure conformity with the rules and regulations of the cemetery;

5. Enforce the rules and regulations of the cemetery as adopted by the Cemetery Board and approved by the Council;

6. Oversee such City employees as may be under the direction of the Sexton;

7. Keep a record of burials in the cemetery showing the name of the deceased person, place of death, date of burial, disposal, disinterment or reburial, name and address of the funeral director or embalmer and such other records as are pertinent to the burials and deliver such records to the City Clerk;

8. Provide advice and recommendations concerning the operation, maintenance and improvement of the cemetery to the cemetery board; and

9. Perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Cemetery Board or Council or as may be prescribed in the rules and regulations of the cemetery.

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# **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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**35.01 ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.** A volunteer fire department is hereby established to prevent and extinguish fires and to protect lives and property against fires, to promote fire prevention and fire safety, and to answer all emergency calls for which there is no other established agency.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.16)

**35.02 ORGANIZATION.** The department consists of the Fire Chief and such other officers and personnel as may be authorized by the Council. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])* 

**35.03 APPROVED BY COUNCIL.** No person having otherwise qualified shall be appointed to the department until such appointment is submitted to and approved by a majority of the Council members.

**35.04 TRAINING.** All members of the department shall meet the minimum training standards established by the State Fire Marshal and attend and actively participate in regular or special training drills or programs as directed by the Fire Chief.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 100B.2[4])

**35.05 COMPENSATION.** Members of the department shall be designated by rank and receive such compensation as shall be determined by resolution of the Council. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])* 

**35.06 ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** The department shall elect a Fire Chief and such other officers as its constitution and bylaws may provide, but the election of the Fire Chief shall be subject to the approval of the Council. In case of absence of the Fire Chief, the officer next in rank shall be in charge and have and exercise all the powers of Fire Chief.

**35.07 FIRE CHIEF: DUTIES.** The Fire Chief shall perform all duties required of the Fire Chief by law or ordinance, including but not limited to the following: *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])* 

1. Enforce Laws. Enforce ordinances and laws regulating fire prevention and the investigation of the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires.

2. Technical Assistance. Upon request, give advice concerning private fire alarm systems, fire extinguishing equipment, fire escapes and exits, and development of fire emergency plans.

3. Authority at Fires. When in charge of a fire scene, direct an operation as necessary to extinguish or control a fire, perform a rescue operation, investigate the existence of a suspected or reported fire, gas leak, or other hazardous condition, or take any other action deemed necessary in the reasonable performance of the department's duties.

#### (Code of Iowa, Sec. 102.2)

4. Control of Scenes. Prohibit an individual, vehicle or vessel from approaching a fire scene and remove from the scene any object, vehicle, vessel or individual that may impede or interfere with the operation of the Fire Department.

#### (Code of Iowa, Sec. 102.2)

5. Authority to Barricade. When in charge of a fire scene, place or erect ropes, guards, barricades or other obstructions across a street, alley, right-of-way, or private property near the location of the fire or emergency so as to prevent accidents or interference with the firefighting efforts of the Fire Department, to control the scene until any required investigation is complete, or to preserve evidence related to the fire or other emergency.

#### (Code of Iowa, Sec. 102.3)

6. Command. Be charged with the duty of maintaining the efficiency, discipline, and control of the Fire Department. The members of the Fire Department shall, at all times, be subject to the direction of the Fire Chief.

7. Property. Exercise and have full control over the disposition of all fire apparatus, tools, equipment, and other property used by or belonging to the Fire Department.

8. Notification. Whenever death, serious bodily injury, or property damage in excess of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) has occurred as a result of a fire, or if arson is suspected, notify the State Fire Marshal's Division immediately. For all other fires causing an estimated damage of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more or emergency responses by the Fire Department, file a report with the Fire Marshal's Division within ten (10) days following the end of the month. The report shall indicate all fire incidents occurring and state the name of the owners and occupants of the property at the time of the fire, the value of the property, the estimated total loss to the property, origin of the fire as determined by investigation, and other facts, statistics, and circumstances concerning the fire incidents.

#### (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 100.2 & 100.3*)

9. Right of Entry. Have the right, during reasonable hours, to enter any building or premises within the Fire Chief's jurisdiction for the purpose of making such investigation or inspection which under law or ordinance may be necessary to be made and is reasonably necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

### (Code of Iowa, Sec. 100.12)

10. Recommendation. Make such recommendations to owners, occupants, caretakers, or managers of buildings necessary to eliminate fire hazards. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 100.13)* 

11. Assist State Fire Marshal. At the request of the State Fire Marshal, and as provided by law, aid said marshal in the performance of duties by investigating, preventing and reporting data pertaining to fires.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 100.4)

12. Records. Cause to be kept records of the Fire Department personnel, firefighting equipment, depreciation of all equipment and apparatus, the number of responses to alarms, their cause, and location, and an analysis of losses by value, type and location of buildings.

13. Reports. Compile and submit to the Mayor and Council an annual report of the status and activities of the department as well as such other reports as may be requested by the Mayor or Council.

**35.08 OBEDIENCE TO FIRE CHIEF.** No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of the Fire Chief.

**35.09 CONSTITUTION.** The department shall adopt a constitution and bylaws as they deem calculated to accomplish the object contemplated, and such constitution and bylaws and any change or amendment to such constitution and bylaws before being effective, must be approved by the Council.

**35.10 ACCIDENTAL INJURY INSURANCE.** The Council shall contract to insure the City against liability for worker's compensation and against statutory liability for the costs of hospitalization, nursing, and medical attention for volunteer firefighters injured in the performance of their duties as firefighters whether within or outside the corporate limits of the City. All volunteer firefighters shall be covered by the contract.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 85.2, 85.61 and Sec. 410.18)

**35.11 LIABILITY INSURANCE.** The Council shall contract to insure against liability of the City or members of the department for injuries, death or property damage arising out of and resulting from the performance of departmental duties within or outside the corporate limits of the City.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 670.2 & 517A.1)

**35.12 CALLS OUTSIDE FIRE DISTRICT.** The department shall answer calls to fires and other emergencies outside the Fire District if the Fire Chief determines that such emergency exists and that such action will not endanger persons and property within the Fire District.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.4[2 & 3]*)

**35.13 MUTUAL AID.** Subject to approval by resolution of the Council, the department may enter into mutual aid agreements with other legally constituted fire departments. Copies of any such agreements shall be filed with the Clerk.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.4[2 & 3])

**35.14 AUTHORITY TO CITE VIOLATIONS.** Fire officials acting under the authority of Chapter 100 of the *Code of Iowa* may issue citations in accordance to Chapter 805 of the *Code of Iowa*, for violations of State and/or local fire safety regulations.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 100.41)

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**36.01 PURPOSE.** In order to reduce the danger to the public health, safety, and welfare from the leaks and spills of hazardous substances, these regulations are promulgated to establish responsibility for the treatment, removal and cleanup of hazardous substance spills within the City limits.

**36.02 DEFINITIONS.** For purposes of this chapter the following terms are defined:

1. "Cleanup" means actions necessary to contain, collect, control, identify, analyze, clean up, treat, disperse, remove, or dispose of a hazardous substance. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 455B.381[1]*)

2. "Hazardous condition" means any situation involving the actual, imminent, or probable spillage, leakage, or release of a hazardous substance onto the land, into a water of the State or into the atmosphere which creates an immediate or potential danger to the public health or safety or to the environment.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec.* 455B.381[4])

3. "Hazardous substance" means any substance or mixture of substances that presents a danger to the public health or safety and includes, but is not limited to, a substance that is toxic, corrosive, or flammable, or that is an irritant or that generates pressure through decomposition, heat, or other means. "Hazardous substance" may include any hazardous waste identified or listed by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, or any toxic pollutant listed under section 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended to January 1, 1977, or any hazardous substance designated under Section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended to January 1, 1977, or any hazardous material designated by the Secretary of Transportation under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 455B.381[5])

4. "Responsible person" means a person who at any time produces, handles, stores, uses, transports, refines, or disposes of a hazardous substance, the release of which creates a hazardous condition, including bailees, carriers, and any other person in control of a hazardous substance when a hazardous condition occurs, whether the person owns the hazardous substance or is operating under a lease, contract, or other agreement with the legal owner of the hazardous substance.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 455B.381[7])

**36.03 CLEANUP REQUIRED.** Whenever a hazardous condition is created by the deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking or placing of a hazardous substance, so that the hazardous substance or a constituent of the hazardous substance may enter the environment or be emitted

into the air or discharged into any waters, including ground waters, the responsible person shall cause the condition to be remedied by a cleanup, as defined in the preceding section, as rapidly as feasible to an acceptable, safe condition. The costs of cleanup shall be borne by the responsible person. If the responsible person does not cause the cleanup to begin in a reasonable time in relation to the hazard and circumstances of the incident, the City may, by an authorized officer, give reasonable notice, based on the character of the hazardous condition, said notice setting a deadline for accomplishing the cleanup and stating that the City will proceed to procure cleanup services and bill the responsible person for all costs associated with the cleanup if the cleanup is not accomplished within the deadline. In the event that it is determined that immediate cleanup is necessary as a result of the present danger to the public health, safety and welfare, then no notice shall be required and the City may proceed to procure the cleanup and bill the responsible person for all costs associated with the cleanup. If the bill for those services is not paid within thirty (30) days, the City Attorney shall proceed to obtain payment by all legal means. If the cost of the cleanup is beyond the capacity of the City to finance it, the authorized officer shall report to the Council and immediately seek any State or Federal funds available for said cleanup.

**36.04 LIABILITY FOR CLEANUP COSTS.** The responsible person shall be strictly liable to the City for all of the following:

1. The reasonable cleanup costs incurred by the City or the agents of the City as a result of the failure of the responsible person to clean up a hazardous substance involved in a hazardous condition.

2. The reasonable costs incurred by the City or the agents of the City to evacuate people from the area threatened by a hazardous condition caused by the person.

3. The reasonable damages to the City for the injury to, destruction of, or loss of City property, including parks and roads, resulting from a hazardous condition caused by that person, including the costs of assessing the injury, destruction or loss.

4. The excessive and extraordinary cost incurred by the City or the agents of the City in responding at and to the scene of a hazardous condition caused that that person.

### 36.05 NOTIFICATIONS.

1. A person manufacturing, storing, handling, transporting, or disposing of a hazardous substance shall notify the State Department of Natural Resources and the Emergency Management Coordinator of the occurrence of a hazardous condition as soon as possible but not later than six (6) hours after the onset of the hazardous condition or discovery of the hazardous condition. The City Clerk shall immediately notify the Department of Natural Resources.

2. Any other person who discovers a hazardous condition shall notify the City Clerk, who shall then notify the Department of Natural Resources.

**36.06 POLICE AUTHORITY.** If the circumstances reasonably so require, the law enforcement officer or an authorized representative may:

1. Evacuate persons from their homes to areas away from the site of a hazardous condition, and

2. Establish perimeters or other boundaries at or near the site of a hazardous condition and limit access to cleanup personnel.

No person shall disobey an order of any law enforcement officer issued under this section.

**36.07 LIABILITY.** The City shall not be liable to any person for claims of damages, injuries, or losses resulting from any hazardous condition, unless the City is the responsible person as defined in Section 36.02(4).

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## FIRST RESPONDER SERVICE

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**37.01 ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.** A volunteer First Responder Service is hereby established to provide prompt response to emergency medical 911 calls. The First Responder Service shall provide basic emergency medical care, when dispatched by the Story County Sheriff Dispatch Unit, and shall continue to provide medical assistance until advanced medical personnel arrive. The Story County Sheriff's Dispatch Unit dispatches the 911 call based on the predetermined assigned geographic location of the medical call.

**37.02 ORGANIZATION.** All members of the service must be State certified as a First Responder or above. First Responder is the minimum qualification. Any person over the age of eighteen having the necessary certification may become a service member. The service shall elect its Board members. The Board consists of an EMS Chief, EMS Deputy Chief, Secretary and Treasurer. Board members are elected for a one year term commencing in January of each calendar year.

**37.03 EMS CHIEF.** The EMS Chief shall have the following duties:

1. General. Perform all duties required by this chapter.

2. Command. Maintain efficiency, discipline, and control of the First Responder Service. The members shall be subject to directions of the EMS Chief.

3. Property. Maintain and have limited control over all equipment and supplies used by or belonging to the First Responder Service.

4. Records. Maintain personnel certification requirements, medical records, operating costs, minutes of proceedings, and logs of calls

5. Reports. Compile and submit to the Mayor and Council an annual report of activities, as well as such other reports as may be requested by the Mayor or the Council.

**37.04 EMS DEPUTY CHIEF.** The EMS Deputy Chief will help in any way with the duties of the EMS Chief and act as backup in the absence of the Chief.

**37.05 SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall take minutes at meetings, provide them at least a week prior the next meeting and maintain other records as deemed necessary by the EMS Chief.

**37.06 TREASURER.** The Treasurer is responsible for submitting invoices, tracking and balancing with the City's assigned account.

**37.07 TRAINING.** Each member shall maintain their certification as required by the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of EMS. This includes maintaining a current Professional Rescuer Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR/AED).

**37.08 COMPENSATION.** Members of the First Responder Service shall receive no compensation for calls or meetings as determined by the members of the service.

**37.09 MEETINGS.** Members are expected to attend training and squad meetings based on their availability. All meetings will follow the Roberts Rules of Order.

**37.10 GENERAL RULES.** Members of the First Responder Service shall comply with the voluntary First Response Service Standards as directed by the Iowa Department of Public Health, Emergency Medical Services Bureau. Members shall abide by all rules of this chapter.

1. All members agree to take calls whenever available.

2. Members shall not consume any alcoholic beverages or take any medication which could possibly affect their ability to perform during a call.

3. Members are prohibited from sharing patient names, ages, medical information or other shared history with anyone other than the ambulance in route and other certified medical staff on scene.

**37.11 FINANCING AND ACCOUNTING.** Budgeted City funds will be in accordance with the ordinances of the City. The budget and expenditures shall not exceed the cash on hand for the First Responder Service.

**37.12 INSURANCE.** The Council shall contract to insure the City for liability for the cost of hospitalization, nursing and medical attention for First Responder Service personnel injured in the performance of their volunteer duties.

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## **PUBLIC PEACE**

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**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.

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

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(Code of Iowa, Sec. 723.4[5])
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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 trespass or assault. As used in this subsection:

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

A. "Deface" means to intentionally mar the external appearance.

B. "Defile" means to intentionally make physically unclean.

C. "Flag" means a piece of woven cloth or other material designed to be flown from a pole or mast.

D. "Mutilate" means to intentionally cut up or alter so as to make imperfect.

E. "Show disrespect" means to deface, defile, mutilate, or trample.

F. "Trample" means to intentionally tread upon or intentionally cause a machine, vehicle, or animal to tread upon.

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])

8. Funeral or Memorial Service. Within 500 feet of the building or other location where a funeral or memorial service is being conducted, or within 500 feet of a funeral procession or burial:

A. Make loud and raucous noise which causes unreasonable distress to the persons attending the funeral or memorial service or participating in the funeral procession.

B. 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.

C. Disturb or disrupt the funeral, memorial service, funeral procession or burial by conduct intended to disturb or disrupt the funeral, memorial service, funeral procession or burial.

This subsection applies to conduct within 60 minutes preceding, during, and within 60 minutes after a funeral, memorial service, funeral procession, or burial. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 723.5*)

**40.04** UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. It is unlawful for three 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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# **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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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)

Report or cause to be reported false information to a fire department, a law 1. 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.

Telephone an emergency 911 communications center, knowing that he or she 2. 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 INTERFERENCE WITH OFFICIAL ACTS. No person shall knowingly resist or obstruct anyone known by the person to be a peace officer, emergency medical care provider or firefighter, whether paid or volunteer, in the performance of any act which is within the scope of the lawful duty or authority of that officer, emergency medical care provider or firefighter, or shall knowingly resist or obstruct the service or execution by any authorized person of any civil or criminal process or order of any court. The terms "resist" and

"obstruct" as used in this section do not include verbal harassment unless the verbal harassment is accompanied by a present ability and apparent intention to execute a verbal threat physically.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 719.1)

**41.06 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)

**41.07 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])

**41.08 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.

#### 41.09 DISCHARGING WEAPONS.

1. It is unlawful for a person to discharge rifles, shotguns, revolvers, pistols, 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.

**41.10 THROWING AND SHOOTING.** It is unlawful for a person to throw stones, bricks, or missiles of any kind or to shoot arrows, paintballs, rubber guns, slingshots, air rifles, BB guns, 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])

**41.11 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.

**41.12 FIREWORKS.** The sale, use and exploding of fireworks within the City are subject to the following:

### (Code of Iowa, Sec. 727.2)

1. Definition. The term "fireworks" includes any explosive composition, or combination of explosive substances, or articles prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, and specifically includes blank cartridges, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, or other fireworks of like construction and any fireworks containing any

explosive or flammable compound, or other device containing any explosive substance.

2. Regulations. It is unlawful for any person to offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, or use or explode any fireworks; provided 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:

- A. Personal Injury: ......\$250,000 per person.
- B. Property Damage: ......\$50,000
- C. Total Exposure: ......\$1,000,000

3. Exceptions. This section does not prohibit the sale by a resident, dealer, manufacturer 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 theatre, 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.

### 41.13 DRUG PARAPHERNALIA.

#### (Code of Iowa, Sec. 124.414)

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.

**41.14 PROVIDING FALSE IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION.** No person shall knowingly provide false identification information to anyone known by the person to be a peace officer, emergency medical care provider, or firefighter, whether paid or volunteer, in the performance of any act that is within the scope of the lawful duty or authority of that officer, emergency medical care provider, or firefighter.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 719.1A)

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## **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY**

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**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[2*c*])

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 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*.

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

**42.07 OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY OFFENSES.** The following chapters of this Code of Ordinances contain regulations prohibiting or restricting other activities or conditions which are also deemed to be public property offenses:

- 1. Chapter 22 Library
  - A. Section 22.10 Injury to Books or Property
  - B. Section 22.11 Theft of Library Property
- 2. Chapter 105 Solid Waste Control and Recycling
  - A. Section 105.11 Littering Prohibited
  - B. Section 106.04 Open Dumping Prohibited
- 3. Chapter 135 Street Use and Maintenance
  - A. Section 135.01 Removal of Warning Devices
  - B. Section 135.02 Obstructing or Defacing
  - C. Section 135.03 Placing Debris On
  - D. Section 135.04 Playing In
  - E. Section 135.05 Traveling on Barricaded Street or Alley
  - F. Section 135.08 Burning Prohibited
  - G. Section 135.12 Dumping of Snow
- 4. Chapter 136 Sidewalk Regulations
  - A. Section 136.11 Interference with Sidewalk Improvements
  - B. Section 136.15 Fires or Fuel on Sidewalks
  - C. Section 136.16 Defacing
  - D. Section 136.17 Debris on Sidewalks

- E. Section 136.18 Merchandise Display
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## ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND INTOXICATION

45.01 Persons Under Legal Age 45.02 Public Consumption or Intoxication 45.03 Open Containers in Motor Vehicles

**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 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.

(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 that 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 in a public place.

3. A person shall not simulate intoxication in a public place.

4. 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 Section 62.01 of this Code of Ordinances.]

# MINORS

46.01 Cigarettes and Tobacco

46.02 Contributing to Delinquency

**46.01 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, or cigarettes. Possession of cigarettes or tobacco products by a person under eighteen years of age shall not constitute a violation of this section if said person possesses the cigarettes or tobacco products 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 cigarettes or tobacco products.

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

**46.02 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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# **PARK REGULATIONS**

47.01 Purpose 47.02 Use of Drives Required 47.03 Fires 47.04 Littering 47.05 Parks Closed

**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 FIRES.** No fires shall be built, except in a place provided therefor, and such fire shall be extinguished before leaving the area unless it is to be immediately used by some other party.

**47.04 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.

**47.05 PARKS CLOSED.** No person shall enter or remain within any park between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., unless an exception is granted by the Council.

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## 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

6. 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 62.06)

7. 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.

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

9. 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.

10. Dutch Elm Disease. Trees infected with Dutch elm disease. (See also Chapter 150)

11. Airport Air Space. Any object or structure hereafter erected within one thousand (1,000) feet of the limits of any municipal or regularly established airport or landing place, which may endanger or obstruct aerial navigation including take-off and landing, unless such object or structure constitutes a proper use or enjoyment of the land on which the same is located.

12. 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.

**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. Dangerous Structures (See Chapter 146)
- 2. Demolition (See Chapter 147)
- 3. Junk and Junk Vehicles (See Chapter 105)
- 4. Storage and Disposal of Solid Waste (See Chapter 105)
- 5. Trees (See Chapter 150)

**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 any authorized municipal officer finds that a nuisance exists, such officer has the authority to determine on a case-by-case basis whether to utilize the nuisance abatement procedure described in Section 50.06 of this chapter or the municipal infraction procedure referred to in Section 50.07.

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

**50.06 ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE BY WRITTEN NOTICE.** Any nuisance, public or private, may be abated in the manner provided for in this section:

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

- 1. Contents of Notice to Property Owner. The notice to abate shall contain: <sup>†</sup>
  - A. Description of Nuisance. A description of what constitutes the nuisance.
  - B. Location of Nuisance. The location of the nuisance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> **EDITOR'S NOTE:** A suggested form of notice for the abatement of nuisances is included in the Appendix of this Code of Ordinances. Caution is urged in the use of this administrative abatement procedure, particularly where cost of abatement is more than minimal or where there is doubt as to whether or not a nuisance does in fact exist. If compliance is not secured following notice and hearings, we recommend you review the situation with your attorney before proceeding with abatement and assessment of costs. Your attorney may recommend proceedings in court under Chapter 657 of the *Code of Iowa* rather than this procedure.

