

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 Section 69.08, Subsection 8, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof: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 Section 69.09 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof: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.
- 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 Section 69.11 of the code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

69.11 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 between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm:

- 1. First Street East, on both sides, from Fourth Avenue NE to First Street bridge.
- 2. Second Street NE, on both sides, from Second Avenue NE to Fifth Avenue.
- 3. Fourth Avenue NE, on both sides, from First Street to Second Street.
- 4. Fourth Avenue SE, on both sides, from First Street to Second Street.
- 5. Second Avenue NE, on both sides, from First Street to Third Street.
- 6. Third Avenue NE, on both sides, from First Street to Second Street.

Section 4. 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 Section 69.15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof: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 NORTH CITY PARKING LOT. (LOT 1) It is unlawful to park any vehicle in this parking lot in violation of the following regulations:

- 1. Prohibited Parking. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in the parking lot.
- 2. Forty-Eight Hour Limit. No vehicle shall be parked in the parking lot for a continuous period of more than 48 hours, except those parked in assigned parking spaces where signage is present for downtown housing purposes and a valid permit issued by the Police Department is present on the vehicle.
- 3. Angle Parking. All vehicles in the parking lot shall be parked at an angle as indicated by markings or signs.

Section 5. 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 SOUTH CITY PARKING LOT. (LOT 2) It is unlawful to park any vehicle in this parking lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. Prohibited Parking. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in the parking lot.
2. Forty-Eight Hour Limit. No vehicle shall be parked in the parking lot for a continuous period of more than 48 hours, except those parked in assigned parking spaces where signage is present for downtown housing purposes and a valid permit issued by the Police Department is present on the vehicle.
3. Angle Parking. All vehicles in the parking lot shall be parked at an angle as indicated by markings or signs.

Section 6. 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 EAST CITY PARKING LOT. (LOT 3) It is unlawful to park any vehicle in this parking lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. Prohibited Parking. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in the parking lot.
2. Forty-Eight Hour Limit. No vehicle shall be parked in the parking lot for a continuous period of more than 48 hours, except those parked in assigned parking spaces where signage is present for downtown housing purposes and a valid permit issued by the Police Department is present on the vehicle.
3. Parking. All vehicles in the parking lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.

Section 7. 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 CITY HALL BLOCK PARKING LOTS. (LOTS 4 AND 5) It is unlawful to park any vehicle in these parking lots in violation of the following regulations:

1. Prohibited Parking. No vehicle weighing more than four tons, other than fire apparatus, shall be parked in the parking lot.
2. Forty-Eight Hour Limit. No vehicle shall be parked in the parking lot for a continuous period of more than 48 hours, except those parked in assigned parking spaces where signage is present for downtown housing purposes and a valid permit issued by the Police Department is present on the vehicle.
3. Parking. All vehicles in the parking lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.
4. Vehicles owned by or used by City employees or volunteer firefighters shall be allowed to park at any time only if said persons are performing City business.

Section 8. 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 BRIMMER PARK CITY PARKING LOT. (LOT 6) It is unlawful to park any vehicle in this parking lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. Prohibited Parking. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in the parking lot.
2. Forty-Eight Hour Limit. No vehicle shall be parked in the parking lot for a continuous period of more than 48 hours, except those parked in assigned parking spaces where signage is present for downtown housing purposes and a valid permit issued by the Police Department is present on the vehicle.

3. Parking. All vehicles in the parking lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.

Section 9. 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 CENTRAL CITY PARKING LOT. (LOT 7) It is unlawful to park any vehicle in this parking lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. Prohibited Parking. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in the parking lot.
2. Forty-Eight Hour Limit. No vehicle shall be parked in the parking lot for a continuous period of more than 48 hours, except those parked in assigned parking spaces where signage is present for downtown housing purposes and a valid permit issued by the Police Department is present on the vehicle.
3. Parking. All vehicles in the parking lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.

Section 10. 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 NORTHEAST CITY PARKING LOT. (LOT 8) It is unlawful to park any vehicle in this parking lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. Prohibited Parking. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in the parking lot.
2. Forty-Eight Hour Limit. No vehicle shall be parked in the parking lot for a continuous period of more than 48 hours, except those parked in assigned parking spaces where signage is present for downtown housing purposes and a valid permit issued by the Police Department is present on the vehicle.
3. Parking. All vehicles in the parking lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.

Section 11. 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 SOUTHEAST CITY PARKING LOT. (LOT 9) It is unlawful to park any vehicle in this parking lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. Prohibited Parking. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in the parking lot.
2. Forty-Eight Hour Limit. No vehicle shall be parked in the parking lot for a continuous period of more than 48 hours, except those parked in assigned parking spaces where signage is present for downtown housing purposes and a valid permit issued by the Police Department is present on the vehicle.
3. Parking. All vehicles in the parking lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.

Section 12. 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 FALCON CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT (LOT 10). It is unlawful to park any vehicle in this parking lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. Prohibited Parking. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in the parking lot.
2. Forty-Eight Hour Limit. No vehicle shall be parked in the parking lot for a continuous period of more than 48 hours.
3. Parking. All vehicles in the parking lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.

Section 13. 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 RIVERS EDGE PARKING LOT (LOT 11). It is unlawful to park any vehicle in this parking lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. Prohibited Parking. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in the parking lot.
2. Forty-Eight Hour Limit. No vehicle shall be parked in the parking lot for a continuous period of more than 48 hours.
3. Parking. All vehicles in the parking lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.

Section 14. 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 BOAT DOCK PARKING LOT (LOT 12). It is unlawful to park any vehicle in this parking lot in violation of the following regulations:

1. Prohibited Parking. No vehicle weighing more than four tons shall be parked in the parking lot.
2. Forty-Eight Hour Limit. No vehicle shall be parked in the parking lot for a continuous period of more than 48 hours.
3. Parking. All vehicles in the parking lot shall be parked as indicated by markings or signs.
4. River Access. No vehicle shall park at river access points where loading and unloading of watercraft is designated.

Section 15. 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 (LOT 13). It is unlawful to park any vehicle in this 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 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 16. 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 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FROM PARKING LOTS.

1. At any time the City Manager or their designee finds it necessary for any city-controlled parking lots to be cleaned or to have snow or ice removed, the City Manager or their designee shall display signs at the entrances at least twelve hours before the said parking lots are to be cleaned or to have snow and ice removed.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any motor vehicle, trailer, or other movable property in city parking lots after signs have been posted prohibiting parking.

Section 17. 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 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 18. 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 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 19. 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 CONTROLLED ACCESS FACILITIES. Parking restrictions on controlled access facilities are as specified in Chapter 140 of this Code of Ordinances.

Section 20. NEW SECTION. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Independence, Iowa is amended by adding a new Section 69.31, which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

69.31 EMERGENCY PARKING/LOADING ZONES – MAY BE DESIGNATED. The 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 or loading zones, parking is limited to 10 minutes.

- 1. From the intersection of First Street E and Fourth Avenue NE on the east side, going north to the first driveway to the east.

(Section 69.30 – Ord. 2022-560 – Sep. 22 Supp.)

Section 21. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 22. 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 23. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect beginning July 1, 2025, following 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: April 28, 2025
Second Reading: May 12, 2025
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

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