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**3-3-1 SHORT TITLE.** This Chapter may be known and cited as the "Traffic Code".

**3-3-2 DEFINITIONS.** Where words and phrases used in this Chapter are defined in Chapter 321 of the Code of Iowa, such definitions shall apply to this Ordinance.

1. "Park and parking" shall mean the stopping or standing of a vehicle, except for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

2. "Stand or standing" shall mean the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

3. "Stop", when required shall mean complete cessation of movement.

4. "Stop or stopping", when prohibited, shall mean any halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control sign or signal.

5. "Business districts" shall mean: the territory contiguous to and including a highway when fifty percent (50%) or more of the frontage thereon for a distance of three hundred feet (300) or more is occupied by buildings in use for business.

6. "Residential districts" shall mean all areas of the City not included in business districts.  
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1)

7. "Recreational Vehicles" shall include RV campers, boats and trailers.

8. "Trucks" shall be defined as including all truck trailers, semi trailers, straight trucks, motor truck carriers, vans, stock trucks, grain trucks or buses, loaded or empty weighing five tons or more, loaded or empty.

9. "School districts" shall mean the territory contiguous to and including a highway for a distance of two hundred (200) feet in either direction from a school house, and specifically defined as follows:

A. Madison Street, State Street, Eagle Street, and Lincoln Street for a distance of one block each as they are adjacent to the premises of the Scranton Consolidated School.

**3-3-3 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTS.** The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident within the limits of this City shall file a report as and when required by the Iowa Department of Transportation. A copy of this report shall be filed with the Chief of Police. All such reports shall be for the confidential use of the police department and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 321.271 of the Code of Iowa.

The City shall maintain a suitable system of filing traffic accident reports.  
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.266)

**3-3-4 POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS.** The Police Chief shall prepare annually a traffic report which shall be filed with the Mayor. Such report shall contain information on traffic matters in this City concerning the number of traffic accidents, the number of persons killed or injured, the number and nature of violations, and other pertinent traffic data including the plans and recommendations for future traffic safety activities.

## ENFORCEMENT AND OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

**3-3-5 AUTHORITY OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.** Provisions of this Chapter and Iowa law relating to motor vehicles and the laws of the road shall be enforced by the officers of the police department. The officers of the police department are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand or signal in conformance with traffic laws. In the event of a fire or other emergency, officers of the police department may direct traffic as conditions require notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws. Officers of the fire department may direct or assist the police in directing traffic threat or in the immediate vicinity.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.229)

**3-3-6 REQUIRED OBEDIENCE TO PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER AND STATE LAW.** Any person who shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order of a police officer or direction of a fire department officer during a fire, or who fails to abide by the provisions of this chapter and the applicable provisions of the following Iowa statutes relating to motor vehicles and the law of the road is in violation of this Chapter. These sections of the Code of Iowa are adopted by reference:

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| 1.  | 321.98  | Operation without registration.   |
| 2.  | 321.180 | Violations of instruction permit limitations.   |
| 3.  | 321.193 | Violation of conditions of restricted license.  |
| 4.  | 321.194 | Violation of conditions of minor's school license.  |
| 5.  | 321.216 | Unlawful use of license.  |
| 6.  | 321.218 | Driving without a valid license (as to simple misdemeanor offenses only).                                   |
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| 10. | 321.231 | Failure of driver of emergency vehicle to exercise caution while on emergency run (stop signs and signals). |
| 11. | 321.232 | Radar jamming devices.  |
| 12. | 321.234 | Failure to observe seating requirements.  |
| 13. | 321.236 | (Parking) Violation of local ordinance (not a state offense).   |
| 14. | 321.256 | Failure to obey traffic control device.   |
| 15. | 321.257 | Failure to obey or yield to pedestrian or to official traffic control signal.                               |
| 16. | 321.260 | Unlawful possession of, or interference with traffic control device.  |
| 17. | 321.264 | Striking unattended vehicle.  |
| 18. | 321.265 | Striking fixtures upon a highway.   |
| 19. | 321.275 | Motorcycle and motorized bicycles violations.   |
| 20. | 321.277 | Reckless driving.   |
| 21. | 321.278 | Drag racing prohibited.   |
| 22. | 321.285 | Speed restrictions.   |
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39. 321.311 Turning from improper lane.
40. 321.312 Making U-turn on curve or hill.
41. 321.313 Unsafe starting of a stopped vehicle.
42. 321.314 Unsafe turn or failure to give signal.
43. 321.315 Failure to give continuous turn signal.
44. 321.316 Failure to signal stop or rapid deceleration.
45. 321.317 Signal light requirements; see equipment violation.
46. 321.318 Incorrect hand signal.
47. 321.319 Failure to yield to vehicle on right.
48. 321.320 Failure to yield upon left turn.
49. 321.321 Failure to yield upon entering through highway.
50. 321.322 Failure to obey stop or yield sign.
51. 321.323 Unsafe backing on highway.
52. 321.324 Failure to yield to emergency vehicle.
53. 321.325 Pedestrian disobeying traffic control signal.
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58. 321.331 Soliciting ride from within roadway.
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## TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