C. Acts Necessary to Abate. A statement of the act or acts necessary to abate the nuisance.

D. Reasonable Time. A reasonable time within which to complete the abatement.

E. 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 the property owner.

2. Method of Service. The notice may be in the form of an ordinance or sent by certified mail to the property owner.

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

3. 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.

4. 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 subsection 6 of this section after notice to the property owner under the applicable provisions of subsection 1 and 2, and the hearing as provided in subsection 3.

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

5. 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]*)

6. Collection of Costs. The Clerk shall send 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 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])

7. Installment Payment of Cost of Abatement. If the amount expended to abate the nuisance or condition exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the City may permit the assessment to be paid in up to ten (10) annual installments, to be paid in the same manner and with the same interest rates provided for assessments against benefited property under State law.

#### (Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.13)

8. 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.

**50.07 MUNICIPAL INFRACTION ABATEMENT PROCEDURE.** In lieu of the abatement procedures set forth in Section 50.06, the requirements of this chapter may be enforced under the procedures applicable to municipal infractions as set forth in Chapter 3 of this Code of Ordinances.

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# **ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL**

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**55.01 DEFINITIONS.** The following terms are defined for use in this chapter.

1. "Advertise" means to present a commercial message in any medium including but not limited to print, radio, television, sign, display, label, tag or articulation.

2. "Animal" means a nonhuman vertebrate.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 717B.1)

3. "At large" means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of a competent person, restrained within a motor vehicle, or housed in a veterinary hospital or kennel.

4. "Business" means any enterprise relating to any of the following:

A. The sale or offer for sale of goods or services.

- B. A recruitment for employment or membership in an organization.
- C. A solicitation to make an investment.
- D. An amusement or entertainment activity.
- 5. "Fair" means any of the following:

A. The annual fair and exposition held by the Iowa State Fair Board pursuant to Chapter 173 of the *Code of Iowa* or any fair event conducted by a fair under the provisions of Chapter 174 of the *Code of Iowa*.

B. An exhibition of agricultural or manufactured products.

C. An event for operation of amusement rides or devices or concession booths.

6. "Game" means a "game of chance" or "game of skill" as defined in Section 99B.1 of the *Code of Iowa*.

7. "Livestock" means an animal belonging to the bovine, caprine, equine, ovine or porcine species, ostriches, rheas and emus; farm deer as defined in Section 170.1 of the *Code of Iowa*; or poultry.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 717.1)

8. "Owner" means any person owning, keeping, sheltering or harboring an animal.

9. "Pet" means a living dog, cat, or an animal normally maintained in a small tank or cage in or near a residence, including but not limited to a rabbit, gerbil, hamster, mouse, parrot, canary, mynah, finch, tropical fish, goldfish, snake, turtle, gecko, or iguana.

**55.02 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)

**55.03 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)

**55.04 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)

**55.05 LIVESTOCK.** It is unlawful for a person to keep livestock within the City except by written consent of the Council or except in compliance with the City's zoning regulations. Provided, however, a person may keep up to ten (10) chickens on a property. The chickens must be kept in a coop and run at all times. The coop and run must be least twenty-five (25) feet from neighboring residences and shall not be located in the front yard.

**55.06 AT LARGE PROHIBITED.** It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City.

**55.07 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.

**55.08 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 by frequent and habitual howling, yelping, barking, or otherwise, or by running after or chasing persons, bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles.

**55.09 VICIOUS DOGS.** It is unlawful for any person to harbor or keep a vicious dog within the City. A dog is deemed to be vicious when it has attacked or bitten any person without provocation, or when propensity to attack or bite persons exists and is known or ought reasonably to be known to the owner.

**55.10 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. Dogs

kept in State or Federally licensed kennels and not allowed to run at large are not subject to these vaccination requirements.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.33)

**55.11 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)

**55.12 CONFINEMENT.** If a local board of health receives information that an animal has bitten a person or that a dog or animal is suspected of having rabies, the board 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 board, and after ten (10) days the board may humanely destroy the animal. If such animal is returned to its owner, the owner shall pay the cost of impoundment. This section does not apply if a police service dog or a horse used by a law enforcement agency and acting in the performance of its duties has bitten a person.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.39)

**55.13 AT LARGE: IMPOUNDMENT.** Animals found at large in violation of this chapter shall be seized and impounded at the impoundment facilities utilized by the City, or at the discretion of the peace officer, the owner may be served a summons to appear before a proper court to answer charges made thereunder.

**55.14 DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS.** When an animal has been apprehended and impounded, written notice shall be provided to the owner within two (2) days after impoundment, if the owner's name and current address can reasonably be determined by accessing a tag or other device that is on or part of the animal. Impounded animals may be recovered by the owner upon payment of impounding costs, and if an unvaccinated dog, by having it immediately vaccinated. If the owner fails to redeem the animal within seven (7) days from the date that the notice is mailed, or if the owner cannot be located within seven days, the animal shall be disposed of in accordance with law or destroyed by euthanasia.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 351.37, 351.41)

#### 55.15 PET AWARDS PROHIBITED.

(Code of Iowa, Ch. 717.E)

1. Prohibition. It is unlawful for any person to award a pet or advertise that a pet may be awarded as any of the following:

A. A prize for participating in a game.

B. A prize for participating in a fair.

C. An inducement or condition for visiting a place of business or attending an event sponsored by a business.

D. An inducement or condition for executing a contract which includes provisions unrelated to the ownership, care or disposition of the pet.

2. Exceptions. This section does not apply to any of the following:

A. A pet shop licensed pursuant to Section 162.5 of the *Code of Iowa* if the award of a pet is provided in connection with the sale of a pet on the premises of the pet shop.

B. Youth programs associated with 4-H Clubs; Future Farmers of America; the Izaak Walton League of America; or organizations associated with outdoor recreation, hunting or fishing, including but not limited to the Iowa Sportsmen's Federation.

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# **ADMINISTRATION OF TRAFFIC CODE**

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**60.01 TITLE.** Chapters 60 through 70 of this Code of Ordinances may be known and cited as the "Slater Traffic Code."

**60.02 DEFINITIONS.** Where words and phrases used in the Traffic Code are defined by State law, such definitions apply to their use in said Traffic Code and are adopted by reference. Those definitions so adopted that need further definition or are reiterated, and other words and phrases used herein, have the following meanings:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1)

1. "Business District" means the territory including all commercial and industrial districts as established in the City's zoning regulations.

2. "Park" or "parking" 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 merchandise or passengers.

3. "Peace officer" means every officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.

4. "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.

5. "School district" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway for a distance of two hundred (200) feet in either direction from a schoolhouse.

6. "Stand" or "standing" means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

7. "Stop" means when required, the complete cessation of movement.

8. "Stop" or "stopping" means when prohibited, any halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or traffic control sign or signal.

9. "Suburban district" means all other parts of the City not included in the business, school, or residence districts.

10. "Traffic control device" means all signs, signals, markings, and devices not inconsistent with this chapter, lawfully placed or erected for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.

11. "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, street, or alley.

**60.03 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.** Provisions of this Traffic Code and State law relating to motor vehicles and law of the road are enforced by the County Sheriff's office.

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

**60.04 POWER TO DIRECT TRAFFIC.** A peace officer or, in the absence of a peace officer, any officer of the Fire Department when at the scene of a fire, is authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand, or signal in conformance with traffic laws. In the event of an emergency, traffic may be directed as conditions require, notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 102.4 & 321.236[2])

**60.05 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: 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 shall be filed with the City for the confidential use of peace officers and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 321.271 of the *Code of Iowa*.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.273)

**60.06 PEACE OFFICER'S AUTHORITY.** A peace officer is authorized to stop a vehicle to require exhibition of the driver's license of the driver, to serve a summons or memorandum of traffic violation, to inspect the condition of the vehicle, to inspect the vehicle with reference to size, weight, cargo, log book, bills of lading or other manifest of employment, tires and safety equipment, or to inspect the registration certificate, the compensation certificate, travel order, or permit of such vehicle. A peace officer having probable cause to stop a vehicle may require exhibition of the proof of financial liability coverage card issued for the vehicle. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.492*)

**60.07 OBEDIENCE TO PEACE OFFICERS.** No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any peace officer invested by law with authority to direct, control or regulate traffic.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.229*)

**60.08 PARADES REGULATED.** No person shall conduct or cause any parade on any street except as provided herein:

1. "Parade" Defined. "Parade" means any march or procession of persons or vehicles organized for marching or moving on the streets in an organized fashion or manner or any march or procession of persons or vehicles represented or advertised to the public as a parade.

2. Permission Required. No parade shall be conducted without first obtaining permission from the City Council. Approval granted to the person organizing or sponsoring the parade shall be permission for all participants therein to parade when such participants have been invited by the organizer to participate therein. No fee shall be required for such parade.

3. Parade Not a Street Obstruction. Any parade for which permission has been issued as herein required, and the persons lawfully participating therein, shall not be

deemed an obstruction of the streets notwithstanding the provisions of any other ordinance to the contrary.

4. Control by Law Enforcement and Firefighters. Persons participating in any parade shall at all times be subject to the lawful orders and directions in the performance of their duties of law enforcement personnel and members of the Fire Department.

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## **TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

61.01 Installation 61.02 Crosswalks 61.03 Traffic Lanes 61.04 Standards 61.05 Compliance

**61.01 INSTALLATION.** The City shall cause to be placed and maintained traffic control devices when and as required under this Traffic Code or under State law or emergency or temporary traffic control devices for the duration of an emergency or temporary condition as traffic conditions may require to regulate, guide or warn traffic. The City shall keep a record of all such traffic control devices.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.255)

**61.02 CROSSWALKS.** The City is hereby authorized, to designate and maintain crosswalks by appropriate traffic control devices 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.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4] & 321.255)

**61.03 TRAFFIC LANES.** The City is hereby authorized to mark lanes for traffic on street pavements at such places as traffic conditions require, consistent with this Traffic Code. 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. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4] & 321.255*)

**61.04 STANDARDS.** Traffic control devices shall comply with standards established by *The Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.* (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.255)

**61.05 COMPLIANCE.** No driver of a vehicle shall disobey the instructions of any official traffic control device placed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, unless at the time otherwise directed by a peace officer, subject to the exceptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle under Section 321.231 of the *Code of Iowa*.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.256)

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# **GENERAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

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62.05 Obstructing View at Intersections 62.06 Compression Brakes Prohibited 62.07 Special Passing Restrictions

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

- 1. Section 321.17 Misdemeanor to violate registration provisions.
- 2. Section 321.32 Registration card, carried and exhibited; exception.
- 3. Section 321.37 Display of plates.
- 4. Section 321.38 Plates, method of attaching, imitations prohibited.
- 5. Section 321.57 Operation under special plates.
- 6. Section 321.67 Certificate of title must be executed.
- 7. Section 321.78 Injuring or tampering with vehicle.
- 8. Section 321.79 Intent to injure.
- 9. Section 321.91 Penalty for abandonment.
- 10. Section 321.98 Operation without registration.
- 11. Section 321.99 Fraudulent use of registration.
- 12. Section 321.104 Penal offenses again title law.
- 13. Section 321.115 Antique vehicles; model year plates permitted.
- 14. Section 321.174 Operators licensed.
- 15. Section 321.174A Operation of motor vehicles with expired license.
- 16. Section 321.180 Instruction permits.

17. Section 321.180B – Graduated driver's licenses for persons aged fourteen through seventeen.

18. Section 321.193 – Restricted licenses.

19. Section 321.194 – Special minor's licenses.

20. Section 321.208A – Operation in violation of out-of-service order.

21. Section 321.216 – Unlawful use of license and nonoperator's identification card.

22. Section 321.216B – Use of driver's license or nonoperator's identification card by underage person to obtain alcohol.

23. Section 321.216C – Use of driver's license or nonoperator's identification card by underage person to obtain cigarettes or tobacco products.

24. Section 321.218 – Operating without valid driver's license or when disqualified.

25. Section 321.219 – Permitting unauthorized minor to drive.

26. Section 321.220 – Permitting unauthorized person to drive.

27. Section 321.221 – Employing unlicensed chauffeur.

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- 115. Section 321.395 Lamps on parked vehicles.
- 116. Section 321.398 Lamps on other vehicles and equipment.
- 117. Section 321.402 Spot lamps.
- 118. Section 321.403 Auxiliary driving lamps.
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- 123. Section 321.409 Mandatory lighting equipment.
- 124. Section 321.415 Required usage of lighting devices.
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- 153. Section 321.458 Loading beyond front.
- 154. Section 321.460 Spilling loads on highways.
- 155. Section 321.461 Trailers and towed vehicles.
- 156. Section 321.462 Drawbars and safety chains.
- 157. Section 321.463 Maximum gross weight.

- 158. Section 321.465 Weighing vehicles and removal of excess.
- 159. Section 321.466 Increased loading capacity; reregistration.

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.255)

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

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

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

**62.06 COMPRESSION BRAKES PROHIBITED.** No person shall use or operate a compression release engine braking system (commonly referred to as a Jake Brake, Jacobs Brake, engine brake, or compression brake) within the City, except in an emergency or in an official vehicle responding to an emergency.

**62.07 SPECIAL PASSING RESTRICTIONS.** It is unlawful to pass in any area, which may be referred to as "No Passing Zones," designated by pavement marking or signs. The following No Passing Zones are established:

1. Linn Street, southbound, from the north corporate limit to the south corporate limit.

2. Linn Street, northbound, from the south corporate limit to the north corporate limit.

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# **SPEED REGULATIONS**

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

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285)

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

- 1. Business District twenty (20) miles per hour.
- 2. Residence or School District twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- 3. Suburban District forty-five (45) miles per hour.

**63.03 PARKS, 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.

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

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.290)

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

A. South Linn Street. Beginning at a point 400 feet from the southern corporate limit on Linn Street and continuing north to the intersection of Linn Street and State Highway 210.

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

A. North Linn Street, southbound. With respect to the southbound lane of travel on Linn Street, beginning north of the corporate limit and continuing south 1,500 feet.

B. North Linn Street, northbound. With respect to the northbound lane of travel on Linn Street, beginning at a point 930 feet south of the north corporate limit and continuing south 416 feet.

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.294)

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## **TURNING REGULATIONS**

64.01 Turning at Intersections

64.02 U-Turns

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

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.311*)

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

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

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

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

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

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## **STOP OR YIELD REQUIRED**

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

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

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.345*)

1. First Avenue at Linn Street eastbound.

2. Main Street at Greene Street westbound.

- 3. Second Avenue at Linn Street eastbound.
- 4. Second Avenue at Linn Street westbound.
- 5. Third Avenue at Linn Street eastbound.
- 6. Fourth Avenue at Greene Street westbound.
- 7. Fourth Avenue at Linn Street eastbound.
- 8. Fourth Avenue at Linn Street westbound.
- 9. Eighth Avenue at Marshall Street eastbound.
- 10. Eighth Avenue at Marshall Street westbound.
- 11. Eighth Avenue at Linn Street eastbound.
- 12. Ninth Avenue at Linn Street eastbound.
- 13. Tenth Avenue at Linn Street eastbound.
- 14. Greene Street at First Avenue northbound.
- 15. Greene Street at Fourth Avenue northbound.
- 16. Greene Street at Fourth Avenue southbound.
- 17. Greene Street at Sixth Avenue northbound.
- 18. Greene Street at Eighth Avenue southbound.
- 19. Boone Street at First Avenue northbound.
- 20. Boone Street at Main Street northbound.
- 21. Boone Street at Main Street southbound.
- 22. Boone Street at Sixth Avenue southbound.
- 23. Story Street at First Avenue northbound.
- 24. Story Street at Main Street northbound.
- 25. Story Street at Main Street southbound.

- 26. Story Street at Sixth Avenue northbound.
- 27. Story Street at Sixth Avenue southbound.
- 28. Marshall Street at First Avenue northbound.
- 29. Marshall Street at Main Street northbound.
- 30. Marshall Street at Main Street southbound.
- 31. Marshall Street at Sixth Avenue northbound.
- 32. Marshall Street at Sixth Avenue southbound.
- 33. Marshall Street at Eighth Avenue northbound.
- 34. Marshall Street at Eighth Avenue southbound.
- 35. Tama Street at First Avenue northbound.
- 36. Tama Street at Main Street northbound.
- 37. Tama Street at Main Street southbound.
- 38. Tama Street at Sixth Avenue southbound.
- 39. Benton Street at First Avenue northbound.
- 40. Benton Street at Main Street northbound.
- 41. Benton Street at Main Street southbound.
- 42. Benton Street at Sixth Avenue southbound.
- 43. Cedar Street at Sixth Avenue southbound.
- 44. Grimm Park exit at Greene Street and Fourth Avenue.
- 45. South Carroll Street at Sixth Avenue northbound.

46. Four Mile Drive at South Carroll Street and Eighth Avenue, traveling northeasterly.

- 47. Boone Street at Trail Drive northbound.
- 48. Greene Street at Trail Drive, traveling northeasterly.
- 49. Trail Drive at Four Mile, traveling northwesterly.
- 50. Trail Drive at Four Mile, traveling southeasterly.
- 51. Fifth Avenue at Linn Street eastbound.

**65.02 FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS.** Every driver of a vehicle shall stop before entering the following designated four-way stop intersections:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.345)

- 1. Intersection of Linn Street and Sixth Avenue (Highway 210);
- 2. Intersection of Linn Street and Main Street.

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

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.345*)

1. Second Avenue at Greene Street westbound.

- 2. Second Avenue at Boone Street eastbound.
- 3. Second Avenue at Boone Street westbound.
- 4. Second Avenue at Story Street eastbound.
- 5. Second Avenue at Story Street westbound.
- 6. Second Avenue at Marshall Street eastbound.
- 7. Second Avenue at Marshall Street westbound.
- 8. Second Avenue at Tama Street eastbound.
- 9. Second Avenue at Tama Street westbound.
- 10. Second Avenue at Benton Street eastbound.
- 11. Second Avenue at Benton Street westbound.
- 12. Third Avenue at Greene Street westbound.
- 13. Third Avenue at Boone Street eastbound.
- 14. Third Avenue at Boone Street westbound.
- 15. Third Avenue at Story Street eastbound.
- 16. Third Avenue at Story Street westbound.
- 17. Third Avenue at Marshall Street eastbound.
- 18. Third Avenue to Marshall Street westbound.
- 19. Third Avenue at Tama Street eastbound.
- 20. Third Avenue at Tama Street westbound.
- 21. Third Avenue at Benton Street eastbound.
- 22. Third Avenue at Benton Street westbound.
- 23. Fourth Avenue at Boone Street eastbound.
- 24. Fourth Avenue at Boone Street westbound.
- 25. Fourth Avenue at Story Street eastbound.
- 26. Fourth Avenue at Story Street westbound.
- 27. Fourth Avenue at Marshall Street eastbound.
- 28. Fourth Avenue at Marshall Street westbound.
- 29. Fourth Avenue at Tama Street eastbound.
- 30. Fourth Avenue at Tama Street westbound.
- 31. Fourth Avenue at Benton Street eastbound.
- 32. Fourth Avenue at Benton Street westbound.
- 33. Fourth Avenue at Cedar Street eastbound.
- 34. Fifth Avenue at Boone Street eastbound.
- 35. Fifth Avenue at Boone Street westbound.
- 36. Fifth Avenue at Story Street eastbound.

- 37. Fifth Avenue at Story Street westbound.
- 38. Fifth Avenue at Marshall Street eastbound.
- 39. Fifth Avenue at Marshall Street westbound.
- 40. Fifth Avenue at Tama Street eastbound.
- 41. Fifth Avenue at Tama Street westbound.
- 42. Fifth Avenue at Benton Street eastbound.
- 43. Fifth Avenue at Benton Street westbound.
- 44. Seventh Avenue at Marshall Street westbound.
- 45. Ninth Avenue at Marshall Street eastbound.
- 46. Ninth Avenue at Marshall Street westbound.
- 47. Tenth Avenue at Marshall Street eastbound.
- 48. Tenth Avenue at Marshall Street westbound.
- 49. Park Circle at Eighth Avenue southbound.
- 50. Tama Circle at Eighth Avenue southbound.
- 51. Benton Circle at Eighth Avenue southbound.

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

#### (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.249)

1. Linn Street from its intersection with Fourth Avenue South to its intersection with Sixth Avenue;

2. Sixth Avenue from its intersection with Benton Street East to its intersection with Linn Street;

3. Fourth Avenue from its intersection with Benton Street East to its intersection with Linn Street;

4. Intersection of Marshall Street and Sixth Avenue.

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.353)

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

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.327)

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# LOAD AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

66.01 Temporary Embargo66.02 Permits for Excess Size and Weight

66.03 Truck Route

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.471 & 472)

**66.02 PERMITS FOR EXCESS SIZE AND WEIGHT.** The Mayor 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.

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

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

1. Truck Routes Designated. Trucks having no fixed terminal within the City or making no scheduled or definite stops within the City for the purpose of loading or unloading shall travel over or upon the following streets within the City and none other:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473)

A. First Street;

B. Story Street.

2. Deliveries off Truck Route. Trucks having a fixed terminal or making a scheduled or definite stop within the City for the purpose of loading or unloading shall proceed over or upon the designated routes set out in this section to the nearest point of its scheduled or definite stop and shall proceed thereto, load or unload and return, by the most direct route to its point of departure from said designated route.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473)

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.473)

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# PEDESTRIANS

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

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

(*Code of Iowa*, *Sec. 321.326*)

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

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.328)

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

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# **ONE-WAY TRAFFIC**

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

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

- NONE -

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# **PARKING REGULATIONS**

69.01 Park Adjacent to Curb
69.02 Park Adjacent to Curb – One-Way Street
69.03 Angle Parking
69.04 Angle Parking – Manner
69.05 Parking for Certain Purposes Illegal
69.06 Parking Prohibited
69.07 Persons With Disabilities Parking

69.08 No Parking Zones
69.09 Loading and Unloading Zone
69.10 Truck Parking Limited
69.11 Parking Limited
69.12 Snow Removal
69.13 Snow Routes

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)

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

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361*)

1. Main Street, on both sides from Second Avenue to Fourth Avenue (the entire 300 and 400 blocks of Main Street).

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

**69.05 PARKING FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES ILLEGAL.** No person shall park a vehicle upon public property for more than 48 hours, unless otherwise limited under the provisions of this chapter, or for any of the following principal purposes: (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[1]*)

Sale. Displaying such vehicle for sale;

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

3. Advertising. Displaying advertising;

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

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

1. Crosswalk. On a crosswalk.

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

2. Center Parkway. On the center parkway or dividing area of any divided street.

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

3. Mailboxes. Within 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. Intersection. Within an intersection or within ten (10) feet of an intersection of any street or alley.

