

## **SNOW REMOVAL REGULATIONS: (Public Sidewalks)**

**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 a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, with the express consent of the Street Lead Operator, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley 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 reasonably short time.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 [2])*

**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 twenty-four (24) hours after cessation of snowfall or accumulation, the City may 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])*

## **PARKING REGULATIONS: (Reference Snowfall)**

**69.12 SNOW REMOVAL.** No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle.<sup>†</sup>

1. On any public street, avenue or alley during the period of time when snow is falling and for a period of forty-eight (48) hours after cessation of snowfall, unless after cessation of snowfall the snow has been removed;
2. On any public off-street parking area or any parking area owned by the City commencing at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. on the day when snow is falling and during the period of time when snow is falling and for a period of forty-eight (48) hours after cessation of snowfall, unless after cessation of snowfall the snow has been removed;
3. During posted hours on streets or avenues where parking is prohibited during certain hours posted on signs.

**69.13 SNOW ROUTES.** The Council may designate certain streets in the City as snow routes. When conditions of snow or ice exist on the traffic surface of a designated snow route, it is unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to impede or block traffic.

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

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<sup>†</sup> See also Section 70.06 concerning removal and impounding of vehicles.

## **PARKING FINE SCHEDULE:**

**70.03 PARKING VIOLATIONS: ALTERNATE.** Admitted violations of parking restrictions imposed by this Code of Ordinances may be charged upon a simple notice of a fine payable at the Hampton Police Department. The simple notice of a fine shall be in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all violations except snow removal parking violations, snow route parking violations<sup>†</sup>, and 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 snow removal parking violations and snow route parking violations is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). If such fine is not paid within 30 days, it shall be increased by \$5.00. The simple notice of a fine for improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit is one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Failure to pay the fine within 30 days from the date upon which the violation occurred will be grounds for filing of a complaint in the District Court of Iowa in and for Franklin County, and may be grounds for refusing to renew a violator's motor vehicle registration.

**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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<sup>†</sup> **Editor's Note:** A snow route parking violation occurs when the driver of a vehicle impedes or blocks traffic on a designated snow route. (See section 69.13.)