**3-3-7 AUTHORITY TO INSTALL TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES.** The Chief of Police shall cause to be placed and maintained traffic-control devices when and as required under this Chapter or other Ordinances of this City to make effective their provisions, and may so cause to be placed and maintained such additional, emergency, or temporary traffic-control devices for the duration of an emergency or temporary condition as traffic conditions may require, to regulate traffic under the traffic Ordinances of this City or under State law or to guide or warn traffic.

The Chief of Police shall keep a record of all traffic-control devices maintained by the department.

All traffic-control devices shall comply with current standards established by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.255)

The Police Chief is hereby authorized, subject to approval of the City Council by resolution, to designate and maintain crosswalks by appropriate traffic control devices at intersections where, due to traffic conditions, there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the street or roadway, and at such other places as traffic conditions require.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13(4) & 321.255)

**3-3-8 CHIEF OF POLICE TO DESIGNATE CROSSWALKS, ESTABLISH, AND MARK TRAFFIC LANES.** The Chief of Police is hereby authorized:

1. To designate and maintain by appropriate devices, marks or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where, due to traffic conditions, there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the street or roadway, and at such other places as traffic conditions require.

2. To mark lanes for traffic on street pavements at such places as traffic conditions require, consistent with the traffic Code of this City. Where traffic lanes have been marked, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail or refuse to keep such vehicle within the boundaries of a lane except when lawfully passing another vehicle or preparatory to making a lawful turning movement.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13(4) & 321.255)

**3-3-9 PLAY STREETS.** The Chief of Police has the authority to declare any street or part thereof a play street and to place appropriate signs or devices in the roadway indicating and helping to protect the same.

Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating any street or part thereof as a play street, no person shall drive a vehicle upon the street or any portion thereof except drivers of vehicles having business or whose residences are within the closed area, and then the driver shall exercise the greatest care in driving upon the street or portion thereof.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.255)

**SPEED REGULATIONS**

**3-3-10 GENERAL.** Every driver of a motor vehicle on street shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the street and of any other conditions then existing, and no person shall drive a vehicle on any street at a speed greater than will permit the driver to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead, such driver having the right to assume, however, that all persons using the street will observe the law.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285)

**3-3-11 BUSINESS DISTRICT.** A speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour in the business district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this Chapter, is unlawful.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285(1))

**3-3-12 RESIDENTIAL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT.** A speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour in any school or residential district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this Chapter, is unlawful.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285(2))



**3-3-13 SUBURBAN DISTRICT.** A speed in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour in any suburban district, unless specifically designated otherwise in this Chapter, is unlawful.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.285(4))

**3-3-14 CHANGING STATE SPEED LIMITS IN CERTAIN ZONES.** It is hereby determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed permitted by State law upon the following streets or portions thereof is greater or less than is necessary for the safe operation of vehicles thereon, and it is declared that the maximum speed limit upon these streets or portions thereof described shall be as follows:

1. Speeds not in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour are authorized on Iowa Highway number Twenty-five (25) and a point nine hundred twenty-five (925) feet north of the center of the intersection of State and Locust Streets.

2. Speeds not in excess of thirty-five (35) miles per hour are authorized on Elm Street from Highway 25 to Kendrick Street.

3. Speeds not in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour are authorized on Main Street from Elm Street to the Union Pacific railroad crossing.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.290)

## **TURNING MOVEMENTS**

**3-3-15 TURNING MARKERS, BUTTONS AND SIGNS.** The Chief of Police may cause markers, buttons, or signs to be placed within or adjacent to intersections, and thereby require and direct, as traffic conditions require, that a different course from that specified by the State law be traveled by vehicles turning at intersections, and when markers, buttons, or signs are so placed no driver of a vehicle shall turn a vehicle at an intersection other than as directed and required by the markers, buttons, or signs, including right-hand turns at intersections with automatic traffic signals.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.311)

**3-3-16 AUTHORITY TO PLACE RESTRICTED TURN SIGNS.** The Chief of Police is authorized to determine those intersections, as traffic conditions require, at which the drivers of vehicles shall not make a right or left turn. The making of turns may be prohibited between certain hours of any day, in which event the same shall be plainly indicated on signs.