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

7. Fire Hydrant. Within five (5) feet of a fire hydrant. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358[4]*)

8. 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])* 

9. 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]*)

10. 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]*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.360)

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

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

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

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

17. Area Between Lot Line and Curb Line. That area of the public way not covered by sidewalk and lying between the lot line and the curb line, where curbing has been installed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. On First Avenue, north side, between Greene Street and Linn Street, parking is prohibited at all times;

2. On Third Avenue, north side, between Marshall Street and Tama Street, parking is prohibited at all times;

3. On Eighth Avenue, south and southwesterly sides, between Greene Street and Four Mile Drive, parking is prohibited at all times;

4. On Greene Street, west side, between Sixth Avenue and Eighth Avenue, parking is prohibited at all times;

5. On Story Street, east side, between Main Street and the first alley south of Main Street, parking is prohibited at all times.

6. On Marshall Street, west side, between Main Street and the first alley south of Main Street, parking at an angle is prohibited at all times;

7. On South Carroll Street west and southwesterly sides, between Four Mile Drive and Sixth Avenue, parking is prohibited at all times;

8. On Trail Drive, the north side, parking is prohibited at all times.

9. On Second Avenue, from Linn Street to Boone Street, the northerly side, parking is prohibited at all times.

10. On Third Avenue, from Benton Street to Tama Street, the northerly side, parking is prohibited at all times.

11. On Fourth Avenue, from Marshall Street to Story Street, the northerly side, parking is prohibited at all times.

12. On Linn Street, from Fifth Avenue to Sixth Avenue, the westerly side, parking is prohibited at all times.

**69.09 LOADING AND UNLOADING ZONE.** No person, shall park a vehicle or leave a vehicle unattended on any of the following named streets for a period of time longer than five (5) minutes during hours when school is in session.

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

1. Elementary School. On the north side of East Main Street beginning at a point 175 feet east of northeast intersection of Main Street and Linn Street thence continuing 265 feet further east.

**69.10 TRUCK PARKING LIMITED.** 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 a motor truck, semi-trailer, or other motor vehicle with trailer attached on any part of Main Street for its entire length. 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. The provisions of this section do not apply to pick-up, light delivery or panel delivery trucks.

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

**69.11 PARKING LIMITED.** It is unlawful to park any vehicle between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., and between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, upon the following designated streets:

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

1. Main Street, on the south side, from Linn Street to the eastern end of Main Street.

**69.12 SNOW REMOVAL.** No person shall park, abandon, or leave, whether occupied or not, any vehicle on any public street or alley during any snowfall and for twenty-four (24) hours following cessation of snow fall, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the loading and unloading of passengers and merchandise.

(Code of Iowa, 321.236[1])

**69.13 SNOW ROUTES.** No person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle from the first day of November to the first day of April between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day, upon the following streets:

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

1. Main Street, on both sides, between Story Street and Tama Street.

2. Story Street, on both sides, between Main Street and the first alley south of Main Street.

3. Marshall Street, on both sides, between Main Street and the first alley south of Main Street.

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# **TRAFFIC CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES**

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

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

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

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 805.6 & 321.485)

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

**70.03 PARKING VIOLATIONS: ALTERNATE.** Uncontested violations of parking restrictions imposed by this Code of Ordinances shall be charged upon a simple notice of a fine payable at the office of the City Clerk. The simple notice of a fine shall be in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for all violations except improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit. If such fine is not paid within thirty (30) days, it shall be increased by five dollars (\$5.00). The simple notice of a fine for improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# **ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND SNOWMOBILES**

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**75.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to regulate the operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles within the City.

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

1. "All-terrain vehicle" or "ATV" means a motorized flotation-tire vehicle, with not less than three and not more than six low pressure tires, that is limited in engine displacement to less than one thousand (1,000) cubic centimeters and in total dry weight to less than one thousand (1,000) pounds and that has a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 3211.1)

2. "Off-road motorcycle" means a two-wheeled motor vehicle that has a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control and that is intended by the manufacturer for use on natural terrain. "Off-road motorcycle" includes a motorcycle that was originally issued a certificate of title and registered for highway use under Chapter 321 of the *Code of Iowa*, but which contains design features that enable operation over natural terrain. An operator of an off-road motorcycle is also subject to the provisions of this chapter governing the operation of all-terrain vehicles.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 3211.1)

3. "Off-road utility vehicle" means a motorized flotation-tire vehicle, with not less than four and not more than eight low-pressure tires, that is limited in engine displacement to less than one thousand five hundred (1,500) cubic centimeters and in total dry weight to not more than one thousand eight hundred (1,800) pounds and that has a seat that is of bucket or bench design, not intended to be straddled by the operator, and a steering wheel or control levers for control. An operator of an off-road utility vehicle is also subject to the provisions of this chapter governing the operation of all-terrain vehicles.

#### (Code of Iowa, Sec. 3211.1)

4. "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. "Snowmobile" does not include an all-terrain vehicle which has been altered or equipped with runners, skis, belt-type tracks, or treads.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.1)

**75.03 GENERAL REGULATIONS.** No person shall operate an ATV, off-road motorcycle or off-road utility vehicle within the City in violation of Chapter 3211 of the *Code* 

of *Iowa* or a snowmobile within the City in violation of the provisions of Chapter 321G of the *Code of Iowa* or in violation of rules established by the Natural Resource Commission of the Department of Natural Resources governing their registration, equipment and manner of operation.

(Code of Iowa, Ch. 321G & Ch. 3211)

**75.04 OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES.** The operators of snowmobiles shall comply with the following restrictions as to where snowmobiles may be operated within the City:

1. Streets. Snowmobiles shall be operated only upon streets which have an accumulation of at least 0.25 inch of new snow and which have not been plowed during the snow season and on such other streets as may be designated by resolution of the Council.

2. Exceptions. Snowmobiles may be operated on prohibited streets only under the following circumstances:

A. Emergencies. Snowmobiles may be operated on any street in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by conventional motor vehicles impractical.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.9[4c])

B. Direct Crossing. Snowmobiles may make a direct crossing of a prohibited street provided all of the following occur:

(1) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety degrees  $(90^{\circ})$  to the direction of the street and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;

(2) The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the street;

(3) The driver yields the right-of-way to all on-coming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard; and

(4) In crossing a divided street, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such street with another street.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.9[2])

3. Railroad Right-of-Way. Snowmobiles shall not be operated on an operating railroad right-of-way. A snowmobile may be driven directly across a railroad right-of-way only at an established crossing and notwithstanding any other provisions of law may, if necessary, use the improved portion of the established crossing after yielding to all oncoming traffic.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.13[1h])

4. Trails. Snowmobiles shall not be operated on all-terrain vehicle trails except where so designated.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.9[4f])

5. Parks and Other City Land. Snowmobiles shall not be operated in any park, playground or upon any other City-owned property without the express permission of the City. A snowmobile shall not be operated on any City land without a snow cover of at least one-tenth of one inch.

6. Sidewalk or Parking.

A. Sidewalk. Snowmobiles shall not be operated upon any public sidewalk except for purposes of crossing the same to a public street upon which operation is authorized by this chapter.

B. Parking. Snowmobiles shall not be operated upon that portion of the public street located between the traveled portion of the street and the sidewalk, if any, or the area between the traveled portion of the street and the property line, commonly referred to as the "parking", except for the purpose of transporting the operator from a point of origin to an actual alternate point of destination. Snowmobiles operated on the parking for such purpose shall not exceed ten miles per hour.

**75.05 OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES.** The operators of ATVs shall comply with the following restrictions as to where ATVs may be operated within the City:

1. Streets. ATVs and off-road utility vehicles may be operated on streets only in accordance with Section 321.234A of the *Code of Iowa* or on such streets as may be designated by resolution of the Council for the operation of registered ATVs or registered off-road utility vehicles. In designating such streets, the Council may authorize ATVs and off-road utility vehicles to stop at service stations or convenience stores along a designated street.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 3211.10[1 & 3])

1. Trails. ATVs shall not be operated on snowmobile trails except where designated.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 3211.10[4]*)

2. Railroad Right-of-way. ATVs shall not be operated on an operating railroad right-of-way. An ATV may be driven directly across a railroad right-of-way only at an established crossing and notwithstanding any other provisions of law may, if necessary, use the improved portion of the established crossing after yielding to all oncoming traffic.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 3211.14[1h]*)

3. Parks and Other City Land. ATVs shall not be operated in any park, playground or upon any other City-owned property without the express permission of the City.

4. Sidewalk or Parking. ATVs shall not be operated upon the public sidewalk or that portion of the street located between the curb line and the sidewalk or property line commonly referred to as the "parking."

**75.06 NEGLIGENCE.** The owner and operator of an ATV or snowmobile are liable for any injury or damage occasioned by the negligent operation of the ATV or snowmobile. The owner of an ATV or snowmobile shall be liable for any such injury or damage only if the owner was the operator of the ATV or snowmobile at the time the injury or damage occurred or if the owner's consent to operate the ATV or snowmobile at the time the injury or damage occurred.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.18 & 321I.19)

**75.07 ACCIDENT REPORTS.** Whenever an ATV or snowmobile 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, either the operator or someone acting for the operator shall immediately notify a law enforcement officer and shall file an accident report, in accordance with State law.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.10 & 321I.11)

**75.08** HOURS OF OPERATION. No snowmobile or ATV shall be operated in the City between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. except for emergency situations or for loading and unloading from a transport trailer.

# **BICYCLE REGULATIONS**

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**76.01 SCOPE OF REGULATIONS.** These regulations shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any street or upon any public path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[10])

**76.02 TRAFFIC CODE APPLIES.** 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.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.234)

**76.03 DOUBLE RIDING RESTRICTED.** 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 is designed and equipped. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.234[3 and 4]*)

**76.04 TWO ABREAST LIMIT.** Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. All bicycles ridden on the roadway shall be kept to the right and shall be operated as near as practicable to the right-hand edge of the roadway.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[10])

**76.05 BICYCLE PATHS.** 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. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[10])* 

**76.06 SPEED.** No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[10])

**76.07 EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR DRIVEWAY.** 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.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[10])

**76.08** CARRYING ARTICLES. No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[10]*)

**76.09 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS.** The following shall apply to riding bicycles on sidewalks:

1. Business District. No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within the Business District, as defined in Section 60.02(1) of this Code of Ordinances. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[10])* 

2. Other Locations. When signs are erected on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, no person shall disobey the signs.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[10])

3. Yield Right-of-Way. 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.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[10])

**76.10 TOWING.** It is unlawful for any person riding a bicycle to be towed or to tow any other vehicle upon the streets of the City unless the vehicle is manufactured for such use.

**76.11 IMPROPER RIDING.** No person shall ride a bicycle in an irregular or reckless manner such as zigzagging, stunting, speeding, or otherwise so as to disregard the safety of the operator or others.

**76.12 PARKING.** 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.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236[10])

**76.13 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.** Every person riding a bicycle shall be responsible for providing and using equipment as provided herein:

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 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 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]*) **76.14 SPECIAL PENALTY.** Any person violating the provisions of this chapter may, in lieu of the scheduled fine for bicyclists or standard penalty provided for violations of the Code of Ordinances, allow the person's bicycle to be impounded by the City for not less than five (5) days for the first offense, ten (10) days for a second offense and thirty (30) days for a third offense.

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# GOLF CARTS AND SMALL RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

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77.03 Golf Cart Operation on City Streets

**77.01 DEFINITIONS**. The following terms are defined for use in this chapter:

1. "Bicycle safety flag" refers to a fluorescent orange triangular or rectangular pennant having dimensions of not less than 6 inches by 9 inches and mounted on a pole at least 6 feet in height.

2. "Slow moving vehicle sign" refers to a reflective red and yellow triangular sign having the size, shape, and appearance required by regulations of the Iowa Department of Transportation.

3. "Small recreational vehicle," includes any powered vehicles which are particularly used for recreation, whether so used or not, and which are either not registered, or registrable, by the State of Iowa as a motor vehicle for lack of capability to be so registered, and variously known as mini bikes, go-carts, terra mobiles, or similarly descriptive terms.

#### 77.02 SMALL RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

1. Small recreational vehicles shall not be operated upon any public street, alley, or sidewalk in the City.

2. Small recreational vehicles shall not be operated on private property without the express consent of the owner, nor shall the same be operated where posted notice prohibits such vehicles.

3. All small recreational vehicles shall be equipped with a muffler in good working order to prevent excessive and unusual noise.

**77.03 GOLF CART OPERATION ON CITY STREETS.** The purpose of this section is to permit the operation of golf carts on streets in the City, as authorized by Section 321.247 of the *Code of Iowa*. The operation of golf carts on City streets, by persons possessing a valid driver's license, is permitted in accordance with the following regulations:

1. A golf cart shall not be operated upon a City street which is a primary road extension through the City but shall be allowed to cross a City street which is a primary road extension through the City. A golf cart operated upon a City street shall be equipped with a slow moving vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag and operate on the streets only from sunrise to sunset. Golf carts operated on City streets shall be equipped with adequate brakes.

2. The operator of a golf cart upon a City right-of-way shall observe all traffic laws. The operator of a golf cart shall be subject to criminal and civil liability for violations of State and City laws in the same manner as the operator of a registered vehicle.

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# 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 one year 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 FEE FOR PERMIT AND CONNECTION CHARGE.** Before any permit is issued the person who makes the application shall pay a fee in an amount set by resolution of the Council to the Clerk to cover the cost of issuing the permit and supervising, regulating, and inspecting the work. In addition there shall be a connection charge in an amount set by resolution which shall be paid before issuance of a permit to reimburse the City for costs borne by the City in making water service available to the property served.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

**90.07 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 the *State Plumbing Code*.

**90.08 PLUMBER REQUIRED.** All installations of water service pipes and connections to the water system shall be made by a State-licensed plumber.

**90.09 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.

**90.10 TAPPING MAINS.** All taps into water mains shall be made by the Superintendent and in accord with the following:

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(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13[4])
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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 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch tap. All mains of over six inches in diameter shall receive no larger than a one-inch tap. Where a larger connection than a one-inch tap is desired, two 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.

**90.11 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.

**90.12 RESPONSIBILITY FOR WATER SERVICE PIPE.** All costs and expenses incident to the installation, connection, and maintenance of the water service pipe from the curb valve to the building served 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 or maintenance of said water service pipe.

**90.13 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]*)

**90.14 CURB VALVE.** There shall be installed within the public right-of-way a main shutoff 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.

**90.15 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.

**90.16 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.

**90.17 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]*)

**90.18 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.

**90.19 OPERATION OF CURB VALVE.** It is unlawful for any person except the Superintendent or a plumber to turn water on at the curb valve, and said plumber shall take no action contrary to the orders of the Superintendent and shall leave the water off or on, as directed by the Superintendent.

**90.20 FIRE HYDRANTS.** No person, unless specifically authorized by the City, shall open or attempt to draw water from any fire hydrant for any purpose whatsoever.

**90.21 YARD METERS.** A "yard meter" is a meter installed in a residential dwelling for the purpose of measuring water that is used solely for yard or other outside uses and that will not be used in the municipal sanitary sewer system or be subject to fees as provided by Chapter 99 of this Code of Ordinances for usage of the municipal sanitary sewer system. A yard meter shall be installed permanently on a water pipe that directly serves an outside faucet. It is unlawful to connect a yard meter to a water pipe that has any connection that serves faucets, toilets, or other facilities that are in the interior of the dwelling or to divert, cause, or allow water that is measured by a yard meter to drain into the municipal sanitary sewer system.

1. Application and Fees. A residential water customer may request that a yard meter be installed in the customer's dwelling. Upon application, the customer shall pay in full and in advance to the City the cost of purchase by the City of a new water meter.

2. Installation. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section:

A. The customer, at the customer's expense, shall cause the yard meter supplied by the City to be installed. A yard meter shall be installed on a water pipe that follows the main household meter required by Chapter 91 (the "master meter") so that the water passing through the yard meter will have been metered twice.

B. The customer, at the customer's expense, shall cause a backflow assembly meeting the requirements of the City to be installed between the yard meter and the outside faucet served by the yard meter.

C. The customer, at the customer's expense, shall cause a bell wire meeting the requirements of the City to be installed between the yard meter and an exterior location for connection to a remote register.

D. The plumbing work required by this section shall be performed by or under the direct supervision of a licensed master or journeyman plumber.

E. The City will install the yard remote register, and the customer shall pay to the City the cost of the remote register and installation. The City may require advance payment of the cost of installation of the remote register. The City may require the installation of a remote register for the master meter if none has been previously installed.

F. The yard meter shall be subject to inspection upon installation and as otherwise permitted by this section.

G. The yard meter shall remain the property of the City and shall be maintained as required in this section.

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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 singlefamily 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.

**91.09 METER INSTALLATION FEE.** There shall be a fee charged to the property owner for each new installation of a water meter in accordance with the schedule of such fees approved by resolution of the Council.

**91.10 INSPECTION REQUIRED; TESTING PROCEDURE.** Water meters shall be inspected whenever directed by the Waterworks Committee, or whenever the Superintendent believes that any meter is not registering correctly. If any customer believes that his or her meter is not accurate, said customer may require that the water meter be tested by depositing with the Superintendent the sum of \$5.00. Should the meter register fast, the customer shall be entitled to a readjustment for water bills for the past three months, on the basis of the overregistration, and the money deposited for testing shall be refunded to the customer. Should the meter register accurately or slow, the sum deposited for testing the meter shall be retained by the City.

**91.11 LEAKAGE.** No reduction will be made on account of leakage after the water has passed through the meter. A one-time adjustment may be possible if the customer makes an appeal to the Superintendent. (See also Section 92.11.)

**91.12 METER NOT REGISTERING.** If a meter fails to register the quantity of water, the quantity shall be determined (and the charge made) based upon the average quantity registered during such preceding period of time prior to the date of failure to register.

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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.** Water service shall be furnished at the following monthly rates within the City:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

Cubic Feet Used Per Month	Rate
First 100 cubic feet	\$16.63 (minimum charge)
All over 100 cubic feet	\$4.47 per 100 cubic feet

There shall be added to the cost of water supplied to premises containing multiple dwelling or business units supplied by one meter a surcharge as set out herein. A dwelling unit is defined as a single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation. For businesses, a unit shall be defined by a single autonomous area including permanent provisions for sanitation. The amount assessed shall be equal to \$16.63 for each unit. An additional 100 cubic feet of usage will be credited to the meter's actual reading for each assessed unit. The Building Official will make a determination as to how many units are in each building in the event that it is unclear. Any current noncompliant multi-unit facility will not be charged per unit fees until the billing on July 1, 2011.

**92.03 RATES OUTSIDE THE CITY.** Water service shall be provided to any customer located outside the corporate limits of the City which the City has agreed to serve at rates one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the rates provided in Section 92.02. No such customer, however, will be served unless the customer shall have signed a service contract agreeing to be bound by the ordinances, rules, and regulations applying to water service established by the Council.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.4 & 384.84)

**92.04 SURCHARGE FOR YARD METER.** When a yard meter has been installed in accordance with the requirements of Section 90.21 of this Code of Ordinances, there shall be added to the water service charges described in Section 92.02 a fee of \$2.00 per month irrespective of usage.

**92.05 BILLING FOR WATER SERVICE.** Water service shall be billed as part of a combined service account, which also includes fees for the sanitary sewer, storm water, and solid waste removal utilities, payable in accordance with the following:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

1. Bills Issued. The Clerk shall prepare and issue bills for combined service accounts on or before the first day of each month or the first business day thereafter if the first is on a Saturday, a Sunday, or legal holiday.

2. Bills Payable. Bills for combined service accounts shall be due when rendered and payable at the office of the Clerk by the fifteenth  $(15^{th})$  day of the same month or the first business day thereafter if the  $15^{th}$  is on a Saturday, a Sunday, or legal holiday.

3. Late Payment Service Fee. Bills not paid by 8:00 a.m. on the first business day following the due date shall be considered delinquent. A late payment service fee set by resolution shall be added to each delinquent bill to recoup costs related to the delinquency.

4. Notice Fee. When 24-hour notices are to be given or posted on the property for combined service accounts to be discontinued for nonpayment of utility bills, a separate delinquent account notice fee set by resolution shall be added to the account to recoup costs related to notice.

**92.06 SERVICE DISCONTINUED.** Water service to delinquent customers shall be discontinued in accordance with the following:

#### (Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

1. Notice. Seven days following a delinquency of an amount specified by resolution, 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 in seven more days, as specified in the notice of delinquency. Such notice shall be sent by ordinary mail to the customer in whose name the delinquent charges were incurred and shall inform the customer of the nature of the delinquency and afford the customer the opportunity for a hearing prior to the discontinuance. The 24-hour notice will be given or posted on the property.

