

## CHAPTER 69

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

**69.02 PARK ADJACENT TO CURB.** No person shall 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)*

**69.03 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)*

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

1. West Wood Street on the north side from Walnut Avenue to Ash Avenue;
2. West Wood Street on the south side from Brush Avenue to Ash Avenue;
3. West Wood Street on the north side west of the intersection with Ash Avenue and adjacent to St. Mary's Church property;

4. West Main Street on the north side from Walnut Avenue west to the school driveway, except that parking in this area is subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

A. On all days when school classes are not in session, this area shall be available for public parking;

B. On all days when school classes are in session, this area shall be available for public parking during the hours prior to seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and after four o'clock (4:00) p.m. only; between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., this parking area shall be considered to be parallel parking and shall be restricted to school bus parking only.

5. Brush Avenue on the west side from West Wood Street south to the alley which runs east and west between Brush Avenue and Ash Avenue.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)*

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

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)*

**69.06 PARKING FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES ILLEGAL.** No person shall park a vehicle upon public property for more than seventy-two (72) hours or for any of the following principal purposes:

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

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

**69.07 PARKING PROHIBITED.** No one shall stop, 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. Parking is not allowed on the side of the street that has the mailboxes. Also, parking is not allowed 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. 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])*
10. 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])*

11. 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])*

12. 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])*

13. 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)*

14. 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])*

15. 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])*

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. Richland Avenue from Sunset Street to South Street. No parking on either side of Richland Avenue from Sunset Street to South Street.

1. No person shall park any non-license construction equipment on a street in a residential neighborhood for any period longer than two hours, except while actively using the equipment during normal working hours.
2. Business and Residential Districts. 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 such vehicle on any of the streets in the business or residential districts having a roadway of less than twenty-six (26) feet in width, and no person shall park or leave unattended such vehicle on any of the other streets in the business or residential districts for a continuous period of more than two (2) hours. 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.
3. Noise. No such vehicle shall be left standing or parked upon any street, alley, public or private parking lot, or drive of any service station with the engine, auxiliary engine, air compressor, refrigerating equipment or other device in operation giving off audible sounds excepting only the drive of a service station when actually being serviced, and then in no event for more than forty-five (45) minutes within a twenty-four (24) hour period or when located at a refueling facility where adequate parking is available.
4. Livestock. No such vehicle containing livestock shall be parked on any street, alley or highway for a period of time of more than thirty (30) minutes.

**69.10 SNOW REMOVAL POLICY.** The purpose of the Snow and Ice Control Policy is to establish the City of Urbana's policy level of service for clearance of snow or ice and maintenance of its street system during the winter months. The Policy will serve as a practical guide for effective snow removal operations in the City. Snow and ice control is necessary for routine travel and emergency services. The City will provide snow and ice control in a safe and effective manner, weighing environmental impact, safety, equipment, availability of deicing materials, and personnel concerns. This Policy is intended to satisfy the requirements for governmental exemptions within Iowa Code Section 668.10(2) and supersedes all previous written policies of the City of snow and ice control operations. Provisions contained in this Policy may be updated and reviewed as conditions or circumstances warrant change.

19. Union Avenue from Sunset to the City Limits. No parking on either side of Union Avenue from Sunset Street to the City Limits.

**69.08 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 motor 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 motor 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.

**69.09 TRUCK PARKING LIMITED.** No person shall park a trailer, semi-trailer, tractor, road tractor or truck tractor unit, boat, camper, recreational vehicle, motor home or equipment of any type at any time upon any portion of any street except for such reasonable time as may be necessary to load or unload passengers, freight or other merchandise.

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

1. **IMPLEMENTATION:** The Snow and Ice Policy will be in effect for normal winter operations at times when weather conditions could cause accumulation of frost, sleet, ice, or snow in the City.

2. **WEATHER FORECASTING:** Weather information is essential for good planning of both snow and ice control operations and other weather-related emergencies. The City will utilize 24 hour predictions of the National Weather Service to prepare for storm events. The City will also monitor and gather current weather information from local sources.

3. **NOTIFICATION OF SNOW AND ICE ACTIVITY:** The Mayor or the Public Works Director will initiate the appropriate action following the guidelines set forth in this Snow and Ice Control Policy. The Public Works Director will inform the City Clerk's Office and Police Department that snow and ice control procedures have commenced.

4. **OPERATIONS:** The Public Works Director may confer with the Police Department in making a judgment when to begin snow or ice control operations based on the following criteria:

- a. Icy conditions on the streets which affect travel;
- b. The depth and time of snow accumulation along with the volume of traffic;
- c. Snow and ice control operations will generally not be conducted for snowfall of less than two inches.