**3-3-17 OBEDIENCE TO NO-TURN SIGNS.** Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left turn is permitted, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the directions of any such signs.

**3-3-18 "U" TURNS.** It shall be unlawful for a driver to make a "U" turn except at an intersection. "U" turns are prohibited at intersections within the business district and at intersections where there are automatic traffic signals.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236(9))

## **ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS**

**3-3-19 AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS.** Whenever any traffic Code of this City designates any one-way street or alley the Chief of Police shall cause to be placed and maintained signs giving notice thereof and the regulation shall not be effective unless the signs are in place. Signs indicating the direction of traffic movement shall be placed at every intersection where movement of traffic in the opposite direction is prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle in violation of markings, signs, barriers or other devices placed in accordance with this section.

**3-3-20 ONE-WAY STREETS AND ALLEYS.** Upon the following streets and alleys vehicular traffic shall move only in the indicated direction:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236(4))

1. None.

**3-3-21 AUTHORITY TO RESTRICT DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT ON STREETS DURING CERTAIN PERIODS.** The Chief of Police is authorized to determine and recommend to the City Council certain streets, or specified lanes thereon, upon which vehicular traffic shall proceed in one direction during one period and the opposite direction during another period of the day and shall, upon authority given by Ordinance, place and maintain appropriate markings, signs, barriers, or other devices to give notice thereof. The Chief of Police may erect signs temporarily designating lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular direction, regardless of the center line of the roadway.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle in violation of markings, signs, barriers, or other devices placed in accordance with this section.

The following streets may have variable laning or direction of traffic at different times of day as marked by authorized signs under the provisions of this section:

1. None.

## **SPECIAL STOPS REQUIRED**

**3-3-22 THROUGH HIGHWAYS.** Streets or portions of streets described below are declared to be through highways:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.345 and 321.350)

1. Main Street from and including Elm Street to Locust Street.
2. Kendrick Street from and including State Street to Eleventh Street.
3. State Street from and including Kendrick Street to Pine Street.
4. Iowa Highway 25.

**3-3-23 AUTHORITY TO ERECT STOP SIGNS.** Whenever any Ordinance of this City designates and describes a Through Highway it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to cause to

be placed and maintained a stop sign on each and every street intersecting Through Highway except as modified in the case of intersecting Through Highways.

**3-3-24 STOPS AT INTERSECTING THROUGH HIGHWAYS AND OTHER INTERSECTIONS.** At the intersections of Through Highways and at intersections upon streets other than Through Highways, where, because of heavy cross-traffic or other traffic conditions, particular hazard exists, the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to determine whether vehicles shall stop or yield at one or more entrances to the intersection and shall present recommendations to the City Council, and, upon approval of the City Council, shall erect an appropriate sign at every place where a stop or yield is required.

**3-3-25 STOP WHEN TRAFFIC IS OBSTRUCTED.** Notwithstanding any traffic-control signal indication to proceed, no driver shall enter an intersection or a marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle.

**3-3-26 SCHOOL STOPS.** When a vehicle approaches an authorized school stop, the driver shall bring the vehicle to a full stop at a point ten (10) feet from the approach side of the crosswalk marked by an authorized school stop sign, and thereafter proceed in a careful and prudent manner until the driver shall have passed such school site.

#### **PEDESTRIANS' RIGHTS AND DUTIES**

**3-3-27 PROHIBITED CROSSING.** Pedestrians crossing a street in the business district shall cross in the crosswalks only.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.327)

**3-3-28 PEDESTRIANS ON LEFT.** Where sidewalks are provided it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway. Where sidewalks are not provided pedestrians at all times when walking on or along a roadway, shall walk on the left side of the roadway.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.326)

#### **METHOD OF PARKING**

**3-3-29 STANDING OR PARKING CLOSE 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 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)

**3-3-30 STANDING OR PARKING ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF ONE-WAY STREETS.** 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 inches of the curb or edge of the roadway except as provided in the case of angle parking.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)

**3-3-31 SIGNS OR MARKINGS INDICATING ANGLE PARKING.** The Chief of Police, as traffic conditions require, shall determine upon what streets angle parking shall be permitted and shall mark or sign the streets or portions thereof indicating the method of angle parking. The determination shall be subject to approval by City Council resolution.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.361)

**3-3-32 OBEDIENCE TO ANGLE PARKING SIGNS OR MARKINGS.** Upon those streets or portions of streets that 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 the signs and markings.