2. Notice to Landlords. If the customer is a tenant, and if the owner or landlord of the property or premises 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 Superintendent 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 Superintendent's decision 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 fee set by resolution shall be charged before service is restored to a delinquent customer. No fee shall be charged for the usual or customary trips in the regular changes in occupancies of property. Reconnections shall be made only during normal business hours.

**92.07 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)

**92.08 LIEN EXEMPTION.** The lien for nonpayment shall not apply to a 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 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 of occupancy. A change in tenant shall require a new written notice to be given to the City within thirty (30) 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 change of ownership. The lien exemption does not apply to delinquent charges for repairs to a water service.

**92.09 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 in whose name the delinquent charges were incurred. If the customer is a tenant and if the owner or landlord of the property or premises 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)

**92.10 CUSTOMER DEPOSITS.** There shall be required from every customer for each location with utility service a deposit intended in an amount set by resolution intended to guarantee the payment of bills for service. If a customer's account becomes delinquent, the City may, at the City's option, at any time, apply any part or all of a deposit held for the customer toward the payment of the delinquent account. If any part of a deposit is applied or the deposit balance is reduced for any reason, the City may require that the customer pay to the City the amount necessary to restore the balance of the deposit to the amount required by this section. Upon the termination of the use of the water service by that tenant for that building, any balance of such deposit shall be returned to the tenant without interest.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

**92.11 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 fee in an amount set by resolution for shutting the water off at the curb valve. The customer shall not be charged a separate reconnect fee when service is restored.

**92.12** FORGIVENESS OF EXCESSIVE WATER USE. Any customer may seek a onetime reduction of the water and sewer portion of his or her combined utility service bill if excessive use is due to a leak, mechanical malfunction, or the like. The Superintendent may forgive the amount due and instruct the utility billing clerk to re-issue the bill at an amount equal to the average bills over a 12-month span. Customers (including all adult occupants of the location) may only seek this type of forgiveness once even if there is a change of residency location. [The next page is 425]

## 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 degrees (20°) 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 onsite 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 ground waters 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 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 sixty (60) days after date of official notice from the City to do so provided that said public sewer is located within two hundred (200) feet (61 meters) 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.

### **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 PERMIT FEE AND CONNECTION CHARGE.** The person who makes the application shall pay a fee in an amount set by resolution of the Council to the Clerk to cover the cost of issuing the permit and supervising, regulating, and inspecting the work. In addition, there shall be a connection charge in an amount set by resolution paid to reimburse the City for costs borne by the City in making sewer service available to the property served.

**96.03 PLUMBER REQUIRED.** All installations of building sewers and connections to the public sewer shall be made by a State-licensed plumber.

**96.04 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.

**96.05 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 installation and connection of the building sewer to the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the *State Plumbing 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 (1/4) inch per foot.

- B. Minimum grade of one-eighth (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 the *State Plumbing 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.

**96.06 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 specified in the *State Plumbing 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.

**96.07 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.

**96.08 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.

**96.09 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.

**96.10 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])

# **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 that 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 fiveday biochemical oxygen demand greater than 300 parts per million by weight, or (b) containing more than 350 parts per million by weight of suspended solids, or (c) having an average daily flow greater than two percent 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 300 parts per million by weight, or (b) reduce the suspended solids to 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 degrees (150°) F (65° C).

2. Fat, Oil, Grease. Any water or waste containing fats, wax, grease or oils, whether emulsified or not, in excess of 100 milligrams per liter or 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  $32^{\circ}$  F and  $150^{\circ}$  F ( $0^{\circ}$  to  $65^{\circ}$  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 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 24-hour composites of all outfalls whereas pH's are determined from periodic grab samples).

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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.

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**99.01 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES REQUIRED.** Every customer shall pay to the City sewer service fees as hereinafter provided.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84*)

**99.02 RATE.** Each customer shall pay sewer service charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal sanitary sewer system based upon the amount of water consumed as follows:

- 1. First 100 cubic feet or lesser amount per month @ \$14.00 (minimum charge).
- 2. All over 100 cubic feet per month @ \$3.79 per 100 cubic feet.

A surcharge shall be added for each unit within a premises containing multiple dwelling or business units supplied by one meter as set out herein. A dwelling unit is defined as a single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation. For businesses, a unit shall be defined by a single autonomous area including permanent provisions for sanitation. The amount assessed shall be equal to \$14.00 for each unit. An additional 100 cubic feet of usage will be credited to the meter's actual reading for each assessed unit. The Building Official will make a determination as to how many units are in each building in the event that it is unclear. Any current noncompliant multi-unit facility will not be charged per unit fees until the billing on July 1, 2011.

**99.03 YARD METERS EXEMPT.** When a yard meter has been installed in accordance with the requirements of Section 90.21 of this Code of Ordinances, the amount of water consumed for purposes of calculating the fee required by Section 99.02 shall be determined by subtracting for the usage period the total water measured by the yard meter from the total water measured by the master meter.

**99.04 SPECIAL RATES.** Where, in the judgment of the Superintendent and the Council, special conditions exist to the extent that the application of the sewer charges 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)

**99.05 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)

**99.06 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 92.05 of this Code of Ordinances. Sewer service may be discontinued in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 92.06 if the combined service account becomes delinquent, and the provisions contained in Section 92.09 relating to lien notices shall also apply in the event of a delinquent account.

**99.07 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)

**99.08 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.

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## STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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**100.01 PURPOSE.** The Council finds, determines, and declares:

1. It is in the best interests of the City and its residents and appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the health, welfare, safety, and convenience of the City and its residents that a Storm Water Management Utility District be established within the City.

2. Storm water management provides important systems of collection, conveyance, detention, treatment, and release of storm water; the reduction of hazard to property and life resulting from storm water runoff and flooding; improvement in general health and welfare through reduction of undesirable storm water conditions and flooding; and improvement to the water quality in the storm water and surface water system and its receiving waters, all of which are of benefit to all citizens and real properties both directly and indirectly.

3. The Council further finds that the systems of a storm water management utility are of benefit and provide services to all real properties within the incorporated City limits, including those real properties directly and indirectly served.

4. A storm water management utility district, to be known as the Slater Storm Water Management Utility, is hereby established.

5. All of the real property located within the corporate limits of the City shall be and constitute the Storm Water Management Utility District.

6. The Storm Water Management Utility shall be responsible for storm water management within the corporate boundaries of the City and shall provide for the collection, treatment, and disposal of storm water, surface water, and groundwater and the management, protection, control, regulation, use, and enhancement of storm water management systems and facilities.

**100.02 DEFINITIONS.** The following definitions apply to this chapter and Chapter 101 of this Code of Ordinances, sometimes herein referred to as "these storm water utility chapters":

1. "Commercial/Industrial" means any developed land whereon multiple family dwellings, mobile or manufactured home parks, commercial retail and office, industrial and manufacturing buildings, storage buildings and storage areas covered with impervious surfaces, parking lots, public and private school buildings, churches, hospitals and convalescent centers have been constructed.

2. "Customers of the Storm Water Utility" includes all persons, properties, and entities served by and/or benefiting from the utility's acquisition, management, maintenance, extension, and improvement of the public storm water management system and facilities. 3. "Developed land" means land that has been altered from its natural state by construction or installation of more than 500 square feet of impervious surface area, as defined in this chapter.

4. "Duplex dwelling" means a building containing only two dwelling units and designed for and occupied exclusively by not more than two families with separate housekeeping and cooking facilities for each. In the application of storm water service charge rates, duplex dwelling properties shall be treated as two single-family dwellings.

5. "Impervious surface area" means those areas which prevent or impede the infiltration of storm water into the soil as it enters in natural conditions prior to development. Common impervious surface areas include (but are not limited to) rooftops, sidewalks, driveways, patios, parking lots, storage areas, compacted gravel surfaces, and other surfaces which prevent or impede the natural infiltration of storm water runoff which existed prior to development.

6. "Multiple family dwelling" means a building or portion thereof containing more than three dwelling units designed for or occupied by more than three families with separate housekeeping and cooking facilities for each. In the application of storm water service charge rates, multiple-family dwelling properties shall be treated as commercial/industrial.

7. "Pollutant" means anything that causes or contributes to pollution. Pollutants may include (but are not limited to) paints, varnishes, and solvents; oil and other automotive fluids; non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes; refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, so that the same may cause or contribute to pollution; pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers; hazardous substances and wastes; sewage, fecal coli form bacteria and pathogens; dissolved and particulate metals; animal wastes; waste and residues that result from constructing a building or structure; and noxious or offensive matter of any kind.

8. "Service charge" means the periodic rate, fee or charge applicable to a parcel of developed land, which charge shall be reflective of the service provided by the City storm water utility. The service charge shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Council.

9. "Single-family dwelling" means a building containing only one dwelling unit and designed for and occupied exclusively for residence purposes by only one family.

10. "Storm Water Management Systems and Facilities" addresses the issue of drainage management (flooding) and environmental quality (pollution, erosion and sedimentation) of receiving rivers, streams, creeks, lakes and ponds through improvements, maintenance, regulation and funding of plants, structures and property used in the collection, retention, detention and treatment of storm water or surface water drainage.

11. "Substantial completion" represents the date when the construction has been completed and the City has acknowledged that the construction has been completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications through the issuance of a temporary certificate of occupancy or permanent certificate of occupancy.

12. "Superintendent" means the Public Works Director of the City or any authorized deputy, agent, or representative.

13. "Townhome dwelling" means a dwelling unit which is detached or attached horizontally, and not vertically to one or more other dwelling units, wherein the land or lot beneath each dwelling may be individually owned in common by a townhome association. In the application of storm water service charge rates, each townhome dwelling shall be treated as one single-family dwelling.

14. "Undeveloped land" means land in its unaltered natural state or which has been modified to such minimal degree as to have a hydrologic response comparable to land in an unaltered state shall be deemed undeveloped. Undeveloped land shall have less than 500 square feet of pavement, asphalt or compacted gravel surfaces or structures which create an impervious surface area that would prevent infiltration of storm water or cause storm water to collect, concentrate, or flow in a manner materially different than that which would occur when the land was in an unaltered natural state.

**100.03 SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITY.** The City storm water utility consists of all rivers, streams, creeks, branches, lakes, ponds, drainage ways, channels, ditches, swales, storm sewer, culverts, inlets, catch basins, pipes, dams, head walls and other structures, natural or manmade, within the corporate boundaries of the City which control and/or convey storm water through which the City intentionally diverts surface waters from its public streets and properties. The City owns or has legal access for purposes of operation, maintenance, and improvement to those segments of this system which: (i) are located within public streets, rights-of-ways and easements; (ii) are subject to easement or other permanent provisions for adequate access for operation, maintenance and improvement of systems or facilities; or (iii) are located on public lands to which the City has adequate access for operation, maintenance, and improvement of systems or facilities. Operation, maintenance, and improvement of systems and facilities which are located on private property or public property not owned by the City and for which there has been no public dedication of such systems and facilities shall be and remain the legal responsibility of the property owner, or its occupant.

**100.04 ORGANIZATION.** The Council is the governing body of the Storm Water Management Utility. The Storm Water Management Utility shall be under the direction, management, and control of the Superintendent, who shall function as its director. In that capacity, the Superintendent shall supervise the day-to-day operation of the Storm Water Management Utility, shall enforce these storm water utility chapters and the provisions of all ordinances and regulations adopted pursuant to these storm water utility chapters and shall carry out the policy directives of the Council acting in its role as governing body of the Storm Water Management Utility including the following:

1. Operations and Maintenance – Operation and maintenance of the storm water management systems and facilities.

2. Inspection and Tests – Conduct necessary inspections and tests to assure compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

3. Records – Maintain a complete and accurate record of all storm water management systems and facilities.

4. Policies – Recommend to the City Council policies to be adopted and enforced implementing the provisions of this chapter.

**100.05 PROHIBITED ACTS.** No person shall do, or allow, any of the following:

1. Damage Storm Water Management Systems and Facilities – Maliciously, willfully or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure, pipe, appurtenance or equipment which is part of the storm water management systems or facilities.

2. Illicit Discharges – No person shall throw, drain or otherwise discharge or cause to throw, drain, run or allow to seep or otherwise be discharged into the City storm water management system and facilities, including (but not limited to) pollutants or waters containing any pollutants, other than storm water.

3. Manholes – Open or enter any manhole, structure or intake of the storm water system, except by authority of the Superintendent.

4. Connection – Connection of any private storm water system to the City's storm water management system and facilities, except by authority of the Superintendent.

**100.06 RIGHT OF ENTRY.** The Superintendent and other authorized employees of the City bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all private properties for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing all private storm water discharges directly or indirectly entering into any public storm water management system or facility in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

**100.07 PENALTIES.** The following penalty provisions shall apply to violations of the storm water utility chapters of this Code of Ordinances:

1. Notice of Violation. If the Superintendent determines that there is probable cause to believe a violation of these storm water utility chapters has occurred, the Superintendent shall serve upon the responsible person either a written notice thereof or a citation for municipal infraction or both. The citation shall comply with and be served upon the responsible person as required by Section 364.22 of the *Code of Iowa* and may assess a civil penalty up to the maximum permitted by law. A notice of violation without a citation for municipal infraction shall state the nature of the violation and provide a reasonable time for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently remedy all violations. A notice of violation without a citation for municipal infraction for municipal infraction may be appealed to the City Council.

2. Continuing Violations. Each day (that is, every 24-hour period) during which a violation of these storm water utility chapters exists shall be deemed a separate violation.

3. Liability Imposed. Any person violating any of the provisions of these storm water utility 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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**101.01 STORM WATER SERVICE CHARGES REQUIRED.** The owner or responsible person for every tract of real property within the Storm Water Management Utility District, unless exempted as hereafter provided, shall pay to the Storm Water Management Utility District a storm water service charge, as hereinafter established.

**101.02 RATES.** Rates shall be billed monthly to all customers and are as follows:

- 1. Commercial/Industrial \$6.00 per month.
- 2. Residential \$3.00.
- 3. Undeveloped No charge.

**101.03 RATE APPEALS.** Any customer who believes the provisions of this chapter have been applied in error may appeal in the following manner:

1. An appeal must be filed in writing with the Public Works Director. In the case of service charge appeals, the appeal shall include a survey prepared by a registered Iowa land surveyor or professional engineer containing information on the total property area, the impervious surface area and any other features or conditions which influence the hydrologic response of the property to rainfall events.

2. Using the information provided by the appellant, the Public Works Director shall conduct a technical review of the conditions on the property and respond to the appeal in writing within 30 days.

3. In response to an appeal, the Public Works Director may adjust the storm water service charge applicable to a property in conformance with the general purpose and intent of this chapter.

4. A decision of the Public Works Director which is adverse to an appellant may be further appealed to the Council within 30 days of receipt of notice of the adverse decision. Notice of the appeal shall be served on the Council by the appellant, stating the grounds for the appeal. The Council shall schedule a public hearing within 30 days. All decisions of the Council shall be served on the appellant by registered mail, sent to the billing address of the appellant.

5. All decisions of the Council shall be final.

**101.04 EXEMPTIONS FROM CHARGES.** Exemptions from charges are those permitted as follows:

- 1. Property owned by a public governmental entity, such as:
  - A. The State of Iowa;

- B. Story County;
- C. The City;
- 2. Railroad right-of-way (tracks); and

3. Undeveloped land, until one or more structures is substantially completed, that is, when the property ceases to be undeveloped as defined herein.

**101.05 BILLING FOR STORM WATER SERVICE.** All storm water service charges are due and payable under the same terms and conditions provided for payment of a combined service account as contained in Section 92.05 of this Code of Ordinances. Storm water service may be discontinued in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 92.06 if the combined service account becomes delinquent, and the provisions contained in Section 92.09 relating to lien notices shall also apply in the event of a delinquent account.

**101.06 LIEN FOR NONPAYMENT.** The owner of the premises served and any lessee or tenant thereof shall be jointly and severally liable for storm water service charges to the premises. Storm 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)

**101.07 ANNUAL REVISION OF RATES.** The City will review the storm water service charges at least yearly and revise the storm water service charges as necessary to ensure that such charges as herein established and specified generate adequate revenues to pay the costs of maintenance and operation (including replacement and debt service) of a storm water management system and facilities and that the storm water service charges continue to provide for the proportional distribution of maintenance and operation costs (including replacement costs and debt service) for a storm water management system and facilities among the users and user classes. The liability of a storm water service user to pay for charges as provided in this chapter shall not be contingent, however, upon any such review or revision.

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**105.01 DEFINITIONS.** When used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Building" means any structure with a fully enclosed interior space designed for the storage, shelter, or protection of persons, animals, or property.

2. "Discard" means to place or store a substance or material upon real property for a continuous period of more than seven (7) days under conditions where it serves no reasonable functional purpose and has no direct supporting relationship to a responsible person's lawful use of the real property.

3. "Junked vehicle" is solid waste without regard to whether it has been discarded and means any vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer placed, kept, or stored for 48 hours within the corporate limits, whether currently licensed or not, which because of any one of the following characteristics constitutes a threat to the public health, welfare, or safety.

A. It is inoperable because of a missing or broken windshield or window glass, fender, door, bumper, hood, steering wheel, driver's seat, trunk, fuel tank, two or more wheels, engine, drive shaft, differential, battery, generator or alternator or other component part of an electrical system, or any component or structural part; or

B. It is inoperable because it is suspended above the ground or having wheels that are sunk within the ground; or

C. It is used for the storage of solid waste; or

D. It is the habitat of rats, mice, snakes, or any other vermin or insects; or

E. It contains stored gasoline or other fuel, paper, cardboard, wood, or other combustible materials, garbage, refuse, solid waste, debris, etc.; or

F. It is used for storage purposes or harborage, cage, or dwelling for animals of any kind; or

G. It contains gasoline or any flammable fuel and is inoperable; or

H. It is an "abandoned vehicle" as defined by Section 321.89 of the *Code of Iowa*; or

I. It has a defective or obsolete condition that in any other way constitutes a threat to the public health or safety of the citizens of the City.

4. "Person" means a natural person; a trustee, executor or other fiduciary; and a partnership, corporation or other artificial legal entity.

5. "Real property" means the land and every form of improvement affixed to the land and includes non-enclosed porches, decks, driveways, and other structures and applies equally to front yards, back yards, and side yards.

6. "Responsible person" means any person having the right to control the use of real property either as a record titleholder or as the purchaser under an executory contract or as a tenant in possession under a lease agreement or by virtue of having any other interest in the real property and includes a person's agent or managing officer who is authorized to exercise the control over the use of the real property.

7. "Sanitary disposal facility" means a facility approved by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the final disposition of solid waste.

8. "Semitrailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that some part of its weight and that of its load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle.

9. "Solid waste" means solid or semi-solid substances or materials that are resulting products of any process of agriculture, business, trade, industry, manufacturing, or domestic household living and which have been discarded by the person in possession thereof. Solid waste does not include: (i) grass clippings, leaves, and other landscape wastes, except as described herein; (ii) soil, sand, gravel, and other inert natural resources existing in their natural state; (iii) hazardous waste regulated under the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6921-6934; (iv) 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; (v) source, special nuclear, or by-product material as defined in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended to January 1, 1979; or (vi) petroleum contaminated soil that has been remediated to acceptable State or Federal standards. Solid waste does include, by way of illustration and not limitation, the following discarded substances and materials:

A. Garbage, refuse, and rubbish.

B. Food and food containers.

C. Debris resulting from the construction, maintenance, repair, or demolition of buildings, fences, roadway paving, communications systems, structures, and other improvements to real property.

D. Building materials salvaged from the construction, maintenance, repair, or demolition of buildings, fences, roadway paving, communication systems, structures, and other improvements to real property.

E. Previously used or damaged or inoperable household furniture, furnishings, fixtures, appliances, utensils, equipment and supplies.

F. Salvaged parts of previously used cloth, paper, wood, metal, glass, and plastic products.

G. Any junked vehicle, notwithstanding whether it has been discarded.

H. Previously used vehicles, boats, trailers, motorized off-road or all-terrain vehicles, semitrailers, machinery, equipment, tractors, implements of

husbandry, tools, and appliances that are in the state of disrepair that renders them presently incapable of being used or operated for the purpose for which they were originally designed and manufactured.

I. Disassembled parts from previously used vehicles, boats, trailers, motorized off-road or all-terrain vehicles, semitrailers, machinery, equipment, tractors, implements of husbandry, tools and appliances.

J. Previously used petroleum products.

K. Accumulations of brush, branches, and other landscape wastes that have been kept or stored for a period of 30 days; however, neatly stacked logs and branches kept for indoor heating of fireplaces shall not be deemed to be discarded.

10. "Trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle.

11. "Vehicle" means an automobile, truck, motorcycle, or other trackless selfpropelled vehicle designed primarily to transport persons or property over public streets and highways.

12. "Waste container" means a fully enclosed rustproof and watertight container specifically designed and manufactured for the temporary storage of solid waste.

**105.02 GENERAL PROHIBITION.** A responsible person shall not place or store solid waste on real property except:

- 1. Fully enclosed inside a building; or
- 2. Fully enclosed inside a waste container; or

3. Fully enclosed inside an area surrounded by opaque fence or wall of uniform design and color not less than six feet in height and in compliance with applicable subdivision and zoning regulations; or

4. At a sanitary disposal facility.

**105.03 OUTDOOR STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES.** The outdoor storage of motor vehicles that are not deemed to be junked vehicles can detract from the beneficial use and enjoyment of neighboring properties; therefore, certain special regulations are established as follows:

1. On property zoned for residential use, no person shall keep, store, or display a motor vehicle out of doors or permit the parking out of doors of a motor vehicle on property under said person's ownership, possession, or control for more than 15 days without movement and use of said vehicle as an operating motor vehicle.

2. On property zoned for commercial use, no person shall store or display one or more motor vehicles out of doors, or permit the parking out of doors of a motor vehicle on property under said person's ownership, possession, or control for more than six months without movement and use of said vehicle as an operating motor vehicle.