5. **PRIORITIES:** In order to make efficient use of available resources, the following priorities are established:

- a. The City will prioritize "Main Arteries", which connect major sections of the City, provide access for emergency fire, police, medical services, schools, and commercial businesses or are bus routes.
- b. The second priority is snow and ice control on local streets.
- c. The City Hall Complex will be the third priority. City Hall will not open its doors to the public until 10:00 am.
- d. The City policy identifies that alleys are the last priority in snow removal efforts. After all streets are cleared then the City will clear City owned alleys.

6. **USE OF ABRASIVE MATERIAL AND CHEMICALS:** The City will use sand, salt and other chemicals when there is ice. The City will apply ice control materials at varying application rates depending upon the temperature, time, and nature of the street conditions. Generally a mixture of salt and sand will be used. A reduced amount of salt will be used when salt is in short supply. The City may apply liquid anti-icers or deicers (such as liquid calcium chloride or magnesium chloride), prior to and during storm conditions to prevent the bonding of snow and ice to the pavement.

The effect chemicals and abrasives have upon the environment, along with budget constraints and availability of chemicals will limit the use of sand, salt and other chemicals. Priority for the use of abrasives and chemicals is to intersections, hills, curves and bridges. Streets will not always be able to be completely cleared of snow and ice.

7. **CITIZEN COMPLAINTS:** Citizen complaints concerning snow and ice control efforts will be routed to the Public Works Director. The Mayor and Public Works Director will determine appropriate response to citizen complaints.

8. **PARKING:** No parking shall be permitted on a City Street when three (3) or more inches of snow are forecasted by the National Weather Service or when three (3) or more inches of snow has fallen, as by measured at the Urbana City Hall. City Ordinance 69.10 prevents parking on City streets during snow removal operations unless the snow has been removed and the snow has ceased to fall.

9. **SNOW ACCUMULATION REMOVAL:** The Public Works Director will determine when snow accumulations will be removed by truck from an area. Snow removal will primarily be conducted where accumulated piles of snow create a hazardous condition or at the discretion of the Public Works Director. Snow removal operations will commence after other snowplowing of streets has been completed. Snow removal operations may be delayed depending on weather conditions, personnel, or equipment.

10. **WORK SCHEDULE FOR SNOWPLOW OPERATORS:** Snowplow operators are expected to work eight-hour shifts. In severe snow emergencies, operators may have to work in excess of eight-hour shifts. However, because of budget and safety concerns, no operator shall work more than a sixteen (16) hour shift and be scheduled for another shift within eight hours.



11. **WEATHER CONDITIONS:** Snow and Ice control operations will be conducted only when weather conditions do not endanger the safety of city employees and equipment. Factors that may delay snow and ice control operations include severe cold, significant winds, and limited visibility.

12. **SIDEWALKS:** As outlined in Chapter 136.03, Removal of Snow, Ice and Accumulations of the Municipal Code, all sidewalks adjacent to private property are the responsibility of the property owner. (Snow is to be removed down to the concrete along the entire width and length of the sidewalk abutting property).

The City's responsibility is to plow the streets and keep them open to traffic. Due to the location of some sidewalks and the volume of snow being moved, there will be occasions where the plowing operation may deposit additional snow on the sidewalk. It is still the responsibility of the property owner to remove all snow from their sidewalk.

The City may provide snow and ice control on other areas bordering city property as required but specifically the areas identified below. The City will also maintain the sidewalks along these major arterial routes for the benefit of the entire community.

- a. Wood Street Park
- b. Parking in Front of Legion Hall

As there is a limited number of personnel available, the City will only maintain these sidewalks after all the streets have been plowed.

13. **DRIVEWAYS:** City snowplows will not clear private driveways. The snow placed in driveways by City plows is the responsibility of the property owner to remove. Snow from a private driveway may not be placed on or pushed across a City Street in accordance with Chapter 135.12 Dumping of Snow of the Municipal Code.

14. **MAILBOXES:** The City will only clean the snow within the confines of curb line to curb line of a street. The adjacent property owner is responsible for any other snow cleaning around mail boxes and to assure the mail box is properly installed behind the curb line and able to withstand snow clearing efforts by the City. The City will replace mailboxes physically damaged by the plow hitting it. The City will not replace mailboxes damaged by the weight and/or force of the snow coming off the plow. The City will not be responsible for improperly installed or deteriorated posts.

15. **DISCLAIMER:** The Policies identified may be affected by at least one or more of the following events, which could delay or alter the snow and ice control by the City:

- a. Equipment breakdown;
- b. Vehicles disabled in deep snow;
- c. Weather so severe as to cause crews to be called in from the streets;
- d. Unforeseen conditions and emergencies; or
- e. The availability of ice control materials.

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