### **STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES**

**3-3-33 STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES.** No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358)

1. On a sidewalk;
2. In front of a public or private driveway;
3. Within an intersection;
4. Within five (5) feet of either side of the point on the curb nearest to a fire hydrant;
5. On a crosswalk;
6. Within ten (10) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of the roadway;
7. Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing, except when parked parallel with such rail and not exhibiting a red light;
8. 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 signposted;
9. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;
10. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of street;

11. Opposite the entrance to a garage or driveway;
12. Upon any street or in any alley in any part of the City in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of the width of the roadway of such street or alley for the free movement of vehicular traffic, except when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs, or signals of a police officer;
13. At any place where official signs or curb markings prohibit stopping, standing or parking;
14. Within ten (10) feet of the crosswalk at all intersections within the City;
15. In any alley under any fire escape at any time;
16. Within twenty (20) feet on either side of a mail drop box which is so placed and so equipped as to permit the depositing of mail from vehicles on the roadway, from the hours of nine o'clock (9:00) a.m. to twelve (12:00) noon Monday through Saturday; or
17. Within five (5) feet on either side of a driveway when parked on the same or opposite side of the street.

**3-3-34 AUTHORITY TO PAINT CURBS AND ERECT SIGNS PROHIBITING STANDING OR PARKING.** When, because of restricted visibility or when standing or parked vehicles constitute a hazard to moving traffic, or when other traffic conditions require, the Chief of Police may cause curbs to be painted with a yellow or orange color and erect "no parking" or "standing" signs. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to stand or park a vehicle in an area so painted or sign-posted. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than after having first secured the permission of the Chief of Police, to paint any curbing, sidewalk or street with yellow or orange colored paint or to erect "no parking" signs.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358(10))

**3-3-35 AUTHORITY TO IMPOUND VEHICLES.** Members of the police department are authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, a vehicle from a street, public alley, or highway to the nearest garage or other place of safety, or to a garage designated or maintained by the police department, or otherwise maintained by the City, under the following circumstances:

1. When a vehicle is upon a street and 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.
2. When any vehicle is left unattended upon a street and constitutes a definite hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic.
3. When any vehicle is left parked upon a street for a continuous period of forty-eight (48) hours or more. A diligent effort shall first be made to locate the owner. If the owner is found, the owner shall be given the opportunity to remove the vehicle.

4. When any vehicle is left parked in violation of a ban on parking during a snow emergency as proclaimed by the Mayor.

In addition to the penalties hereinafter provided, the owner or driver of any vehicle impounded for violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be required to pay the reasonable cost of towing charges and storage.

## **STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING**

**3-3-36 PARKING SIGNS REQUIRED.** Whenever by this or any other Chapter of this City Code any parking time limit is imposed or parking is prohibited on designated streets or portions of streets it shall be the duty of the Police Chief to erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof and the regulations shall not be effective unless signs are erected and in place at the time of any alleged offense. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall disobey the restrictions stated on such signs.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236)

**3-3-37 PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCY.** No person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned 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 through the duration of the snow or ice storm and the forty-eight (48) hour period after cessation of the storm except as above provided upon streets which have been fully opened.

The ban shall be of uniform application and the Chief of Police is directed to publicize the requirements widely, using all available news media, in early November each year. When predictions or occurrences indicate the need, the Mayor shall proclaim a snow emergency and the Police Chief shall inform the news media to publicize the proclamation and the parking rules under the emergency. Such emergency may be extended or shortened when conditions warrant.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236)

**3-3-38 ALL-NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED.** No person, except physicians or other persons on emergency calls, shall park a vehicle on any street marked to prohibit all night parking and giving notice thereof, for a period of time longer than thirty (30) minutes.

**3-3-39 TRUCK PARKING LIMITED.** Trucks licensed for five tons or more shall not be parked at the following locations:

1. It shall be unlawful for any truck or recreational vehicle to stop, park, or be left standing at any place not designated for parking or place where angle parking is indicated except upon authority and under supervision of the police department.

2. It is unlawful for any truck or recreational vehicle to park on the untraveled or traveled portion of any street located within the residential areas of the city for a period exceeding two hours. If parked during the nighttime hours, parking lights shall be left lighted.

3. Recreational vehicles shall include all RV units, boat and trailers.

4. Trucks shall be defined as including all truck tractors, semi-trailers, straight trucks, motor truck carriers, van, stock truck, grain truck, or bus, loaded or empty weighing five tons or more, loaded or empty.