3. The provision of subsection 2 notwithstanding, the keeping, parking, or storage, out of doors, of any wrecked or demolished motor vehicle, or motor vehicle

stripped for parts, at the same commercially zoned site for more than 90 days is prohibited.

4. The following are exempt from the regulations of this section:

A. Vehicles kept fully enclosed inside a building or an area surrounded by a solid opaque fence or wall of uniform design and color not less than six feet in height and in compliance with applicable subdivision and zoning regulations; or

B. Vehicles kept in a lawfully established, commercial automobile salvage yard; or

C. A motor home, pickup truck with a camper top, converted bus or van, or similar recreation vehicle, which is currently licensed for operation on the public highways; or

D. A motor vehicle currently licensed for operation on the public highways lawfully parked off the streets while the owner or the other person in lawful possession and control thereof, if a resident of the this City, is out of the City for more than fifteen days but not more than one hundred eighty days; or

E. Vehicles which are immobilized pursuant to an immobilization order of the District Court.

**105.04 ABANDONED VEHICLES.** In addition to other remedies provided by this chapter, the Public Works Director may elect to treat any motor vehicle in violation of this chapter, whether or not deemed a junked vehicle, as an "abandoned vehicle" as defined by Section 321.89 of the *Code of Iowa* and may direct the responsible police authority to impound such vehicle in accordance with Sections 321.89 and 321.90 of the *Code of Iowa*.

**105.05 BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.** Even though it may serve a reasonable functional purpose or have a direct supporting relationship to a responsible person's lawful use of the real property, a responsible person shall not place or store on real property used for commercial or industrial purposes, for a continuous period of more than seven days, except inside a building or inside a waste container or inside an area fully enclosed by a solid opaque fence or wall of uniform design and color not less than six feet high, any of the substances or materials described in the following subsections. These substances and materials, under the circumstances described in this section, shall constitute solid waste for purposes of this chapter.

- 1. Garbage, refuse, and rubbish.
- 2. Food and food containers.

3. Debris resulting from the construction, maintenance, repair, or demolition of buildings, fences, roadway paving, communications systems, structures, and other improvements to real property.

4. Building materials salvaged from the construction, maintenance, repair, or other demolition of buildings, fences, roadway paving, communication systems, structures, and other improvements to real property.

5. Previously used or damaged or inoperable household furniture, furnishings, fixtures, appliances, utensils, equipment and supplies.

6. Salvaged parts of previously used cloth, paper, wood, metal, glass, and plastic products.

7. Any motor vehicle subject to the registration laws of the State of Iowa that is not currently registered.

8. Previously used vehicles, machinery, equipment, tools and appliances that are in a state of disrepair that renders them presently incapable of being used or operated for the purpose for which they were originally designed and manufactured.

9. Disassembled parts from previously used vehicles, machinery, equipment, tools and appliances.

10. Previously used petroleum products.

**105.06** WASTE CONTAINERS. Responsible persons shall provide and make available for the use of all persons occupying the real property sufficient waste containers for the temporary storage of all solid waste containing food, food containers, and other garbage that is produced by the activities conducted on real property.

**105.07** WASTE DISPOSAL. Responsible persons shall cause all solid waste containing any food, food containers, or other garbage to be removed from the real property and deposited at a sanitary disposal facility at least once each week.

**105.08 SEPARATION OF YARD WASTE REQUIRED.** Responsible persons shall cause all yard waste and landscape waste (consisting of trees, tree trimmings, branches, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery, and yard trimmings) to be stored in waste containers separate from all other solid waste for purposes of removing it from the real property and transporting it to a sanitary disposal facility.

**105.09 BURNING OF RESIDENTIAL WASTE PROHIBITED.** It is unlawful for any person, alone or in conjunction with others, to dispose of by fire or to participate in the disposal by fire of any styrofoam, furniture, plastic, waste, garbage, tires, or any other non-organic material within the corporate limits of the City. All burning of organic materials shall comply with the following:

1. Must take place no closer than 25 feet from any adjoining or neighboring residential dwelling.

2. All paper products that may create blowing cinders/ashes must be covered by screen.

3. Must be attended by property owners/tenants at all times while the fire is burning.

**105.10 BURNING EXEMPTIONS.** The provisions of Section 105.09 do not apply to the following:

1. Outdoor charcoal or wood smokers, grills, fireplaces, and chimneys burning untreated wood or charcoal, may be used only for the preparation of food or for social activities. It is unlawful for these installations to be utilized for the disposal of any other objects, materials, or matter by fire.

2. Disposal of waste occurring by reason of severe storm or other community disaster declared to be an emergency by the City Council. The type of waste, the

manner in which it can be disposed, and the period of time for disposal shall be specified by the Council.

**105.11 LITTERING PROHIBITED.** No person shall deposit, dump, leak, or spill any solid waste upon any alley, street, highway, or public ground of the City. 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.

**105.12 NOTICE OF VIOLATION.** If the Public Works Director determines that there is probable cause to believe that a violation of this chapter has occurred, the Public Works Director shall serve upon the responsible person or persons either a written notice thereof or a citation for the municipal infraction. If the Public Works Director elects to give a written notice to the alleged violator, the notice shall:

1. Specify the alleged violation;

2. Order the alleged violator to eliminate or cure the violation within seven days after the notice is given or within such other specified period of time as is reasonable under the circumstances; and

3. Advise the alleged violator of the right to have a hearing before the Council concerning the alleged violation by filing a written request therefor with the Clerk within seven days after the notice is given.

If the Public Works Director elects to give a citation for the municipal infraction, the form and contents of the citation shall comply with, and the citation shall be served upon the responsible person or persons as required by, Section 364.22 of the *Code of Iowa*.

**105.13 NOTICE OF HEARING.** A person who receives a violation notice from the Public Works Director shall be entitled to a hearing before the City Council concerning the alleged violation, if the alleged violator files a written request therefor with the City Clerk within seven days after the notice is given by the Public Works Director. Within 30 days after the filing of a request for hearing by the alleged violator, the City Council shall hold the hearing and, by resolution, either affirm, modify, or revoke the Public Works Director's notice. The City Clerk shall promptly give notice to the alleged violator of the City Council's action in the form of a certified copy of the resolution. The alleged violator shall comply with the provisions of the Public Works Director's notice as affirmed or modified by the resolution of the City Council.

**105.14 METHOD OF GIVING NOTICE.** Any notice or demand required or permitted by this chapter shall be sufficient and deemed given when expressed in writing and either (a) personally delivered to the person entitled thereto, or (b) deposited at the office of the United State Postal Service in the City in the form of certified mail addressed to the last known mailing address of the person entitled thereto in the manner of an original notice under the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure.

**105.15 MUNICIPAL INFRACTION.** Any person who violates any provision of this chapter commits a municipal infraction. Each day that a violation occurs or is permitted to exist by a responsible person shall constitute a new, separate infraction.

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**106.01 COLLECTION SERVICE.** The collection of solid waste within the City shall be by private contract with collectors.

**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 leak-proof, 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 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 of the State Department of Natural Resources, unless a special permit to dump or deposit solid waste on land owned or leased by such person has been obtained from the Director of the State Department of Natural Resources. However, this section does not prohibit the use of rubble at places other than a sanitary disposal project. "Rubble" means dirt, stone, brick, or similar inorganic materials used for beneficial fill, landscaping, excavation, or grading at places other than a sanitary disposal project. Rubble includes asphalt waste only as long as it is not used in contact with water in a floodplain. For purposes of this section, rubble does not mean gypsum or gypsum wallboard, coal combustion residue, foundry sand, or industrial process wastes unless those wastes are approved by the State Department of Natural Resources.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 455B.301, Sec. 455B.307 and IAC, 567-100.2)

**106.05 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 of the State Department of Natural Resources. 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) and 567-102.13[2] and 400-27.14[2])

**106.06 SANITARY DISPOSAL FACILITY.** The sanitary disposal facility operated under the intergovernmental agreement between the City and the City of Ames, Iowa, is designated as the public disposal site for all solid waste collected within the City's corporate limits for permanent disposal. All persons shall comply with the regulations governing the use of such sanitary disposal facility.

**106.07 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.

**106.08 DISPOSAL FEES.** The disposal of solid waste as provided by this chapter is 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 disposal service, used or available, are:

A. For each residential premises and for each dwelling unit of a multiplefamily dwelling – \$3.50 per month. A "residential dwelling unit" means an individual dwelling unit. For purposes of this section, an apartment or mobile/manufactured home shall be treated as one unit, and a duplex is two units. A mobile home park or apartment complex shall be assessed a fee based on the total number of units.

B. For commercial, industrial and institutional premises - \$3.50 per month.

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 92.05 of this Code of Ordinances.

**106.09 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 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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**110.01 GRANT OF FRANCHISE.** There is hereby granted to INTERSTATE POWER AND 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 in 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 the 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 the Company's right of eminent domain for public use or purpose of benefit to the City, Company shall consult with the 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 chapter shall be construed to mean natural gas only.

**110.02 INDEMNIFICATION.** The mains and pipe of the Company must be so placed as not to unnecessarily interfere with water pipes, drains, sewers, and fire plugs which have been or may hereafter be placed in any street, alley, and public places in the City or 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 said 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, the 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 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 LOCATION OF FACILITIES.** 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 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 public improvement of, in or about any such street or alley of reasonably promoting the efficient operation of any such improvement. If the City orders or requests the Company to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> **EDITOR'S NOTE:** Ordinance No. 230 adopting a natural gas franchise for the City, was passed and adopted by the Council and said ordinance was published on June 5, 2008. The franchisee is now called Alliant.

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 STANDARDS OF SERVICE.** 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, 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 FRANCHISE.** 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 granted hereunder shall continue for the period of twenty-five (25) years from and after its acceptance by the said Company, as herein provided.

# **ELECTRIC FRANCHISE**

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**111.01 FRANCHISE GRANTED.** There is hereby granted to the IES UTILITIES INC., hereinafter referred to as the "Company," its successors and assigns, the right and franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate in the City, works and plants for the manufacture and generation of electricity and a distribution system for electric light, heat and power and the right to erect and maintain the necessary poles, lines, wires, conduits and other appliances for the transmission of electric current along, under and upon the streets, avenues, alleys and public places in the City; also the right to erect and maintain upon the streets, avenues, alleys and public places, transmission lines through the City, to supply individuals, corporations, communities and municipalities both inside and outside of the City with electric light, heat and power for the period of twenty-five (25) years<sup>†</sup>; also the right to eminent domain as provided in Section 364.2 of the *Code of Iowa*.

**111.02 CONSTRUCTION; MAINTENANCE; INDEMNIFICATION.** The poles, wires and appliances shall be placed and maintained so as not to unnecessarily interfere with the travel on said streets, alleys and public places in the City or 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 and 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 erection or maintenance of said system.

**111.03 METERS; SERVICE LINES.** The Company, its successors and assigns shall furnish and install all meters at its own expense and shall provide the service wire to buildings as set forth in the Company's tariff filed with the Iowa Utilities Board.

**111.04 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.** The system authorized by this chapter shall be modern and up-to-date and shall be of sufficient capacity to supply all reasonable demands of the City and the inhabitants thereof and shall be kept in a modern up-to-date condition.

**111.05 NONEXCLUSIVE.** The franchise granted by this chapter shall not be exclusive.

**111.06 SERVICE PROVIDED.** Service to be rendered by the Company under the franchise shall be continuous unless prevented 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> **EDITOR'S NOTE:** Ordinance No. 171, adopting an electric franchise for the City, was passed and adopted on March 2, 1998. Voters approved the franchise at an election held on April 28, 1998.

**111.07 TERM OF FRANCHISE.** 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.

# **CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE**

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**112.01 DEFINITIONS.** The following words and phrases, when used herein, for the purposes of this chapter, have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

1. "Basic cable service" is the lowest priced tier of cable service that includes the retransmission of local broadcast television signals.

2. "Cable Act" means Title VI of the Cable Act of 1934, as amended.

3. "Cable services" means: (i) the one-way transmission to subscribers of video programming or other programming service; and (ii) subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection of such video programming or any other programming service.

4. "Cable system" means the Grantee's facility, consisting of a set of closed transmission paths and associated signal generation, reception and control equipment that is designed to provide cable service which includes video programming and which is provided to multiple subscribers within the service area.

5. "FCC" means Federal Communications Commission or successor governmental entity thereto.

6. "Grantee" means MCC Iowa LLC or the lawful successor, transferee, or assignee thereof.

7. "Gross revenues" means any revenues derived from the operation of the cable system received by Grantee from subscribers for basic cable services in the service area; provided, however, gross revenues shall not include franchise fees, the FCC user fee or any tax, fee, or assessment of general applicability collected by the Grantee from subscribers for pass-through to a government agency.

8. "Person" means an individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust corporation or governmental entity.

9. "Public way" means the surface of, and the space above and below any public street, highway, freeway, bridge, land path, alley, court, boulevard, sidewalk, parkway, way, lane, public way, drive, circle or other public right-of-way, including, but not limited to, public utility easements, dedicated utility strips or rights-of-way

dedicated for compatible uses and any temporary or permanent fixtures or improvements located thereon now or hereafter held by the City in the service area which shall entitle the City and the Grantee to the use thereof for the purpose of installing, operating, repairing and maintaining the cable system.

10. "Service area" means the present municipal boundaries of the City and includes any additions thereto by annexation or other legal means, subsection to any exceptions herein.

11. "Standard installation" is defined as 125 feet from the nearest tap to the subscriber's terminal.

12. "Subscriber" means a person who lawfully receives services of the cable system with the Grantee's express permission.

**112.02 GRANT.** The City hereby grants to the Grantee a nonexclusive franchise which authorizes the Grantee to construct and operate a cable system in, along, among, upon, across, above, over, under or in any manner connected with public ways within the service area and for that purpose to erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct, maintain or retain in, on, over, under, upon, across or along any public way such facilities and equipment as may be necessary or appurtenant to the cable system for the transmission and distribution of cable services, data services, information and other communications services or for any other lawful purposes.

**112.03 OTHER ORDINANCES.** The Grantee agrees to comply with the terms of any lawfully adopted generally applicable local ordinance, to the extent that the provisions of the ordinance do not have the effect of limiting the benefits or expanding the obligations of the Grantee that are granted by this chapter. Neither party may unilaterally alter the material rights and obligations set forth in this chapter. In the event of a conflict between any ordinance and this chapter, this chapter shall control.

**112.04 OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS.** The City shall not permit any person to provide services similar to those provided by the Grantee in the service area without first having secured a nonexclusive franchise from the City. The City agrees that any grant of additional franchises or other authorizations including OVS authorizations by the City to provide services similar to those provided by the Grantee pursuant to this chapter to any other entity shall cover the entire service area and shall not be on terms and conditions more favorable or less burdensome to the grantee of any such additional franchise or other authorization than those which are set forth herein. In any renewal of the franchise, the City, should it seek to impose increased obligations upon the Grantee, must take into account any additional franchises or authorizations previously granted and find that the proposed increased obligations in the renewal are not more burdensome and/or less favorable than those contained in any such additional franchises or authorizations.

**112.05 CONDITIONS OF OCCUPANCY.** The cable system installed by the Grantee pursuant to the terms hereof shall be located so as to cause a minimum of interference with the proper use of public ways and with the rights and reasonable convenience of property owners who own property that adjoins any of such public ways.

**112.06 RESTORATION OF PUBLIC WAYS.** If during the course of the Grantee's construction, operation, or maintenance of the cable system there occurs a disturbance of any public way by the Grantee, Grantee shall replace and restore such public way to a condition

reasonably comparable to the condition of the public way existing immediately prior to such disturbance.

**112.07 RELOCATION FOR THE CITY.** Upon its receipt of reasonable advance written notice, to be not less than ten (10) business days, the Grantee shall protect, support, raise, lower, temporarily disconnect, relocate in, or remove from the public way any property of the Grantee when lawfully required by the City by reason of traffic conditions, public safety, street abandonment, freeway and street construction, change or establishment of street grade, installation of sewers, drains, gas or water pipes, or any other type of public structures or improvements which are not used to compete with the Grantee's services. The Grantee shall in all cases have the right of abandonment of its property.

**112.08 RELOCATION FOR A THIRD PARTY.** The Grantee shall, on the request of any person holding a lawful permit issued by the City, protect, support, raise, lower, temporarily disconnect, relocate in, or remove from the public way as necessary any property of the Grantee, provided: (i) the expense of such is paid by said person benefiting from the relocation, including, if required by the Grantee, making such payment in advance; and (ii) the Grantee is given reasonable advance written notice to prepare for such changes. For purposes of this subsection, "reasonable advance written notice" shall be no less than 30 business days in the event of a temporary relocation, and no less than 120 days for a permanent relocation.

**112.09 TRIMMING OF TREES AND SHRUBBERY.** The Grantee shall have the authority to trim trees or other natural growth in order to access and maintain the cable system.

**112.10 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.** Construction, operation, and maintenance of the cable system shall be performed in an orderly and workmanlike manner. All such work shall be performed in substantial accordance with generally applicable Federal, State, and local regulations and the *National Electric Safety Code*.

**112.11 UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION.** In those areas of the service area where all of the transmission or distribution facilities of the respective public utilities providing telephone communications and electric services are underground, the Grantee likewise shall construct, operate, and maintain its cable system underground. Nothing contained in this section shall require the Grantee to construct, operate, and maintain underground any ground-mounted appurtenances.

**112.12 ACCESS TO OPEN TRENCHES.** The City agrees to include the Grantee in the platting process for any new subdivision. At a minimum, the City agrees to require as a condition of issuing a permit for open trenching to any utility or developer that: (i) the utility or developer give the Grantee at least 10 days' advance written notice of the availability of the open trench; and (ii) that the utility or developer provide the Grantee with reasonable access to the open trench. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee shall not be required to utilize any open trench.

**112.13 REQUIRED EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.** Grantee agrees to provide cable service to all residences in the service area subject to the density requirements specified in this subsection. Whenever the Grantee receives a request for cable service from a potential subscriber in an unserved area contiguous to Grantee's existing distribution facilities where there are at least 10 residences within 1,320 cable-bearing strand feet (one-quarter cable mile) from the portion of the Grantee's trunk or distribution cable which is to be extended, it shall extend its cable system to such subscribers at no cost to said subscribers for the cable system

extension, other than the published standard/non-standard installation fees charged to all subscribers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to extend the cable system into any portion of the service area where another operator is providing cable service, into any annexed area which is not contiguous to the present service area of the Grantee, or into any area which is financially or technically infeasible due to extraordinary circumstances, such as a runway or freeway crossing.

**112.14 SUBSCRIBER CHARGES FOR EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.** No subscriber shall be refused service arbitrarily. However, if an area does not meet the density requirements of Section 112.13 above, the Grantee shall only be required to extend the cable system to subscribers in that area if the subscribers are willing to share the capital costs of extending the cable system. Specifically, the Grantee shall contribute a capital amount equal to the construction cost per mile, multiplied by a fraction whose numerator equals the actual number of residences per 1,320 cable-bearing strand feet from the Grantee's trunk or distribution cable, and whose denominator equals 10. Subscribers who request service hereunder shall bear the remaining cost to extend the cable system on a pro rata basis. The Grantee may require that payment of the capital contribution in aid of construction borne by such potential subscribers be paid in advance. Subscribers shall also be responsible for any standard/non-standard installation charges to extend the cable system from the tap to the residence.

112.15 CABLE SERVICE TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS. The Grantee, upon request, shall provide without charge, a standard installation and one outlet of basic cable service to those administrative buildings owned and occupied by the City, fire stations, police stations, and K-12 public schools that are passed by its cable system. The cable service provided shall not be distributed beyond the originally installed outlet without authorization from the Grantee. The cable service provided shall not be used for commercial purposes, and such outlets shall not be located in areas open to the public. The City shall take reasonable precautions to prevent any inappropriate use of the Grantee's cable system or any loss or damage to Grantee's cable system. The City shall hold the Grantee harmless from any and all liability or claims arising out of the provision and use of cable service required by this section. The Grantee shall not be required to provide an outlet to such buildings where a non-standard installation is required, unless the City or building owner/occupant agrees to pay the incremental cost of any necessary cable system extension and/or non-standard installation. If additional outlets of basic cable service are provided to such buildings, the building owner/occupant shall pay the usual installation and service fees associated therewith. If additional outlets of basic cable are provided to such buildings, the building owner/occupant shall pay the usual installation and service fees associated therewith.

**112.16 EMERGENCY ALERT.** Any Emergency Alert System ("EAS") provided by Grantee shall be operated in accordance with FCC regulations. Any use of such EAS by the City will be only in accordance with the applicable State and local plans as approved in accordance with such FCC regulations. Except to the extent expressly prohibited by law, the City will hold the Grantee, its employees, officers, and assigns harmless from any claims arising out of use of the EAS, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

**112.17 REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS.** If funds are available to any person using the public way for the purpose of defraying the cost of any of the foregoing, the City shall reimburse the Grantee in the same manner in which other persons affected by the requirement are reimbursed. If the funds are controlled by another governmental entity, the City shall make application for such funds on behalf of the Grantee.

**112.18 FRANCHISE FEE.** The Grantee shall pay to the City a franchise fee of one percent (1%) of annual gross revenues (as defined in Section 112.01 of this chapter). In accordance with the Cable Act, the 12-month period applicable under the franchise for the computation of the franchise fee shall be a calendar year. The franchise fee payment shall be due annually and payable within 45 days after the close of the preceding calendar year. Each payment shall be accompanied by a brief report prepared by a representative of the Grantee showing the basis for the computation. The period of limitation for recovery by the City of any franchise fee payable hereunder shall be three (3) years from the date on which payment by the Grantee is due to the City.

