

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS TO CHAPTER 69 PARKING REGULATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Independence, Iowa:

Section 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.08, Subsection 8, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

8. Third Street NE, on the south side, from Eighth Avenue NE to Eighteenth Avenue NE.

Section 2. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.09 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.09 ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED.

1. All Night Parking Prohibited. No person, except physicians or other persons on emergency calls, shall park a vehicle on any of the following named streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day.

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

A. First Street East, on both sides, from Fourth Avenue NE to First Street bridge.

~~2. Parking Prohibited. No person, except physicians or other persons on emergency calls, shall park a vehicle on any of the following named streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day during the period from November 15th through April 1st.~~

B. Second Street NE, on both sides, from Second Avenue NE to Fifth Avenue.

C. Fourth Avenue NE, on both sides, from First Street to Second Street.

D. Fourth Avenue SE, on both sides, from First Street to Second Street.

E. Second Avenue NE, on both sides, from First Street to Third Street.

F. Third Avenue NE, on both sides, from First Street to Second Street.

Section 3. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.10 TRUCK PARKING LIMITED. Excepting only when such vehicles are actually engaged in the delivery or receiving of merchandise or cargo, no person shall park or leave unattended a motor truck, semi-trailer, truck tractor or truck tractor with trailer attached on any street within the City. When actually receiving or delivering merchandise or cargo, such vehicle shall be stopped or parked in a manner which will not interfere with other traffic. The provisions of this section do not apply to pick-up, light delivery or panel delivery trucks.

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

Section 4. NEW SECTION. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is amended by adding a new Section 69.11, entitled DOWNTOWN THREE-HOUR PARKING, which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

69.11 DOWNTOWN THREE-HOUR PARKING.

1. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for a period of more than three hours, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., on any of the following designated three-hour parking zone streets.

A. First Street East, on both sides, from Fourth Avenue NE to First Street bridge.

B. Second Street NE, on both sides, from Second Avenue NE to Fifth Avenue.

C. Fourth Avenue NE, on both sides, from First Street to Second Street.

D. Fourth Avenue SE, on both sides, from First Street to Second Street.

- E. Second Avenue NE, on both sides, from First Street to Third Street.
- F. Third Avenue NE, on both sides, from First Street to Second Street.

Section 5. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.12 of the code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.12 TWO-HOUR PARKING ZONES. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle for a continuous period of time in excess of two hours in any of the following designated two-hour parking zones:

1. Second Avenue North, on the west side, between Second Street and Third Street.

Section 6. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.13 of the code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.13 ONE-HOUR PARKING ZONES. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for a continuous period of time in excess of one hour in any of the following designated one-hour parking zones:

1. Ninth Avenue SE, on the east side, from First Street East to Third Street SE.
2. Second Street NE, on the north side, from Corinne Avenue NE to Second Avenue NE between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Section 7. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.14 THIRTY-MINUTE PARKING ZONES. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for a continuous period of time in excess of 30 minutes in any of the following designated 30-minute parking zones:

1. The south side of First Street East from the west curb of Fourth Avenue SE for the distance of 72 feet west, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
2. The two most northern parking stalls located in the parking lot adjacent to the west side of City Hall, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Section 8. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.15 FIFTEEN-MINUTE PARKING ZONES. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for a continuous period of time in excess of 15 minutes in any of the following designated 15-minute parking zones:

1. The west side of Second Avenue NE from the north curb of Second Street NE for a distance of 60 feet north.
2. The east side of Second Avenue NE from the north curb of Second Street NE for a distance of 150 feet north.
3. The north side of Second Street NE from 62 feet east of the east curb of Second Avenue NE for a distance of 38 feet east.
4. The west side of Second Avenue NE from the south curb of Second Street NE for a distance of 45 feet south.
5. The south side of First Street East from 50 feet west of the west curb of Fourth Avenue SE for a distance of 22 feet west.
6. The south side of First Street East from the east curb of Third Avenue SE for a distance of 60 feet east.
7. The south side of First Street East from 54 feet west of the west curb of Third Avenue SE for a distance of 22 feet west.
8. The north side of First Street East from the west curb of Third Avenue NE for a distance of 60 feet west.

9. Third Street NE, on the northerly 100 feet from the intersection of Third Street NE and Fourth Avenue NE running in a westerly direction, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Section 9. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.16 NORTH CITY PARKING LOT. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in the North City Parking Lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. Prohibited Parking. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in the North City Parking Lot.
2. Seventy-Two Hour Limit. No vehicle shall be parked in the North City Parking Lot for a continuous period of time for more than 72 hours.
3. Angle Parking. All vehicles in the North City Parking Lot shall be parked at an angle as indicated by markings or signs.
4. 4. No vehicle shall be parked in such lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Section 10. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.17 SOUTH CITY PARKING LOT. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in the South City Parking Lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. Angle Parking. All vehicles shall be parked at an angle as indicated by markings or signs.
2. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in a City parking lot.
3. No vehicle shall be parked in such lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Section 11. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.18 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.18 EAST CITY PARKING LOT. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in the East City Parking Lot in violation of the following regulation:

1. No vehicle shall be parked in such lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
2. All vehicles in the lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.
3. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in a City parking lot.