5. Trucks licensed for five (5) tons or more shall not be parked at the following locations on the streets named:

a. None

### **MISCELLANEOUS DRIVING RULES**

**3-3-40 VEHICLES NOT TO BE DRIVEN ON SIDEWALKS.** The driver of a vehicle shall not drive upon or within any sidewalk area.

**3-3-41 CLINGING TO VEHICLES.** No person shall drive a motor vehicle on the streets of this City unless all passengers of the vehicle are inside the vehicle in the place intended for their accommodation. No person shall ride on the running board of a motor vehicle or in any other place not customarily used for carrying passengers. No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself or herself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

**3-3-42 PARKING FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES PROHIBITED.** No person shall park a vehicle upon the roadway for the principal purpose of:

1. Displaying such vehicle for sale;

2. Displaying advertising;

3. Selling merchandise from the vehicle except in a duly established market place or when so authorized or licensed under the Ordinances of this City; or

4. Storage or as junk or dead storage for more than forty-eight (48) hours.

**3-3-43 DRIVING THROUGH FUNERAL OR OTHER PROCESSION.** No driver of any vehicle shall drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while they are in motion and when the vehicles are conspicuously designated as required in this Chapter. This provision shall not apply at intersections where traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals or police officers.

**3-3-44 DRIVERS IN A PROCESSION.** Each driver in a funeral or other procession shall drive as near to the right-hand edge of the roadway as practical and shall follow the vehicle ahead as closely as is practical and safe.

**3-3-45 FUNERAL PROCESSIONS TO BE IDENTIFIED.** A funeral procession composed of vehicles shall be identified as such by the display upon the outside of each vehicle of a pennant or other identifying insignia or by such other method as may be determined and designated by the police department.

**3-3-46 LOAD RESTRICTIONS UPON VEHICLES USING CERTAIN STREETS.** When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall operate any vehicle licensed in excess of the load restrictions specified on the signs at any time on any of the following streets within the City and none other:

**3-3-47 TRUCK ROUTES.**

1. Every motor vehicle licensed for five (5) tons or more, having no fixed terminal within the City or making no scheduled or definite stops within the City for the purpose of loading or unloading, shall travel over or upon the following streets within the City and none other:

2. Any motor vehicle licensed for five (5) tons or more, having a fixed terminal, making a scheduled or definite stop within the City for the purpose of loading or unloading, shall proceed over or upon the designated routes set out in this section to the nearest point of its scheduled or definite stop and shall proceed thereto, load or unload and return, by the most direct route to its point of departure from the designated route.

3. The owner, or any other person, employing or otherwise directing the driver of any vehicle shall not require or knowingly permit the operation of such vehicle upon a street in any manner contrary to this section.

**3-3-48 VEHICULAR NOISE.**

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause any disturbing, excessive or offensive, noise which results in discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitivity by means of radio, compact disk player, stereo, speakers, cassette tape player or similar sound device in a motor vehicle.

2. The operation of any radio, compact disk player, stereo, speakers, cassette tape player or similar sound device in such a manner so as to be audible at a distance of two hundred (200) feet from the motor vehicle shall constitute evidence of a prima facie violation of this section.

**3-3-49 ENGINE AND COMPRESSION BRAKES.**

1. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any motor vehicle to use or operate or cause to be used or operated within the City, any engine brake, compression brake or mechanical exhaust device designed to aid in the braking or deceleration of any motor vehicle that results in excessive,



loud, unusual or explosive noise from such vehicle. Violations of this section will be considered a non-moving violation.

2. The usage of an engine brake, compression brake or mechanical exhaust device designed to aid in braking or deceleration in such a manner so as to be audible at a distance of three hundred (300) feet from the motor vehicle shall constitute evidence of a prima facie violation of this section.

3. The scheduled fine for a violation of this section shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).

## **BICYCLE REGULATIONS**

**SCOPE.** These regulations shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any street or upon any public path or trail, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

### **3-3-50 Vacant**

**3-3-51 TRAFFIC CODE APPLIES TO PERSONS RIDING BICYCLES.** Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to drivers of vehicles by the laws of this State regarding rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic Ordinances of this City applicable to drivers of vehicles, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Whenever a person dismounts from a bicycle such person shall be subject to all regulations applicable to pedestrians.

**3-3-52 RIDING ON BICYCLES.** A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than astride a permanent and regular seat.

No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

**3-3-53 RIDING ON ROADWAYS AND BICYCLE PATHS.** Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right-hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.