**112.19 RATES AND CHARGES.** The City may regulate rates for the provision of basic cable service and equipment as expressly permitted by Federal law.

112.20 RENEWAL OF FRANCHISE. The City and the Grantee agree that any proceedings undertaken by the City that relate to the renewal of the Grantee's franchise shall be governed by and comply with the renewal provisions of Federal law. In addition to the procedures set forth in the Cable Act, the City agrees to notify the Grantee of all of its assessments regarding the identity of future cable-related community needs and interests, as well as the past performance of the Grantee under the then current franchise term. The City further agrees that such assessments shall be provided to the Grantee promptly so that the Grantee has adequate time to submit a proposal pursuant to the Cable Act and complete renewal of the franchise prior to expiration of its term. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this section, the Grantee and the City agree that at any time during the term of the then current franchise, while affording the public appropriate notice and opportunity to comment in accordance with the provisions of Federal law, the City and the Grantee may agree to undertake and finalize informal negotiations regarding renewal of the then current franchise and the City may grant a renewal thereof. The Grantee and the City consider the terms set forth in this section to be consistent with the express renewal provisions of the Cable Act.

**112.21 CONDITIONS OF SALE.** If a renewal or extension of the Grantee's franchise is denied or the franchise is lawfully terminated, and the City either lawfully acquires ownership of the cable system or by its actions lawfully effects a transfer of ownership of the cable system to another party, any such acquisition or transfer shall be at the price determined pursuant to the provisions set forth in Section 627 of the Cable Act. The Grantee and the City agree that in the case of a final determination of a lawful revocation of the franchise, the Grantee shall be given at least twelve (12) months to effectuate a transfer of its cable system to a qualified third party. Furthermore, the Grantee shall be authorized to continue to operate pursuant to the terms of its prior franchise during this period. If, at the end of that time, the Grantee is unsuccessful in procuring a qualified transferee or assignee of its cable system which is reasonably acceptable to the City, the Grantee and the City may avail themselves of any rights they may have pursuant to Federal or State law. It is further agreed that the Grantee's continued operation of the cable system during the 12-month period shall not be deemed to be a waiver or an extinguishment of any rights of either the City or the Grantee.

**112.22 TRANSFER OF FRANCHISE.** The Grantee's right, title, or interest in the franchise shall not be sold, transferred, assigned, or otherwise encumbered, other than to an entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Grantee, without prior written notice to the City. No such notice shall be required, however, for a transfer in trust, by mortgage, by other hypothecation, or by assignment of any rights, title, or interest of the Grantee in the franchise or cable system in order to secure indebtedness.

**112.23** BOOKS AND RECORDS. The Grantee agrees that the City, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee and no more than once annually may review such of its books and records at the Grantee's business office, during normal business hours and on a non-disruptive basis, as is reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this chapter. Such notice shall specifically reference the section of this chapter (or subsection of the franchise) that is under review so that the Grantee may organize the necessary books and records for easy access by the City. Alternatively, if the books and records are not easily accessible at the local office of the Grantee, the Grantee may, at its sole option, choose to pay the reasonable travel costs of the City's representative to view the books and records at the appropriate location. The Grantee shall not be required to maintain any books and records for franchise compliance purposes longer than three (3) years. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, the Grantee shall not be required to disclose information that it reasonably deems to be proprietary or confidential in nature, nor disclose books and records of any affiliate which is not providing cable service in the service area. The City agrees to treat any information disclosed by the Grantee as confidential and only to disclose it to employees, representatives, and agents thereof that have a need to know, or in order to enforce the provisions hereof. The Grantee shall not be required to provide subscriber information in violation of Section 631 of the Cable Act.

#### 112.24 INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION.

1. Insurance Requirements. The Grantee shall maintain insurance in full force and effect, at its own cost and expense, during the term of the franchise. The City shall be designated as an additional insured and such insurance shall be noncancellable except upon 30 days' prior written notice to the City. Upon written request, the Grantee shall provide a Certificate of Insurance showing evidence of the coverage required by this subsection.

2. Indemnification. The Grantee agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless, and defend the City, its officers, boards and employees, from and against any liability for damages and for any liability or claims resulting from property damage or bodily injury (including accidental death), which arise out of the Grantee's construction, operation, or maintenance of its cable system in the service area provided that the City shall give the Grantee written notice of its obligation to indemnify the City within ten (10) days of receipt of a claim or action pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee shall not indemnify the City for any damages, liability or claims resulting from the willful misconduct or negligence of the City.

#### 112.25 ENFORCEMENT AND TERMINATION OF FRANCHISE.

1. Notice of Violation. In the event that the City believes that the Grantee has not complied with the any material term of this chapter, the City shall informally discuss the matter with Grantee. If these discussions do not lead to resolution of the problem, the City shall notify the Grantee in writing of the exact nature of such alleged noncompliance.

2. The Grantee's Right to Cure or Respond. The Grantee shall have 30 days from receipt of the notice described in subsection 1: (i) to respond to the City, contesting the assertion of such noncompliance; or (ii) to cure such default; or (iii) in the event that, by the nature of such default, it cannot be cured within the 30-day period, initiate reasonable steps to remedy such default and notify the City of the steps being taken and the projected date that they will be completed.

3. Public Hearing. In the event that the Grantee fails to respond to the notice described in subsection 1 pursuant to the procedures set forth in subsection 2, or in the event that the alleged default is not remedied within 30 days of the date projected pursuant to 2(iii) above, if it intends to continue its investigation into the default, then the City shall schedule a public hearing. The City shall provide the Grantee at least ten days prior written notice of such hearing, which specifies the time, place and purpose of such hearing, and provide the Grantee the opportunity to be heard.

4. Enforcement. Subject to applicable Federal and State law, in the event the City, after the hearing set forth in subsection 3, determines that the Grantee is in material default of any provision of this chapter, the City may:

A. Commence an action at law for monetary damages or seek other equitable relief; or

B. In the case of repeated or ongoing substantial noncompliance with a material term or terms of this chapter, seek to revoke the franchise in accordance with subsection 5.

Revocation. Should the City seek to revoke the franchise after following the 5. procedures set forth in subsections above, the City shall give written notice to the Grantee of its intent. The notice shall set forth the exact nature of the repeated or ongoing substantial noncompliance with a material term or terms of the franchise. The Grantee shall have 90 days from such notice to object in writing and to state its reasons for such objection. In the event the City has not received a satisfactory response from the Grantee, it may then seek termination of the franchise at a public hearing. The City shall cause to be served upon the Grantee, at least 30 days prior to such public hearing, a written notice specifying the time and place of such hearing and stating its intent to revoke the franchise. At the designated hearing, Grantee shall be provided a fair opportunity for full participation, including the right to be represented by legal counsel, to introduce relevant evidence, to require the production of evidence, to compel the relevant testimony of the officials, agents, employees or consultants of the City, to compel the testimony of other persons as permitted by law, and to question witnesses. A complete verbatim record and transcript shall be made of such hearing. Following the hearing, the City shall determine whether or not the franchise shall be revoked. If the City determines that the franchise shall be revoked, the City shall promptly provide Grantee with its decision in writing. The Grantee may appeal such determination of the City to an appropriate court which shall have the power to review the decision of the City *de novo*. Grantee shall be entitled to such relief as the court finds appropriate. Such appeal must be taken within 60 days of Grantee's receipt of the determination of the City. The City may, at its sole discretion, take any lawful action which it deems appropriate to enforce the City's rights under the franchise in lieu of revocation of the franchise.

6. Force Majeure. The Grantee shall not be held in default under, or in noncompliance with, the provisions of the franchise, or suffer any enforcement or penalty relating to noncompliance or default, where such noncompliance or alleged defaults occurred or were caused by circumstances reasonably beyond the ability of the Grantee to anticipate and control. This provision includes work delays caused by waiting for utility providers to service or monitor their utility poles to which the Grantee's cable system is attached, as well as unavailability of materials and/or qualified labor to perform the work necessary. Furthermore, the parties hereby agree that it is not the City's intention to subject the Grantee to penalties, fines, forfeitures

or revocation of the franchise for violations of the franchise where the violation was a good faith error that resulted in no or minimal negative impact on the subscribers within the service area, or where strict performance would result in practical difficulties and hardship to the Grantee which outweigh the benefit to be derived by the City and/or subscribers.

**112.26 ACTIONS OF PARTIES.** In any action by the City or the Grantee that is mandated or permitted under the terms hereof, such party shall act in a reasonable, expeditious, and timely manner. Furthermore, in any instance where approval or consent is required under the terms hereof, such approval or consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**112.27 ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This chapter constitutes the entire agreement between the Grantee and the City and supersedes all other prior understandings and agreements oral or written. Any amendments to this chapter shall be mutually agreed to in writing by the parties.

**112.28 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.** Acceptance of the terms and conditions of the franchise will not constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver, either expressly or impliedly, by Grantee of any constitutional or legal right which it may have or may be determined to have, either by subsequent legislation or court decisions. The City acknowledges that Grantee reserves all of its rights under applicable Federal and State Constitutions and laws. If at any time during the term of the franchise, Federal, State or local law permits any provider of video programming to provide services such as those provided pursuant to this chapter either without obtaining a franchise from the City or on terms or conditions more favorable than those applicable to the Grantee, then the franchise shall, at the sole discretion of the Grantee: (i) cease to be in effect; or (ii) be deemed to expire at a date prior to the original expiration date selected by the Grantee; or (iii) be automatically reformed to grant to the Grantee the more favorable terms, benefits, and conditions available to the other provider.

**112.29 NOTICE.** Unless expressly otherwise agreed between the parties, every notice or response required by this chapter to be served upon the City or the Grantee shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given to the required party when placed in a properly sealed and correctly addressed envelope: (i) upon receipt when hand delivered with receipt/acknowledgment; (ii) upon receipt when sent by certified, registered mail; (iii) within five business days after having been posted in the regular mail; (iv) the next business day if sent by express mail or overnight air courier.

**112.30 TERM.** The franchise shall be for a term of fifteen (15) years after January 8, 2007 (the date of adoption of Ordinance No. 222 of the City).

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# 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 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on a weekday, and between the hours of 2:00 a.m. on Sunday and 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 8:00 a.m. on Sunday and 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 8:00 a.m. on Sunday and 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 8:00 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 a bona fide credit card. This provision does not apply to sales by a club to its members, to sales by a hotel or motel to bona fide registered guests or to retail sales by the managing entity of a convention center, civic center, or events center.

(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*[2*a*])

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. Sell, give, possess, or otherwise supply a machine which is used to vaporize an alcoholic beverage for the purpose of being consumed in a vaporized form. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 123.49[21]*)

12. 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.

**120.06 AMUSEMENT DEVICES.** The following provisions pertain to electronic or mechanical amusement devices, which are allowed only in premises with a liquor control license or beer permit as specifically authorized in Section 99B.10 of the *Code of Iowa*. (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 99B.10C*)

1. As used in this section an "electronic or mechanical amusement device" means a device that awards a prize redeemable for merchandise on the premises where the device is located and which is required to be registered with the Iowa Department of Inspection and Appeals.

2. It is unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one (21) to participate in the operation of an electrical or mechanical amusement device.

3. It is unlawful for any person owning or leasing an electrical or mechanical amusement device, or an employee of a person owning or leasing an electrical or mechanical amusement device, to knowingly allow a person under the age of 21 to participate in the operation of an electrical or mechanical amusement device.

4. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly participate in the operation of an electrical or mechanical amusement device with a person under the age of 21.

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# **CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO 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. "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.

2. "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.

3. "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.

4. "Place of business" means any place where cigarettes or tobacco products are sold, stored or kept for the purpose of sale or consumption by a retailer.

5. "Retailer" means every person who sells, distributes or offers for sale for consumption, or possesses for the purpose of sale for consumption, cigarettes, irrespective of the quantity or amount or the number of sales or who engages in the business of selling tobacco products to ultimate consumers.

6. "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.

7. "Tobacco products" means the following: cigars; little cigars; cheroots; stogies; periques; granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed and other smoking tobacco; snuff; 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.

#### 121.02 PERMIT REQUIRED.

1. Cigarette Permits. 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, at all times, be publicly displayed at the place of business so as to be easily seen by the public and the persons authorized to inspect the place of business. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 453A.13)* 

2. Tobacco Permits. It is unlawful for any person to engage in the business of a retailer of tobacco products at any place of business without first having received a permit as a tobacco products retailer for each place of business owned or operated by the retailer.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 453A.47A)

A retailer who holds a cigarette permit is not required to also obtain a tobacco permit. However, if a retailer only holds a cigarette permit and that permit is suspended, revoked, or expired, the retailer shall not sell any cigarettes or tobacco products during such time.

**121.03 APPLICATION.** A completed application on forms furnished by the State Department of Revenue or on forms made available or approved by the Department 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 & 453A.47A)

**121.04 FEES.** The fee for a retail cigarette or tobacco permit shall be as follows: (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 453A.13 & 453A.47A*)

FOR PERMITS GRANTED DURING:	FEE:
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 or 453A.47A of the *Code of Iowa*.

(Code of Iowa, 453A.13 & 453A.47A)

**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 years, the retailer shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) or the retailer's permit shall be suspended for a period of thirty (30) days. The retailer may select its preference in the penalty to be applied under this subsection.

3. For a third violation within a period of three years, the retailer shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500.00 and the retailer's permit shall be suspended for a period of 30 days.

4. For a fourth violation within a period of three years, the retailer shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500.00 and the retailer's permit shall be suspended for a period of sixty (60) days.

5. For a fifth violation with a period of four 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)

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# **PAWNBROKERS**

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**122.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide for administration of licenses and permits and for local regulation and procedures for the conduct of a pawnbroker's business.

**122.02 DEFINITIONS.** The following terms are defined for use in this chapter:

1. "Pawnbroker" means any person who loans money on deposit or pledge of personal property or other thing of value, or who deals in the purchasing of personal property or other things of value, on condition of selling the same back at a stipulated price or who receives actual possession of personal property as security for loans with or without a bill of sale.

2. "Person of good moral character" means any person who meets all of the following requirements:

A. Has financial standing and good reputation as will satisfy the Council that said person will comply with all Iowa laws and ordinances of the City applicable to said person's operation.

B. Has not had a pawnbroker's license revoked within the last two (2) years.

C. Is a citizen of the United States and a resident of Iowa, or licensed to do business in Iowa, in the case of a corporation.

D. Has not been convicted of a felony. (However, if this conviction occurred more than five years before the date of the application for a license or permit, and if said person's rights of citizenship have been restored by the Governor, the Council may determine that the person is of good moral character notwithstanding such conviction.)

If the licensee is a corporation or partnership, the requirements of this subsection shall apply to each of the officers, directors or partners and to any person who directly or indirectly owns or controls ten percent (10%) or more of any class of stock of such corporation or has an interest of 10% or more in the ownership or profit of such business. For purposes of this provision, an individual and spouse shall be regarded as one person.

**122.03 LICENSE REQUIRED.** Before engaging in business, a pawnbroker shall apply for and obtain a license from the City, which shall be issued without charge, but which must be renewed by the licensee annually provided said licensee remains qualified.

**122.04 ELIGIBILITY FOR PAWNBROKER'S LICENSE.** Upon meeting any requirements imposed by State law and the ordinances of the City, a person who is of good moral character as defined by State law and this chapter may apply for a pawnbroker's license. In the case of a corporation or partnership, the officers of the corporation or the partners of a partnership shall be persons of good moral character as defined by State law and this chapter.

**122.05 CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL OF LICENSE.** An applicant for a pawnbroker's license, as a further condition for approval, must give consent in writing on the application that members of the County Sheriff's office and the Building Inspector may enter upon the premises without warrant to inspect for violations of the provisions of State law or the ordinances of the City.

1. No pawnbroker's license shall be approved for any premises which do not conform to all applicable laws, ordinances, resolutions and health and fire regulations.

2. All licenses provided for in this chapter shall be displayed in a conspicuous place on the premises of the holder of the permit and shall at all times be subject to inspection.

3. No pawnbroker's shop shall be operated in conjunction with or share a common exterior access with any arcade, coin-operated amusement center or other establishment housing or using coin-operated amusement devices open or available to minors.

4. No alcoholic liquor, alcoholic beverage or intoxicating liquor shall be sold, consumed or kept on the premises of the holder of a pawnbroker's license and no pawnshop shall be established or maintained upon or within any premises or building in which it shares a common access or entrance with any establishment selling or serving alcoholic beverages or holding a liquor control license or beer or wine permit.

**122.06 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.** The application for a pawnbroker's license shall be in writing on a form provided by the Clerk and subscribed and sworn to by one of the owners, setting forth the name of each person who is owner of said business or, if a corporation, the names of the officers and directors of the corporation, and the principal place of business thereof, stating the name and address of the manager, the address of the business location and such other information as may be required in order to investigate the good character of the applicant.

**122.07 INVESTIGATION OF THE APPLICANT.** Upon receipt of an original application for a pawnbroker's license by the Clerk, it shall be forwarded to the County Sheriff, who shall conduct an investigation and shall submit a written report on the application and a recommendation to the Mayor as to the approval of the license.

**122.08 SIMPLIFIED APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL.** Upon receipt of an application for the renewal of a pawnbroker's license, it shall be forwarded to the County Sheriff, who shall conduct an investigation and shall submit a written report on the application as to the truth of the facts answered in the application and a recommendation to the Mayor as to approval of the license or permit.

**122.09 BOND.** No pawnbroker's license shall be issued until a bond, for the period of said license is in effect, is filed, which bond shall be in the penal sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), conditioned that said business will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the laws of the State, and that such pawnbroker will account for and deliver to any person legally entitled thereto any goods, wares, or merchandise or other things of value, which may have come into said person's hands in such business as pawnbroker, or in lieu thereof, that said person will pay money to the person entitled thereto for the reasonable value thereof.

**122.10 NATURE OF LICENSE OR PERMIT.** A pawnbroker's license shall be a purely personal privilege and be revocable for cause. It shall not constitute property or be subject to attachment and execution or be alienable or assignable and in any case it shall cease upon the death of the licensee. However, the Mayor may allow the executor or administrator of a licensee to operate the business of the decedent for a reasonable time, not to exceed the expiration date of the license. Every license shall be issued in the name of the applicant setting forth the location on which the business is located and no person holding a license shall allow any other person to use the same or operate the business on any other location.

**122.11 SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION.** A pawnbroker's license may be suspended for a period up to one year or revoked by the Mayor following notice to the licensee and hearing by the Council, for good cause, upon finding of any of the following causes:

1. Misrepresentation of any material fact in the application of such license.

2. Any change in the ownership or interest in the business operated under a pawnbroker's license which change was not previously reported and approved by the Mayor.

3. Any event which would have resulted in disqualification from receiving such license or permit when originally issued.

4. The failure or refusal on the part of the licensee to render any report or permit any inspection required by this chapter.

5. A finding by the Council after hearing that such business is being managed, conducted or maintained in a manner that is detrimental to the public health, morals or welfare.

**122.12 RECORDS KEPT.** Every pawnbroker shall keep a book or electronic recording in which shall be plainly written, at the time of each loan, purchase or sale, an accurate account or description in the English language of the goods, articles or things pawned, pledged, purchased or sold, the amount of money loaned or paid therefor, the date and hour received, and the time when the article is to be redeemed or bought back, and the name, residence and social security number of the person pawning, pledging, selling or purchasing the same, which book or electronic recording, plus the pawned or purchased articles, shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of any law enforcement officer. Every pawnbroker purchasing or receiving on deposit for loan any article of personal property or other thing of value shall give to the person selling, depositing or purchasing the same a plainly written or printed ticket or receipt therefor, showing the terms of said sale or loan, and a copy of the entry in the book or electronic recording required herein to be kept. However, no pawnbroker shall be required to furnish such information with reference to property purchased from merchants, manufacturers or bona fide wholesale dealers having an established place of business when such property or goods are accompanied by a bill of sale or invoice, which must be shown to

any law enforcement officer upon demand. Any person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor who shall:

1. Fail to keep such records;

2. Fail to make the required entries therein;

3. Intentionally or knowingly make any false or unintelligible entry or any entry which said person has reason to believe is untrue;

4. Fail to make the inquiries necessary to enable said person to make such entries or any of them;

5. Fail to produce the license, book or copy of electronic records when requested by a peace officer;

6. Destroy or negligently permit such book or record to be destroyed, damaged, rendered unintelligible or lost;

7. Fail to require any person to show physical proof of that person's identification.

**122.13 PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS.** It is unlawful for any pawnbroker to purchase or receive any property, goods or ether thing of value from any minor without the written consent of the parents or the guardian of said minor or from any person who, at the time of making the transaction, is under the influence of intoxicating drugs or liquors, or from any feebleminded person or person of unsound mind.

**122.14 TIME TO REDEEM.** No pawnbroker shall sell or dispose of any pawned or pledged article until the same shall remain in said pawnbroker's possession for thirty (30) days after the pledge or deposit thereof, and the same may be redeemed by the depositor or pledger at any time within said thirty (30) days.

**122.15 SEARCHING FOR STOLEN PROPERTY.** Whenever any peace officer has reason to believe that any pawnbroker has in his or her possession or on the premises any stolen property, said peace officer shall have the right and duty to enter and search the premises of such person for the purpose of discovering stolen property.

**122.16 EXAMINATION OF PREMISES BY OFFICERS.** No pawnbroker or any other person shall refuse, resist or attempt to prevent any peace officer, with or without warrant, from examining the premises occupied by the pawnbroker for the purpose of discovering stolen property.

**122.17 DISPOSING OF STOLEN GOODS FOR WHICH THERE IS AN ADVERSE CLAIM.** No pawnbroker shall sell or permit to be redeemed or otherwise dispose of any article which said pawnbroker has reason to believe has been stolen or which is adversely claimed by any person, or which the pawnbroker has been notified not to sell, release or otherwise dispose of by any peace officer without first obtaining written permission to do so.

