



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: October 27, 2025

ITEM TITLE: First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 69, Parking Regulations

BACKGROUND:

As discussed at the October 9th Work Session, this item amends the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa, specifically Chapter 69, Parking Regulations.

The ordinance makes the following modifications:

- **Section 1:** Repeals and replaces Section 69.08, Subsection 5, to read: "5. Second Street NE, on both sides, from Seventh Avenue NE to Eighth Avenue NE."
- **Section 2:** Repeals and replaces Section 69.09, "All Night Parking Prohibited". This prohibits parking, except for emergency calls, between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on seven specified street sections .
- **Section 3:** Repeals and replaces Section 69.11, "Two-Hour Parking Zones". This prohibits parking for more than two hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the same seven street sections listed in Section 2.

DISCUSSION:

This ordinance amends the City's official traffic control and parking policies. It includes a repealer clause, which repeals all ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict with this new provision. It also contains a severability clause, ensuring that if any part of this ordinance is found to be invalid, the remainder of the ordinance will not be affected.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of **supporting and enhancing City infrastructure**. This item helps achieve that vision by updating and clarifying municipal parking codes to ensure safe and efficient traffic flow and parking availability.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There are no costs other than publication costs and the time for City Staff to remove the sign from the roadway.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 69, Parking Regulations.

Staff recommends a motion to suspend the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed.

Staff recommends a motion to have this ordinance that amends Chapter 69, Parking Regulations, be placed on its final passage for adoption pursuant to Iowa Code Section 380.3 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Ordinance. The changes will be effective upon the ordinance summary being published in the newspaper.