**3-3-54 SPEED.** No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under existing conditions.

**3-3-55 EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR DRIVEWAY.** Any operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway, or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on the sidewalk or

sidewalk area, and upon entering the roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

**3-3-56 CARRYING ARTICLES.** No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand upon the handle bars.

**3-3-57 PARKING.** Bicycles shall be parked upon the roadway of a street against the curb, or upon the sidewalk in a rack to support bicycles, or against a building, or at the curb, in such a manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

**3-3-58 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS.** No person shall ride a bicycle on a sidewalk within a business district.

When signs are erected on a sidewalk or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles on the sidewalk or roadway, no person shall disobey such signs.

Whenever a person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, the person shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and shall give a timely audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.

**3-3-59 LAMPS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ON BICYCLES.** Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type that is visible from all distances from fifty (50) feet to three hundred (300) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheel skid on dry, level and clean pavement.

## **SNOWMOBILES**

**3-3-60 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this Chapter the following terms are defined:

1. "Snowmobile" shall mean a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice in a natural terrain steered by wheels, skis or runners.
2. "Operate" shall mean to control the operation of a snowmobile.
3. "Operator" shall mean a person who operates or is in actual control of a snowmobile.

**3-3-61 PERMITTED AREAS OF OPERATION.** Snowmobiles will be allowed to operate in the City as follows:

The route established herein shall be the only permitted snowmobile route and the snowmobiles shall be operated within the roadways of said public streets and shall also be subject to the following regulations.

**3-3-62 REGULATIONS.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile under the following circumstances:

1. On private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of said property.
2. On public school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas and golf courses without express permission to do so by the proper public authority.
3. In a manner so as to create loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons.
4. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the safety of any person or property of any other person.
5. Without having such snowmobile registered as provided for by Iowa Statute except that this provision shall not apply to the operation of a snowmobile on the private property of the owner by the owner or a member of his immediate family.
6. Within the right-of-way of any public street or alley within the City unless the operator shall have a valid driver's license; or an instruction permit and accompanied by a qualified licensed driver.
7. No person shall operate a snowmobile in the City from eleven o'clock (11:00) p.m. to ten o'clock (10:00) a.m., except for the purpose of loading and unloading a snowmobile from another vehicle or trailer.

**3-3-63 EQUIPMENT REQUIRED.** All snowmobiles operated within the City shall have the following equipment:

1. Mufflers which are properly attached and which reduce the noise of operation of the vehicle to the minimum noise necessary for operating the vehicle and no person shall use a muffler cut-out, by-pass or similar device on said vehicle;
2. Adequate brakes in good operating condition and at least one headlight and one taillight in good operating condition;
3. At least one headlight and one taillight in good operating condition.
4. A safety or so-called "dead-man" throttle in operating condition; a safety or "dead-man" throttle is defined as a device which when pressure is removed from the accelerator or throttle causes the motor to be disengaged from the driving track;

**3-3-64 UNATTENDED VEHICLES.** It is unlawful for the owner or operator to leave or allow a snowmobile to be or remain unattended on public property while the motor is running or the key left in the ignition.

**3-3-65 RESTRICTION OF OPERATION.** The City Council may, by resolution, prohibit the operation of snowmobiles within the right-of-way of the public roads, streets or alley or other City property within the City when the public safety and welfare so requires.

**3-3-66 TRAFFIC REGULATION.** Each person operating a snowmobile shall strictly observe all traffic signs and signals and all other traffic rules and regulations applicable thereto, and shall obey the orders and directions of any police officer of the City authorized to direct or regulate traffic.

### **ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES AND GO-CARTS**

**3-3-67 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Chapter is to regulate the operation of all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and go-carts within the City.

**3-3-68 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this Chapter the following terms are defined:

1. "All-terrain vehicle" or "ATV" shall mean a motorized flotation-tire vehicle with not less than three (3) low pressure tires, but not more than six (6) low pressure tires, or a two-wheeled, off-road motorcycle, that is limited in engine displacement to less than eight hundred (800) cubic centimeters and in total dry weight to less than eight hundred fifty (850) pounds and that has a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control. Two-wheeled, off-road motorcycles shall be considered all-terrain vehicles only for the purpose of titling and registration. An operator of a two-wheeled, off-road motorcycle is exempt from the safety instruction and certification program requirements of Section 321I.24 and 321I.25 of the Code of Iowa.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321I.1(1))

2. "Off-highway motorcycle (OHM)" means a two-wheeled motor vehicle that has a seat or saddle designed to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control and the designed for use on natural terrain or any nonpublic road. For the purposes of this ordinance, dirt bikes, mini bikes and trail bikes shall be considered OHMs.

3. "Go-cart" means a motorized vehicle with not less than four and not more than six low-pressure tires and that has a seat that is of bench design, not intended to be straddled by the operator, capable of achieving speeds in excess of 10 miles per hour, a steering wheel for control and is designed for use on tracks, race courses, natural terrain or any non-public road.