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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 Building Official, 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 flag persons 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 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.

# ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

124.01 Definitions

124.02 Regulations

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

1. "Adult bookstore" means a retail store for the sale, rental, or exchange of books, magazines, or videocassettes, DVDs or other visual media, any of which are distinguished or characterized by primary emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to "specific sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas," as defined in this section. Adult bookstores do not include businesses which sell, rent, or exchange videocassettes, DVDs or other visual media as a sidelight or adjunct to sales or rental of videocassettes, DVDs or other visual media not relating to "specific sexual activities" or "specific anatomical areas."

2. "Adult entertainment facility" means a building in which:

A. Entertainers routinely remove all or portions of their clothing as a part of their performance, regardless of whether the business has a license to sell alcohol; or

B. Entertainers allow patrons to observe specific sexual activities or specified anatomical areas involving such entertainers.

For the purpose of this section, an "entertainer" is a person who works as an employee of the business, is an agent of the business, or is an independent contractor who has been hired or is allowed by the business to perform for the apparent pleasure or gratification of the patron. Examples of adult entertainment facilities would include but not be limited to gentlemen's clubs, strip-bars, "full-nudity" juice bars, and nude modeling clubs.

3. "Adult movie theater" means an enclosed building used for presenting motion picture films, videocassettes, DVDs, cable television, or any other visual media, distinguished or characterized by emphasis on matter depicting, describing, or relating to "specific sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas," as defined in this section, for observation by persons therein. For purposes of this section, the size and description of the viewing room shall not affect characterization of the buildings as a theater; however, nothing in this section shall be deemed to regulate the viewing habits of person in the privacy of their homes.

4. "Specific sexual activities" includes displays of the following:

A. Any act of sexual intercourse, actual or simulated, including genitalgenital, anal-genital, or oral-genital, whether between human beings, or a human being and an animal.

B. Sadomasochistic abuse, meaning flagellation or torture by or upon a person who is nude or clad in undergarments or in a revealing costume or the condition of being fettered, bound, or otherwise physically restricted on the part of one so clothed.

C. Masturbation or lewd exhibitions of the genitals including any explicit, close-up representation of a human genital organ.

D. Physical contact as stimulated physical contact with the unclothed pubic area or buttocks of a human male or female, or the breasts of the female, whether alone or between members of the same or opposite sex or between humans and animals in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or gratification.

E. An act of sexual assault where physical violence or drugs are employed to overcome the will or of achieve the consent of a person to an act of sexual conduct and the effects or results of the violence or drugs are shown.

5. "Specified anatomical areas" shall include the following:

A. Less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, and female breast below the point immediately above the top of the areola; and

B. Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.

6. "Used" describes a continuing course of conduct exhibiting "specific sexual activities" and "specified anatomical areas" in a manner that appeals to the prurient interest.

#### 124.02 REGULATIONS.

1. Adult movie theaters, adult bookstores, and adult entertainment facilities are prohibited within 2,000 feet of the following specified uses or zones:

- A. Any residential zone.
- B. Any public or private school.
- C. Any church or religious facility or institution.
- D. Any public park.

The distance provided in this subsection shall be measured by following a straight line, without regard to intervening buildings, from the nearest point of the property parcel upon which the proposed use is to be located, to the nearest point of the parcel of property or the land use district boundary line from which the proposed land use is to be separated.

2. Nothing in this section is intended to authorize, legalize, or permit the establishment, operation, or maintenance or any business, building, or use which violates any other provisions of law.

3. No adult movie theater, adult bookstore, or adult entertainment facility shall be located closer than 300 feet to any other adult movie theater, adult bookstore, or adult entertainment facility.

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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 MATERIALS ON STREETS.** It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street, highway, alley, sidewalk, or public or private property any glass, tacks, nails, trash, rubbish, or any other waste material or other substances which may injure any person or animal or which would be likely to engender offensive odors and sights. It is also an offense to deposit leaves, sticks, snow, ice, grass clippings or other naturally occurring materials upon any street, highway, alley, sidewalk, or public property or private property of another without permission.

(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. Burning is allowed on gravel alleys.

**135.09 EXCAVATIONS.** No person shall dig, excavate, or in any manner disturb any street, parking or alley except in accordance with the following:

1. Permit Required. No excavation 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 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. 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 \$1,000.00 may be filed with the City.

5. 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:

- 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 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, and no resurfacing of any improved street or alley surface

shall begin, 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 in any street 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 work and charge any expenses therefor to the permit holder/property owner.

9. Responsibility for Costs. All costs and expenses incident to the excavation 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.

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 in an amount set by resolution of the Council 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.

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

**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 streets so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street 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 streets temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent, and only after first making arrangements for such prompt removal at the owner's cost of the accumulation within a reasonable short time.

(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.

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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. "Established grade" means that grade established by the City for the particular area in which a sidewalk is to be constructed.

3. "One-course construction" means that the full thickness of the concrete is placed at one time, using the same mixture throughout.

4. "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.

5. "Portland cement" means any type of cement except bituminous cement.

6. "Sidewalk" means all permanent public walks in business, residential or suburban areas.

7. "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.

8. "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 (48 hours), the City will 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 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 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. A written application for such permit shall be filed with the City and shall be accompanied by a permit fee in an amount set by resolution of the Council.

**136.08 SIDEWALK STANDARDS.** Sidewalks 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 welldrained soil. Where soil is not well drained, a three-inch sub-base 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 four (4) feet in length.

B. All sidewalks throughout the Business District shall be constructed from lot line to the curb line unless the location of the sidewalk is varied by an appropriate resolution of the Council upon application by the landowner.

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) on 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.

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)

**136.09 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.

**136.10** 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 or to install or erect necessary barricades as required by this chapter.

**136.11 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.

**136.12 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.

**136.13 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.

**136.14 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.

**136.15 FIRES OR FUEL 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.

**136.16 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)

**136.17 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])* 

**136.18 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 three (3) feet of the sidewalk next to the building be occupied for such purposes.

**136.19 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.

# VACATION AND DISPOSAL OF STREETS

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**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 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.** Any proposal to vacate a street, alley, portion thereof, or any public grounds shall be referred by the Council to the Planning and Zoning Commission for its study and recommendation prior to further consideration by the Council. The Commission shall submit a written report including recommendations to the Council within thirty (30) days after the date the proposed vacation is referred to the Commission.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 392.1)

**137.03 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.

**137.04 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.

**137.05 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)

**137.06 DISPOSAL BY GIFT LIMITED.** The City may not dispose of real property by gift except to a governmental body for a public purpose or to a fair.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 174.15[2] & 364.7[3])

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

The following ordinances, not codified herein and specifically saved from repeal, have been adopted vacating certain streets, alleys and/or public grounds and remain in full force and effect.

ORDINANCE NO.	ADOPTED	ORDINANCE NO.	ADOPTED
71	September 6, 1962		
165	January 9, 1995		

# **STREET GRADES**

138.01 Established Grades

138.02 Record Maintained

**138.01 ESTABLISHED GRADES.** The grades of all streets, alleys and sidewalks, which have been heretofore established by ordinance are hereby confirmed, ratified, and established as official grades.

**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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64	June 4, 1956		
104	October 1, 1973		
128	November 10, 1977		
136	July 17, 1980		
144	July 7, 1986		
159	April 15, 1993		

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### NAMING OF STREETS

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**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.

3. Planning and Zoning Commission. Proposed street names shall be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation.

**139.02** CHANGING NAME OF STREET. The Council may, by resolution, change the name of a street.<sup> $\dagger$ </sup>

**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 Slater, 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> **EDITOR'S NOTE:** Ordinance No. 70, adopted on September 4, 1962, changing and establishing the names of streets, is specifically saved from repeal.

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# **CURBS AND GUTTERS**

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140.03 Changes for Special Cases

**140.01 CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS.** No curb or gutter shall hereafter be constructed or reconstructed in the City unless it shall conform to the following specifications:

1. The work shall be constructed of Portland cement concrete.

2. The curb shall be six inches in width and the gutter or apron shall be 24 inches in width, poured in one unit, making the overall width of such curb and gutter 30 inches.

3. The gutter part of the curb and gutter unit shall be at least six inches in thickness.

4. The curb and gutter shall be constructed so that the back side thereof nearest the lot line shall be  $12\frac{1}{2}$  feet from said lot line.

5. The gutter part or apron shall slope toward the curb so as to facilitate drainage of surface water from the street.

6. The work shall be done so that when completed the top of such curb and gutter will be lower than the established grade for sidewalks so as to cause a gradual slope from the outside edge of the sidewalk to the top of such curb and gutter.

**140.02 PLAN APPROVAL AND PERMIT REQUIRED.** Before constructing or reconstructing any curb and gutter in the City, the owner of the land adjacent thereto shall furnish the City Clerk specifications for the same which shall contain the name of the owner of the property, and a legal description of the land in front of which the proposed curb and gutter will be constructed or reconstructed in accordance with the plans and specifications and in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Upon the approval of said plans and specifications by the Building Official, said official shall file the same with the Clerk and shall forthwith issue a permit for said construction or reconstruction.

**140.03 CHANGES FOR SPECIAL CASES.** In special cases where conditions warrant the construction or reconstruction of a curb and gutter other than in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this chapter, the foregoing specifications may be ordered changed by a resolution of the Council specifying the street along which and the property in front of which the curb and gutter shall be constructed or reconstructed, the material to be used, the character of the curb and gutter to be built, the width thereof and the time within which the same shall be completed.

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**141.01 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined as follows:

1. The term "driveway" means that part of any approach for motor vehicles to private property that lies between the property line and the roadway of the public street.

2. The term "paving" includes any kind of hard surfacing including, but not limited to, Portland cement concrete, asphaltic concrete, or combinations of such material, with the necessary base. Paving does not include servicing with oil, gravel, or chloride.

**141.02 PERMIT REQUIRED.** Before any person shall construct or repair a driveway, said person shall obtain a written permit from the Building Official. A written application for the permit shall be filed with the Building Official. The application 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 proposed plan of construction or repair which shall include the depth, width, and type of surfacing material to be used. No other plan shall be followed except by written permission of the Building Official, who may allow amendments to the application or permit that do not conflict with this chapter. The Building Official shall issue the permit, bearing his or her signature, on the date of issuance, if the proposed plan meets all the requirements of this chapter, if the fee required under this chapter has been paid, and if construction or repair as planned will not create any substantial hazard in the use of the street or sidewalk for public travel or drainage, or create any defect. Each permit shall expire one year after the date of issuance, if not constructed within that time.

**141.03 PERMIT FEE.** Before any permit is issued, the person who makes the application shall pay an amount to be set by resolution of the Council to the Building Official.

**141.04 CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS.** All driveways shall be of a paving of not less than five inches, and shall contain not less than number nine wire mesh every six inches and shall be at least ten feet in width. The driveway may be placed directly on compact and well-drained soil. Where soil is not well drained, a four-inch sub-base of compact, clean, coarse gravel, sand, or rock shall be laid. All driveways shall be of paving.

**141.05 SIDEWALK GRADE NOT ALTERED.** The grade of any sidewalk shall not be altered by the work done. The driveway shall be at the same level as any existing sidewalk.

**141.06 EXCAVATIONS.** Excavations to do work under this chapter shall be dug so as to occasion the least possible inconvenience to the public and to provide for the passage of water along the gutter. All such excavations shall have proper barricades at all times and warning lights placed from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunrise. In refilling the

excavation, the earth must be laid in layers and each layer tamped thoroughly. Any street, sidewalk or other public property that is affected by the work shall be restored to as good a condition as it was previous to the excavation. The affected area shall be maintained in good repair to the satisfaction of the City Council for three months after refilling.

**141.07 REVOCATION OF PERMIT.** The Building Official may at any time revoke the permit for any violation of this chapter and may require that the work be stopped.

**141.08 INSPECTION AND APPROVAL REQUIRED.** The driveway must be inspected and approved in writing by the Building Official within 30 days after completion of the work. The Building Official shall keep a record of such approvals in the Building Official's office. If the Building Official refuses to approve the work, it must be corrected immediately so that it will meet with approval. If the work has been done improperly, the Building Official shall have the right to finish or correct the work and the Council shall assess the costs to the property owner. Such assessment shall be collected with the general property taxes and in the same manner.

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### **FIRE LIMITS**

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**145.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to create and establish fire limit districts for the protection of life, limb, property, safety, health, welfare.

**145.02 FIRE ZONE 1 ESTABLISHED.** The entire incorporated area of the City is hereby declared to be and is established a fire district, and said fire district shall be known and designated as Fire Zone No. 1. This zone shall include such territory or portions of the City that are illustrated, outlined, and designated on a certain plat on file in the office of the City Clerk, and the same is adopted as the fire zoning map of the City. Wherever reference is made to Fire Zone No. 1 for the application of regulations, it shall be construed to mean the fire zone created by this section.

**145.03 FIRE ZONE 2 ESTABLISHED.** The following townships are hereby declared to be and are hereby established as a fire district, and said fire district shall be designated as Fire Zone No. 2. These townships are: Palestine Township, Story County; Lincoln Township, Polk County; Garden Township, Boone County; and Union Township, Story County. This zone shall be illustrated, outlined, and designated on a certain plat on file in the office of the City Clerk, and the same is adopted as the fire zoning map of the City. Wherever reference is made to Fire Zone No. 2 for the application of regulations, it shall be construed to mean the fire zone created by this section.

**145.04 CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.** A copy of the ordinance codified in this chapter and a plat of the fire zones established shall be certified by the City Clerk to the County Recorder for recording, as required by State law. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to pay the necessary recording fees.

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**146.01 FINDINGS.** Dangerous and blighted structures, as defined in this chapter, are dangers to the owners and occupants thereof and to the general public health, welfare, and safety. They are blights on the community and public nuisances. The conditions causing any such structures should be abated by the owners thereof to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of the City and all of its residents. If the owner of a dangerous or blighted structure fails to abate the offending condition, the City has the right to obtain relief from such conditions.

**146.02 DANGEROUS STRUCTURES DEFINED.** The term "dangerous structure" means a structure, or any portion thereof, which for any reason:

1. Has collapsed or is likely to collapse, either partially or completely, because of the collapse, removal, movement, instability, destruction, or other absence of: (A) load-bearing or supporting members, walls, or foundations; or (B) any portion of the ground necessary for the support of such structure; or

2. Is both:

A. A structure that is one or more of the following: (i) an attractive nuisance to children; (ii) a fire hazard; (iii) unfit for human habitation; (iv) likely to cause sickness or disease; (v) manifestly unsafe for the purpose for which it is being used; (vi) a refuge or habitation for vagrants or criminals; (vii) used in activity involving the unauthorized delivery or manufacture of a controlled substance, illegal gambling, bootlegging, prostitution, pimping or pandering is occurring; (viii) a refuge or habitation for animals or dangerous or destructive insects; or (ix) is imminently likely to be detrimental to public health, safety, or welfare; and

B. A structure that is one or more of the following: (i) demolished in whole or part and remaining on a site after the demolition or destruction thereof and continuing in such condition for a period in excess of six months; (ii) unfinished in excess of six weeks after the expiration of a building permit and for which no application for a building permit to complete the work has been made; (iii) on a site or is an excavation of three feet or more below grade that remains unfilled in excess of six weeks or around which there is no fencing; (iv) has suffered the collapse or partial collapse of walls, roof or foundations; (v) has been abandoned and continuing in such condition for a period in excess of six months; or (vi) has not been connected with the public sewer or otherwise drained or provided adequate sanitation in the manner required by City ordinance or State or Federal law.

3. The term "collapse" and "likely to collapse" as used in this chapter mean conditions that includes the ordinary meanings of those words and, in addition, any condition that may include, by way of illustration and not of limitation, the following: (A) failing walls, roofs, or parts of walls or roofs, including any component part thereof such as bricks, tiles, stone, mortar, timbers, or pieces thereof; or (B) visibly sagging or leaning foundations, walls, or roofs; or (C) visible rot or decay; or (D) any combination thereof.

### 146.03 BLIGHTED STRUCTURES.

1. A blighted structure has any condition described in Section 146.02, subsection 2, paragraph A or B, or is visibly decayed by any condition that may include, by way of illustration and not of limitation, the following: (A) the absence of a door; (B) the absence of one or more windows or the existence of more than one broken window or both; (C) the existence of failing walls, roofs, signs, awnings, or other structures exterior to a building, or of any part thereof, including any component part thereof, such as bricks, tiles, stone, mortar, timbers, or pieces thereof; (D) visibly sagging or leaning foundations, walls, or roofs; (E) visible rot or decay; or (F) any combination thereof.

2. If the Building Official determines that a structure, though not a dangerous structure as defined herein, is a blighted structure, the Building Official may proceed in the alternative as follows:

A. The Building Official may serve a notice as provided by Section 146.07 and cause the blighted structure to be abated in the same manner as a dangerous structure, but no notice need be posted as provided in Section 146.05 unless deemed by the Building Official necessary to protect the public.

B. The Building Official may cite the owner for a municipal infraction as provided by Section 364.22 of the *Code of Iowa* and Chapter 3 of this Code of Ordinances. Each day a violation continues to exist may be treated as a separate violation. Nothing herein shall preclude the City from seeking or obtaining the alternative relief provided by Section 364.22(9) of the *Code of Iowa*.

**146.04 NOTICE TO OWNER.** If the Building Official, upon reasonable belief, finds a structure to be a dangerous structure, the Building Official shall give to the owner of the structure written notice of the finding as provided herein.

**146.05 NOTICE POSTED.** If the Building Official, upon reasonable belief, finds a structure to be a dangerous structure, the Building Official shall post conspicuously upon the structure or the grounds thereof one or more signs advising the public that the structure is a dangerous structure and notifying all persons that it is unlawful to enter the structure or specified portion thereof. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, cover, or mutilate any notice posted by the Building Official without the permission of the Building Official, and any person convicted thereof shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

**146.06 OCCUPATION PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy or to permit the occupancy of a dangerous structure after 48 hours after serving notice upon the owner and a notice is posted on the premises, whichever is later, except for the purpose of carrying out the required repairs or demolition. Pursuant to Section 364.12(3)(h) of the *Code of Iowa*, if the Building Official, upon a reasonable belief that the structure poses an imminent

danger to health and safety or is used for unlawful activities, the Building Official may immediately evacuate the structure and prohibit use or occupancy of the structure or immediate grounds surrounding the structure, or any part thereof Any person convicted of occupying a structure in violation of this section without the permission of the Building Official shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

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1. The notice to the owner shall state: (A) that the Building Official finds that the structure is a dangerous structure and describing the conditions causing it to be a dangerous structure; (B) that the owner is required to abate the dangerous structure by repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal; (C) that all work shall be completed within ninety days from date of service of the notice, unless the Building Official deems a longer period of time appropriate, which time shall be described in the notice; (D) that the owner may request a hearing before the Council on the notice by filing a written request for hearing within the time provided in the notice.

2. The notice may: (A) require the owner, within 48 hours or such reasonable time as the circumstances require, either to commence the required repairs or improvements or to commence the demolition and removal of the building or structure or portions thereof; (B) designate the minimum action necessary to abate the dangerous structure; (C) require the structure or portion thereof to be vacated forthwith and not occupied until the required repairs and improvements are completed, inspected and approved by the Building Official; or (D) any combination of these.

**146.08 SERVICE OF NOTICE.** Notwithstanding any other notice or service provisions of this Code of Ordinances, the notice required by this chapter shall be served upon the owner of record as shown by the records of the County Auditor or County Assessor (1) by depositing the notice with the United States Postal Service as "certified mail" addressed to owner or (2) by personal service as provided in the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure, except that if the Council determines that service by publication is necessary, no affidavit shall be required.

**146.09 ABATEMENT.** An owner shall, within 90 days of service of the notice, abate the dangerous structure by repair, rehabilitation, demolition, removal, or any combination of these.

**146.10 REQUEST FOR HEARING.** If an owner wishes to have a hearing before the Council, the owner must make the request, if at all, before the expiration of 90 days after service of notice. The request for hearing shall be in writing made and given under penalty of perjury and containing the. name, address, telephone number, and signature of the owner, and it shall state whether the, owner denies that the structure is dangerous structure and the type of relief requested of the Council. A request for hearing that denies or fails to deny that the structure is a dangerous structure shall be deemed an owner's agreement that the City or its agents may enter the structure or the grounds thereof for such further examination and testing as may be reasonable and necessary.

**146.11 HEARING.** If requested by the owner within the 90 days after service of notice, the Council shall conduct a hearing. The hearing shall be conducted at the next regular Council meeting, but not less than 48 hours following the request, and upon agreement of the parties may be continued from time to time. The burden shall be upon the City to establish that the structure is a dangerous or blighted structure, as appropriate, and the Building Official shall

present findings supporting the notice of abatement. If the Council finds that the structure is a dangerous or blighted structure, the burden shall shift to the owner to show cause why the alleged dangerous or blighted structure should not be abated or that the time within which action is required is unduly burdensome. The Council shall make findings of fact and shall issue appropriate orders affirming, modifying, or reversing the action of the Building Official. If the order modifies the action of the Building Official, the order shall be in the form of a resolution of the Council which shall contain the information required by Section 146.07 (relating to notice contents) and which shall be served by ordinary mail.

**146.12 ABATEMENT BY CITY.** The Council may order work done by the City or an independent contractor for the abatement of a dangerous or blighted structure and shall order the payment of the cost thereof from City funds.

1. Pursuant to Section 364.12(3)(h) of the *Code of Iowa*, if the Council finds that emergency conditions exist requiring immediate action to preserve or protect the health, safety, or welfare of the public, the Council may order work to be undertaken immediately with such notice as the Council may prescribe or without notice.