Section 12. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.19 CITY HALL BLOCK PARKING LOT. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in the City Hall block parking lots between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., except as hereinafter provided:

1. Vehicles either owned by or used by City employees or volunteer fire fighters shall be allowed to park during said time only if said persons are in the performance of City business.
2. Vehicles owned by tenants of the apartment building directly adjacent to said lot shall be allowed to park only if the landlord has provided the Police Department with the license number of the vehicle owned by the tenant. It shall be the sole responsibility of the landlord to keep current, in the Police Department, those license plate numbers. Furthermore, only one vehicle per lease shall be allowed to park in said lot.
3. All vehicles in the lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.
4. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in a City parking lot.

The City Hall block parking lots are the lots directly adjacent to City Hall, on either side, and also the lot running perpendicular to City Hall.

Section 13. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.20 BRIMMER PARK CITY PARKING LOT. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in the Brimmer Park City Parking Lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. No vehicle shall be parked in such lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
2. All vehicles in the lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.
3. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in a City parking lot.

Section 14. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.21 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.21 CENTRAL CITY PARKING LOT. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in the Central City Parking Lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. No vehicle shall be parked in such lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
2. All vehicles in the lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.
3. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in a City parking lot.

Section 15. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.22 NORTHEAST CITY PARKING LOT. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in the Northeast City Parking Lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. No vehicle shall be parked in such lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
2. All vehicles in the lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.
3. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in a City parking lot.

Section 16. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.23 SNOW EMERGENCY. No person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned or leased off-street parking area during any snow emergency proclaimed by the Mayor unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley, or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. A snow emergency parking ban shall continue from its proclamation throughout the duration of the snow or ice storm and the 48-hour period after cessation of such storm except as above provided upon streets which have been fully opened. Such a ban shall be of uniform application and the Police Chief is directed to publicize the requirements widely, using all available news media, in early November each year. Where predictions or occurrences indicate the need, the Mayor or City Manager shall proclaim a snow emergency and the Police Chief shall inform the news media to publicize the proclamation and the parking rules thereunder. Such emergency may be extended or shortened when conditions warrant.

Section 17. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.24 RECREATION VEHICLES. It is unlawful to park a boat trailer, car/utility trailer, or unoccupied motor home, travel or camping trailer on any public street, alley, or place for a period in excess of 24 hours. Should circumstances necessitate a boat trailer, car/utility trailer, or unoccupied motor home, travel or camping trailer to continue to be parked on any public street at the end of the maximum period of 24 hours, the unit must be moved no less than 300 feet from its current location. Under no circumstances shall any motor home, travel or camping trailer be inhabited while on any public street or alley.

Section 18. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.25 CONTROLLED ACCESS FACILITIES. Parking restrictions on controlled access facilities are as specified in Chapter 140 of this Code of Ordinances.

Section 19. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.26 LIBRARY PARKING LOT. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in the Library Parking Lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. Restricted Parking. Parking in the Library Parking Lot shall be restricted to patrons of the Independence Public Library.
2. Four-Hour Limit. No vehicle shall be parked in the Library Parking Lot for a continuous period of time for more than four hours.

The Library Parking Lot consists of the parking lots directly adjacent to the Independence Public Library on the north and west sides of the building.

Section 20. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.27 SOUTHEAST CITY PARKING LOT. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in the Southeast City Parking Lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. No vehicle shall be parked in such lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
2. All vehicles in the lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.
3. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in a City parking lot.

Section 21. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.28 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.28 FALCON CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in the Falcon Civic Center Parking Lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. No vehicle shall be parked in such lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
2. All vehicles in the lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.
3. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in a City parking lot.

Section 22. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.29 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.29 RIVERS EDGE PARKING LOT. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in the Rivers Edge Parking Lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. No vehicle shall be parked in such lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
2. All vehicles in the lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.
3. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in a City parking lot.

Section 23. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.30 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.30 BOAT DOCK PARKING LOT. It is unlawful to park any vehicle in the Boat Dock Parking Lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. No vehicle shall be parked in such lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
2. All vehicles in the lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.
3. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in a City parking lot.
4. No vehicle shall park at river access points where loading and unloading of watercraft is designated.

Section 24. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 69.31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.31 EMERGENCY PARKING/LOADING ZONES – MAY BE DESIGNATED. The City Council may from time to time designate by ordinance the location of emergency parking ~~or~~ loading zones within any given street. In such emergency parking/loading zones parking is limited to ~~ten~~ (10) minutes.

1. From the intersection of ~~1st St~~ First Street E and ~~4th Ave~~ Fourth Avenue NE on the east side going north to the first driveway to the east.

*(Section **69.31** – Ord. 2022-560 – Sep. 22 Supp.)*

Section 25. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 26. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 27. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Independence, Iowa, on this ____ day of _____ 2025.

Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, IA

ATTEST:

Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO,
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, IA

First Reading: _____
Second Reading: _____
Third Reading: _____

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 2025-____ on the _____ day of _____ 2025.

Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO,
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, IA