4. "Operate" shall be defined as the exercise of physical control over the speed or direction of or to physically manipulate or activate any of the controls of an OHM, go-cart or ATV necessary to put it in motion.

5. "Operation" shall be defined as the exercise of physical control over or physical manipulation or activation of any of the controls of an OHM, go-cart or ATV necessary to put it in motion.

**3-3-69 GENERAL REGULATIONS.** Within the City of Scranton, no person shall operate an OHM, go-cart or ATV:

1. In a manner that violates the laws of the Code of Iowa, Chapter 321I or the ordinances of the City of Scranton.
2. On any private property without obtaining written permission of the property owner. Immediate members of the owner's family are exempt from this requirement.
3. On any public place except as otherwise permitted under this ordinance.
4. In any manner so as to create loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or otherwise interfere with the peace and quiet of any other person.
5. On the shoulders or in the drainage ditches of public streets and highways.
6. At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all surrounding circumstances.
7. In any careless way so as to endanger the operator, any other person, or any property of another.
8. Without a functioning or sufficient muffler.
9. On a public street or highway unless the operator has a valid operator's license and the vehicle is licensed by and meets the equipment requirements of the State of Iowa. ATVs may be operated on streets only in accordance with Section 321.234A of the Code of Iowa or on such streets as may be designated by resolution of the City Council for the sport of driving ATVs.  
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321I.10[1& 2A])
10. So as to cause the unnecessary or unusual circulation of dust or dirt particles which annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, health, peace, or safety of others, or which results in a loss of the privacy, quietude, and serenity to which the owners and users of land are rightfully entitled.
11. On a lot or parcel of land less than one (1) acre in size.
12. So as to tow any person or property behind it.
13. On Snowmobile Trails. ATVs shall not be operated on snowmobile trails except where designated.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321I.10[3])

14. On Railroad Right-of-way. ATVs shall not be operated on an operating railroad right-of-way. An ATV may be driven directly across a railroad right-of-way only at an established crossing and notwithstanding any other provisions of law may, if necessary, use the improved portion of the established crossing after yielding to all oncoming traffic.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321I.14[h])

15. On Parks and Other City Land. ATVs shall not be operated in any park, playground or upon any other property owned by the City without the express permission of the City.

16. On Sidewalk or Parking. ATVs shall not be operated upon the public sidewalk or that portion of the street located between the curb line and the sidewalk or property line commonly referred to as the "parking."

(Code of Iowa 321I.13)

17. Without Lighting after Darkness. Every all-terrain vehicle operated during the hours of darkness shall display a lighted headlamp and tail lamp.

(Code of Iowa 321I.13)

### **3-3-70 EXCEPTIONS. -**

1. Public Events. The provisions herein may be specifically suspended for the limited purpose of special events, attractions, festivals and exhibits (collectively referred to as a "Public Event"), upon written permission from the Mayor. Any person or organization desiring to obtain such permission shall provide a written request to the Mayor detailing information related to the Public Event, including the date, time, duration, description of the use of the OHM, go-cart or ATV in the Public Event, the number of such vehicles to be used, and the name, address and telephone number for the primary contact of the individual or organization. Upon demand by the Mayor, the person or organization requesting permission from the Mayor shall provide proof of insurance in a sufficient amount, as determined solely by the Mayor, based upon the proposed Public Event.

2. ATVs - Commercial Purpose. The operation of an ATV exclusively for commercial purposes shall be allowed. The plowing or clearing of snow shall be deemed to be a commercial purpose.

### **GOLF CARTS**

**3-3-71 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this ordinance "golf cart" is defined as a motorized 4-wheeled vehicle designed to transport person(s) on a golf course.

**3-3-72 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS.** Operating golf carts on City streets is allowed in accordance with the following rules for operation and restrictions set forth in this Chapter.