2. If an owner fails to comply with a notice to abate a dangerous or blighted structure within the prescribed time as provided in this chapter, the Council may, without further notice to an owner, order the work be undertaken.

3. After completion of the work abating the dangerous or blighted structure, if the Council finds that the City should be reimbursed for the work, the Council shall cause to be served by ordinary mail upon the owner at the owner's last known address and by publication in accordance with Section 362.3(2) of the *Code of Iowa* a notice of proposed assessment of costs and notice of setting the time and place of hearing. Pursuant to Section 364.12(3)(h) of the *Code of Iowa*, after hearing to determine the appropriateness of recovering the cost of abatement and the amount that should be assessed to the owner, the Council may certify for collection as a special assessment to the County Auditor all or part of the cost of the abatement.

4. After completion of the work abating the dangerous or blighted structure, pursuant to Section 364.12(4) of the *Code of Iowa*, in addition to any other remedy available, the Council may authorize the City Attorney to seek reimbursement for costs by a civil action for damages.

**146.13 BUILDING OFFICIAL.** The Mayor shall be the Building Official charged with enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

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147.13 Revocation of Permit
147.14 Application to Existing Property

**147.01 DEFINITIONS.** The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

1. "Accessory structure" means a building consisting of less than 120 square feet in area, on a property with and of a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal structure, which has no basement, crawl space, or other depression from existing grade of more than 12 inches in depth.

2. "Building" means any structure, except an accessory structure, which is used for residential, business, storage, commercial, industrial, institutional, educational, recreational or other purposes.

**147.02 DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS.** Any owner of property who desires to demolish, tear down or remove a building, including a building that has been totally or partially destroyed by fire, explosion, windstorm or other casualty, other than by the moving of the building, must first secure a permit therefor from the Building Official.

### 147.03 APPLICATION AND FEE.

1. A property owner shall submit an application for a permit prior to commencing work on the demolition or removal of the building.

2. The application for the permit shall be made in writing on forms provided by the Building Official, and shall be filed in the office of the Building Official. The application shall contain such information as may be required by the Building Official.

3. The application for a permit to demolish or remove a building shall be accompanied by a permit fee in such amount as is established by the City Council from time to time.

**147.04 DISCONNECTION OF SEWER AND WATER.** No permit to demolish shall be issued until it has been established that existing sewer, water, gas, and electric services have been properly disconnected and approved.

### 147.05 BOND REQUIRED.

1. Before a permit is issued to remove a building which has been ordered removed as a public nuisance and which period of time granted by the City or by the courts for removal or other remedial action by the applicant or other party of interest has expired, the applicant may be required to post a cash bond equal to the estimated costs of the removal of the building and the disconnection of the existing utility services and removal of obstructions from public lands. If the applicant does not remove the building at the time the permit expires at a time specified by the Building Official, such bond shall be forfeited and used toward the costs of the City to remove it.

2. If the building is removed by the applicant prior to the time the permit expires, such bond shall be returned to the applicant. A return of the bond does not exempt the applicant from further assessments to the real estate for costs that have occurred prior to the issuance of the permit.

### 147.06 INSURANCE.

1. If, in the opinion of the Building Official, the demolition places the City at risk by use of public lands or creates obstructions in the right-of-way, the Building Official shall require liability insurance showing the City as named additional insured and providing a minimum limit of liability in the amount of \$500,000.00 each accident, for accidents caused. The insurance policy shall contain a provision whereby such insurance may be canceled or materially altered only after giving the City ten days' written notice of the change or cancellation.

2. The Building Official may require the applicant to obtain insurance against hazards to neighboring property and persons or both in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare which, in his or her opinion, are commensurate with the severity of hazard, either demonstrated or anticipated.

### 147.07 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

1. The Building Official shall have the authority to impose at any time reasonable requirements and safety precautions in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare which, in his or her opinion, are commensurate with the severity of hazard, either demonstrated or anticipated, provided that such requirements may be appealed to and reviewed by the City Council at the request of the affected party.

2. The discharging, loading, or dumping of building materials from any building shall be accomplished in such manner as to minimize the creation of dust and scattering of debris. Materials shall not be dropped by gravity to any point lying outside the building walls except through an enclosed chute, unless such materials are dust free and the height of drop is at least equal to the horizontal distance to the nearest property or barricade line. Where such horizontal distance is not available and practical necessity dictates the dropping of relatively large masses of materials, the Building Official may approve appropriate protective measures designed to provide protection from danger equivalent to that afforded by the otherwise required horizontal setback; provided, however, that in all cases such materials shall be handled in a manner approved by the air pollution control division of the County Health Department.

3. When necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare, every demolition project shall be barricaded, fenced, lighted, and signed with warning and/or directional signs in a manner approved by the Building Official. The Building Official may also require the presence of approved security guards or flag persons. Such barricades, fences, lights, and signs as may be deemed necessary by the Building Official for protection of the public shall be maintained after completion of the

demolition work until such time as the site is cleaned of all debris and all excavations, basements, and depressions in the ground are restored to grade and rendered harmless.

4. Adequate precautions shall be taken to ensure that procedures or conditions relating to the demolition work do not constitute a fire hazard. If, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, a fire hazard exists or is likely to exist, he or she may order the cessation of work or require that appropriate protective measures approved by him or her be taken.

5. All streets, alleys, and public ways adjacent to the demolition site shall be kept free and clear of any rubbish, refuse, and loose material resulting from the demolition work unless an obstruction permit for such space has been obtained.

**147.08 ISSUANCE.** Upon the filing of the application for a permit to demolish or remove a building, and payment of the fee therefor, and upon approval of the application by the Building Official, the permit shall be issued by the Building Official upon such conditions as the Building Official may deem necessary,

**147.09 DENIAL.** If for any reason the Building Official determines that the application should be denied, the Building Official shall deny the application and state the reasons for such denial in writing endorsed upon the application or, in the alternative, the Building Official may grant the application for demolition or removal of the building, conditioned upon reasonable requirements relating to the public health or the safety of persons or property.

**147.10 FILLING AND GRADING OF SITE.** Within 60 days following demolition of the building, the property owner shall either submit an application for a building permit for a new building or structure on the property, or shall fill and grade the site to a topographic elevation equal to or level with the surrounding adjacent natural grade elevations.

**147.11 SEEDING OF SITE.** Within 30 days of final grading of the site, or at the earliest opportunity thereafter during the growing season which is conducive to plant germination, the owner shall seed the site with grass or similar vegetative ground cover acceptable to the Building Official. The property owner shall take reasonable measures to insure the proper germination of the planted vegetation, and shall thereafter maintain the property in accordance with all applicable City ordinances.

**147.12 ASSESSMENT OF COSTS TO PROPERTY.** In the event the owner fails to fill and grade the site, seed the site with grass or vegetative ground cover, or fails to insure proper germination of the vegetation on the property, the City may then perform said work, levy the costs thereof as assessments, which shall thereafter be a lien on the property, and the City Clerk shall certify such assessments to the County Auditor as assessments to be paid in installments as provided by law.

**147.13 REVOCATION OF PERMIT.** Any person who shall, in the application for a permit required by this chapter, make any false or untrue statement, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter, including compliance with any conditions placed upon approval of the application for a permit, shall have his or her permit revoked by the Building Official.

**147.14 APPLICATION TO EXISTING PROPERTY.** The provisions of this chapter shall be applicable to all properties in the City, regardless whether the demolition of any building on any such properties occurred prior to or subsequent to the effective date of the

ordinance codified by this chapter, this chapter being for the protection of the public health and safety.

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### TREES

150.01 Definition 150.02 Planting Prohibited 150.03 Duty to Trim Trees 150.04 Trimming Trees to be Supervised 150.05 Disease Control 150.06 Inspection and Removal

**150.01 DEFINITION.** For use in this chapter, "parking" means that part of the street, avenue, or highway in the City not covered by 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 vehicular traffic.

**150.02 PLANTING PROHIBITED.** It is unlawful to plant any street trees within the City limits, and no existing street trees shall be replaced following their removal. As used in this section "street tree" means trees, shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation on land lying outside of the lot and property lines and inside the curb lines, as shown by the assessor's web page, upon the public streets within the City. If owners do not remove a tree planted in violation of this section within one week of written notice, the City staff will remove the tree and charge the hourly City rate set by resolution of the Council.

**150.03 DUTY TO TRIM TREES.** 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, the City may serve notice on the abutting property owner requiring that such action be taken within five (5) 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.

(*Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2c, d & e]*)

**150.04 TRIMMING TREES TO BE SUPERVISED.** Except as allowed in Section 150.03, it is unlawful for any person to trim or cut any tree in a street or public place unless the work is done under the supervision of the City.

**150.05 DISEASE CONTROL.** Any dead, diseased, or damaged tree or shrub which may harbor serious insect or disease pests or disease injurious to other trees is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

**150.06 INSPECTION AND REMOVAL.** The Council shall inspect or cause to be inspected any trees or shrubs in the City reported or suspected to be dead, diseased or damaged, and such trees and shrubs shall be subject to the following:

1. City Property. If it is determined that any such condition exists on any public property, including the strip between the curb and the lot line of private property, the Council may cause such condition to be corrected by treatment or removal. The Council may also order the removal of any trees on the streets of the City which interfere with the making of improvements or with travel thereon.

2. Private Property. If it is determined with reasonable certainty that any such condition exists on private property and that danger to other trees or to adjoining

property or passing motorists or pedestrians is imminent, the Council shall notify by certified mail the owner, occupant or person in charge of such property to correct such condition by treatment or removal within fourteen (14) days of said notification. If such owner, occupant, or person in charge of said property fails to comply within 14 days of receipt of notice, the Council may cause the condition to be corrected and the cost assessed against the property.

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

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### **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**

151.01 Short Title 151.02 Adoption of Property Maintenance Code 151.03 Amendments, Modifications, Additions and Deletions 151.04 Conflicts

**151.01 SHORT TITLE.** This chapter shall be known as the Slater Property Maintenance and Housing Code, and may be cited as such, and may be referred to herein as this chapter.

**151.02 ADOPTION OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.** The *International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 Edition;* published by the International Code Council, Inc., is adopted in full except for such portions as may be hereinafter deleted, modified or amended. An official copy of the *International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 Edition*, as adopted and a certified copy of this chapter are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

**151.03 AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS.** The *International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 Edition* (hereinafter known as the IPMC), is amended as hereinafter set out.

1. Application of Other Codes. Application of other codes, of the IPMC is hereby amended by deleting said subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

<u>Application of other codes.</u> Repairs, additions or alterations to a structure, or changes of occupancy, shall be done in accordance with the procedures and provisions, as applicable, of the adopted International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Mechanical Code, Uniform Plumbing Code, International Fire Code, the Slater Zoning Code and the National Electrical Code.

2. Housing Code. Subsection 102.11, Housing Code is hereby established by adding the following subsections:

<u>102.11.1 Housing Code</u>. In addition to provisions of the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Slater, this section shall be hereafter known as the City Housing Code and may be cited as such and will be referred to as such in this section.

<u>102.11.2 Scope</u>. The provisions of this section shall be deemed to apply to all dwellings or portions thereof used or designed or intended to be used for human habitation. All occupancies in existing buildings may be continued as provided in previously adopted Building Code(s) except such structures as are found to be substandard as defined in this code. Where any building or portion thereof is used or intended to be used as a combination apartment house-hotel, the provisions of this code shall apply to the separate portions as if they were separate buildings. Every rooming house or lodging house shall comply with all of the requirements of this code applicable to dwellings.

<u>102.11.3 Dwellings--Definition</u>. A dwelling is any house or building or portion thereof which is occupied in whole or in part as a home or residence of one or more human beings, either permanently or transiently. No part of a

building hereafter constructed as or altered into a dwelling may be occupied in whole or in part for human habitation until the issuance of a certificate by the code official that such part of the dwelling conforms to requirements relative to dwellings hereafter erected. The certificate shall be issued within fourteen days after written application therefore if the dwelling at the date of such application shall be entitled thereto. Such certificate shall hereafter be known as an occupancy certificate.

<u>102.11.4 Housing inspector.</u> The City Council may designate, by resolution, the Building Official and his or her representatives or designees as housing inspectors, and/or, the City Council may, by resolution, approve certain qualified firms or persons who by training or experience are familiar with the provisions of this code to perform inspections of dwelling units in the City, to insure their compliance with this code.

<u>102.11.9 Entrance and survey of buildings</u>. The Building Official and all inspectors and such other persons as may be authorized by the City Council may, without fee, examine, make necessary records and survey all rental dwellings within the City. If entry into the interior portion of a dwelling unit is required, twenty-four hours' notice to the tenant shall be given by the City. The owner or his agent or representative and the lessee and occupant of every rental dwelling and every person having the care and management of the same shall, at all reasonable times when required by such officers or persons, give them free access to such rental dwellings and premises. The owner of a rental dwelling, and his agents and employees, shall have right of access to such dwellings at reasonable times for the purpose of bringing about compliance with the provisions of this chapter or any order issued thereunder.

<u>102.11.15 Civil liability</u>. The owner of any dwelling or of any building or structure upon the same lot with a dwelling, or of the lot, or any violation of this chapter, or where a nuisance as herein defined exists, who has been guilty of such violation or of creating or knowingly permitting the existence of such violation, or any occupant who shall violate or assist in violating any provisions of this chapter, shall also jointly and severally for each such violation and each such nuisance be subject to a civil penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to be recovered for the use of Planning & Zoning in a civil action brought in the name of the municipality by the code official. Such person or persons and also the premises shall be liable in such case for all costs, expenses and disbursements paid or incurred by Planning & Zoning, including attorneys' fees, paid or incurred by the City, by any of the officers, agents or employees thereof, in the removal of any such nuisance or violation.

<u>102.11.16 Additional liability.</u> Any person who, having been served with a notice or order to remove any such nuisance or violation, fails to proceed in good faith to comply with the notice or order within five days after such service, or continues to violate any provisions or requirements of this chapter in the respect named in such notice or order, shall also be subject to a civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). For the recovery of such penalties, costs, expenses or disbursements, an action may be brought in a court of competent civil jurisdiction.

<u>102.11.19</u> Authority to execute. In case any notice or order issued by such code official is not complied with, the code official may apply to the district court for an order authorizing him to execute and carry out the provisions of the notice or order, to correct any violation specified in the notice or order or to abate any nuisance in or about dwelling.

<u>102.11.21</u> Duties of occupant. It is unlawful for any tenant to deliberately or recklessly destroy, deface, damage or remove a part of the premises or to knowingly permit any other person to do so, or to remove, without permission of the landlord, any furniture or other items of personal property belonging to the land, or to cause damage resulting in noncompliance with the codes as adopted by the City.

3. Fees. Subsection 103.5, Fees, of the IPMC, is hereby amended by deleting said subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

<u>Schedule of permit fees.</u> Permits and rental housing certificates shall not be issued until the fees, as set forth and established by resolution of the City Council, have been paid to the City. An amended permit or a supplemental permit for additional construction shall not be issued until the permit fee(s) for the additional work has been paid.

4. Work Commencing Before Permit Issuance. Subsection 103.6, Work commencing before permit issuance, of the IPMC, is hereby established by adding the following subsection:

<u>Work commencing before permit issuance.</u> Any person who commences any work under the provisions of this chapter before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to 100 percent of the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fees.

**151.04 CONFLICTS.** In the event there are requirements of this code that conflict with applicable State and Federal requirements, the more stringent shall apply.

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# **BLIGHTED STRUCTURES AND STORAGE OF NON-PERMANENT ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT**

152.01 Definitions152.02 Purpose152.03 Prohibited Acts

152.04 Removal by City152.05 Permit152.06 Storage of Firewood

**152.01 DEFINITIONS.** The following words or terms when used herein shall be deemed to have the meanings set forth below:

1. "Blighted structure" shall include without limitations, any dwelling, garage, or outbuilding, or any other structure or part of a structure, temporary or set on a foundation, which because of fire, wind, or other natural disaster, or physical deterioration, is no longer habitable as a dwelling nor useful for the purpose for which it may have been intended.

2. "Building materials" shall include, without limitations, lumber, bricks, concrete, or cinder blocks, plumbing materials, electric wiring or equipment, heating ducts or equipment, shingles, mortar, cement nails, screws, or any other materials used in constructing any structure.

3. "Junk" shall include, without limitation, equipment, parts of machinery or motor vehicles, trailers, unused furniture, stoves, refrigerators, or other appliances, remnants of wood, metal, non-permanent items or any other castoff matter of any kind, whether or not the same could be put to any reasonable use.

4. "Person" shall include all natural persons, firms, co-partnerships, corporations, and all associations of natural persons, incorporated or unincorporated, whether acting by themselves or by a servant, agent, or employee. All persons who violate any of the provisions of this chapter, whether as owner, occupant, lessee, agent, servant, or employee shall, except as herein otherwise provided, be equally liable as principals.

5. "Trash and rubbish" shall include any and all forms of debris not herein otherwise classified.

**152.02 PURPOSE.** It is hereby determined that the storage or accumulation of trash, rubbish, junk, building materials, and the maintenance of blighted structures upon any private property within the City tends to result in blighted and deteriorated neighborhoods, the increase in criminal activity, the spread of vermin and disease, and is contrary to the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the community.

### **152.03 PROHIBITED ACTS.**

1. It is unlawful for any person to store, or permit the storage or accumulation of trash, rubbish, or junk on any private property in the City except within a completely enclosed building without a permit granted by the City.

2. It is unlawful for any person to dismantle, cut up, remove parts from, or otherwise disassemble any automobile, whether or not the same be a junk automobile,

abandoned vehicle or otherwise, or any appliance or machinery, unless a permit for such activity is granted by the City.

3. It is unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any blighted or vacant structure, dwelling, garage, outbuilding, factory, shop, store, or warehouse unless the same is kept securely locked, the windows kept glazed or neatly boarded up, and otherwise protected to prevent entrance thereto by unauthorized persons or unless such structure is in the course of construction in accordance with a valid building permit issued by the City and unless such construction is completed within a reasonable time.

4. It is unlawful for any person to store or permit the storage or accumulation of building materials on any private property except in a completely enclosed building or except where such building materials are a part of the stock in trade of a business located on said property or except when such materials are being used in the construction of a structure on the property in accordance with a valid building permit issued by the City, provided, however, it shall be unlawful to allow any trash, construction waste or discarded materials to accumulate in such a manner so as to create an unsanitary condition, become a harborage for insects or rodents or become a nuisance to adjacent properties due to blowing or scattering debris.

**152.04 REMOVAL BY CITY.** The Public Works Department may remove or cause to be removed any junk, trash, rubbish, or building materials from any unenclosed private property. Notice shall be served upon the owner or occupant of the property via certified mail, or may be posted in a conspicuous place on the property if the property is occupied. Such junk, trash, etc, shall be removed and disposed of in accordance with law within 48 hours unless otherwise specified, or a request for a time extension complete with a plan for clean up be filed with the City Clerk's office. If after the designated time has passed, such junk remains and no extension has been received and granted it may be disposed of by the Public Works Department. Such removal by the Public Works Department shall not excuse or relieve any person of the obligation imposed by this chapter to keep their property free from storage or accumulation of junk, trash, or rubbish nor from the penalties for violation thereof.

1. Any junk, trash, or rubbish, removed from unenclosed private property as provided in this section, or coming into the possession of the Public Works Department by abandonment on public property in the City shall be disposed of as allowed by law.

2. The cost of removal shall include, but is not limited to, equipment use, labor, and disposal fees. The cost for removal of such junk, trash, or rubbish shall be billed to the owner or owners of the property with a minimum charge starting at \$ 50.00.

**152.05 PERMIT.** A permit is required for any non-permanent structure, item or piece of equipment to be allow to sit unenclosed on a property for more than five (5) days. Permits may be granted for any length of time at the City's discretion.

**152.06 STORAGE OF FIREWOOD**. No person shall store firewood within the City except in accordance with the following regulations:

1. Storage is limited to a maximum of two neat piles no larger than  $6' \ge 10' \ge 20'$  without a permit issued by the City.

2. Storage is only allowed in the backyard or the back half of any interior side yard.

3. Storage shall be no closer than 5 feet from the property line and no closer than 6 feet from any house or garage for fire safety.

4. The wood must be neatly cut and securely stacked a minimum of 6 inches off the ground on a well supported, non-rotting base.

5. The wood must not be of a deteriorating state where it is an insect, vermin or rodent habitat.

6. Firewood stored on a premises shall be for use at the location only and not for resale.

7. Firewood stored in an enclosed area, not including a front porch area and not attached to a house, is stored at resident's discretion.

# BLIGHTED STRUCTURES AND STORAGE OF NON-PERMANENT ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT

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# **ZONING REGULATIONS**

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Slater, Iowa, adopted December 17, 2007, by Ordinance No. 227, and amendments thereto, contained in a separate volume, are a part of this Code of Ordinances and are in full force and effect. The following ordinances have been adopted amending the Zoning Regulations of the City.

ORDINANCE	ADOPTED	SUBJECT
218	June 5, 2006	Official Zoning Map

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# SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

# EDITOR'S NOTE The Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Slater, Iowa, adopted December 17, 2007, by Ordinance No. 228, and amendments thereto, contained in a separate volume, are a part of this Code of Ordinances and are in full force and effect. The following ordinances have been adopted amending the Subdivision Regulations of the City. ORDINANCE ADOPTED SUBJECT Image: Colspan="2">ORDINANCE Image: Colspan="2">Image: Colspan="2">SUBJECT

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# **FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS**

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

The Flood Plain Regulations of the City of Slater, Iowa, adopted January 7, 2008, by Ordinance No. 229, and amendments thereto, contained in a separate volume, are a part of this Code of Ordinances and are in full force and effect. The following ordinances have been adopted amending the Flood Plain Regulations of the City.

ORDINANCE	ADOPTED	SUBJECT

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