**3-3-73 RULES OF OPERATION.** The following rules shall apply to the operation of golf carts within the City limits:

1. Golf carts may only be operated on City streets by persons possessing a valid motor vehicle license;
2. Any golf cart operated on the City's streets shall be equipped with a slow moving vehicle sign, a bicycle safety flag and be equipped with adequate brakes;
3. Golf carts shall only be operated on City streets from sunrise to sunset; and
4. Golf carts shall not be subject to the registration provisions of Chapter 321 of the Code of Iowa.
5. Golf carts shall not be operated upon the public sidewalk, nor shall they be operated upon that portion of the street located between the curb line and the sidewalk or property line, referred to as the "parking" except for purposes of crossing a public street upon which operation is authorized by this Chapter.
6. Golf carts shall not be operated within the grounds of any City park unless written permission has been granted by the Mayor.
7. All golf cart riders shall remain seated at all times and be in a designated seat
8. In order to be operated on City streets, all golf carts shall be registered with the city and must bear a current sticker evidencing such registration.
9. Golf cart registrations must be made on forms specified by the city and submitted to the City Clerk. The annual registration fee shall be in the amount of \$10.00. Registration stickers are not transferable from one cart to another.
10. Golf cart registration shall be effective from the date of registration through the following June 30th; all registrations shall be renewed by June 30th of each year.
11. The operation of an unregistered golf cart upon a city street, or other violations of this ordinance, shall be a simple misdemeanor. The owner of a golf cart shall be liable and may be charged with any offense committed by a minor operator of the owner's cart.

**3-3-74 USE RESTRICTIONS.** Golf carts shall not be operated on the following City streets:

1. Elm Street
2. Kendrick Street
3. Locust Street
4. Main Street from Stanton to Eleventh
5. State Street

## **PENALTIES AND PROCEDURE**

**3-3-75 NOTICE OF A FINE PLACED ON ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLE.** Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by any Ordinance of this City or State law, the officer finding such vehicle shall prepare a written parking citation giving the registration number, and other identifying information to such vehicle in a conspicuous place and directing the driver of the vehicle to appear at the place designated in the citation within seven (7) days, or to pay the local scheduled fine established by the section titled "LOCAL PARKING FINES" in this Chapter at the City Clerk's office as provided therein.

**3-3-76 PRESUMPTION IN REFERENCE TO ILLEGAL PARKING.** In any prosecution charging a violation of any parking Ordinance or State law governing the standing, stopping, or parking of a vehicle, proof that the particular vehicle described in the complaint was parked in violation of any such Ordinance or law, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time of such parking violation the registered owner of such vehicle, shall constitute prima facie evidence that the registered owner of such vehicle was the person who parked or placed such vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which such violation occurred.

**3-3-77 LOCAL PARKING FINES.** Scheduled fines as follows are established, payable by mail or in person at the City Clerk's office within thirty days of the violation, for the following parking violations:

		Penalty After <u>30 Days</u>
1. Overtime parking	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
2. Prohibited parking	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
3. No parking zone	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
4. Blocking alley	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
5. Illegal parking	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
6. Street cleaning	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
7. Snow removal ban	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
8. Persons with disabilities parking	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321L.4(2))

**3-3-78 FAILURE TO PAY PARKING CITATIONS.** If a violator of the restrictions on stopping, standing, or parking under the parking Ordinances of this City or of State law fails to make payment of the scheduled fine as specified on a parking citation affixed to such motor vehicle within thirty (30) days, the City shall send the owner of the motor vehicle to which the parking citation was affixed a letter informing the owner of the violation and warning that in the event the penalty is not paid within five (5) days from date of mailing, a court citation will be issued requiring a court appearance and subjecting the violator to court costs.

**PERSONAL MOBILITY SCOOTERS, POWER CHAIRS, AND MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS**



**3-3-79 DEFINITION.** “Personal mobility scooters, power chairs, and motorized wheelchairs” means a self-balancing, 2-nontandem-wheeled device, designed to transport only one person, with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to 15 miles per hour or less.

**3-3-80 RIDING ON ROADWAYS.** Every person operating a personal mobility scooter, power chair, or motorized wheelchair upon a roadway shall operate the device as near to the right-hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. Such motorized devices shall also be equipped with a red or orange flag attached to the device warning motorists of their presence.

**3-3-81 LAMPS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ON PERSONAL MOBILITY SCOOTERS, POWER CHAIRS, OR MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS.** Every personal mobility scooter, power chair, or motorized wheelchair when in use at nighttime and upon any roadway, street, or alley shall be equipped with a lamp on the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type that is visible from all distances from fifty (50) feet to three hundred (300) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

## **MOTORIZED SCOOTERS**

**3-3-82 DEFINITION.** “Motorized scooters” means any two, three, or four wheeled transporting device equipped with an electric or gas motor. The term “motorized scooters” does not include mopeds.

**3-3-83 RULES OF OPERATION.** The following rules shall apply to the operation of motorized scooters within the City limits:

1. Motorized scooters may only be operated on City streets by persons possessing a valid motor vehicle license;
2. Motorized scooters shall only be operated on City streets from sunrise to sunset; and
3. Motorized scooters shall not be subject to the registration provisions of Chapter 321 of the Code of Iowa.

