

TITLE II - COMMUNITY PROTECTION  
 DIVISION 2 - ENFORCEMENT: TRAFFIC CODE

CHAPTER 60  
 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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60.01 TITLE. Chapters 60 through 70 of this Code of Ordinances may be known and cited as the "Vinton Traffic Code."

60.02 DEFINITIONS. Where words and phrases used in the Traffic Code are defined by State law, such definitions shall apply to their use in said Traffic Code and are adopted by reference. Those definitions so adopted that need further definition or are reiterated, and other words and phrases used herein, shall have the following meanings:

1. "Business District" means the territory contiguous to and including the following designated streets:
  - A. Second Street from the alley between "C" and "D" Avenues to Third Avenue;
  - B. Third Street from the alley between "C" and "D" Avenues to Third Avenue;
  - C. Fourth Street from "D" Avenue to Third Avenue;
  - D. Fifth Street from "D" Avenue to Third Avenue;
  - E. Sixth Street from "B" Avenue to Third Avenue.

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2. "Park" or "parking" means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

3. "Peace Officer" means every officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1[45])

4. "Residence District" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway not comprising a business, suburban or school district, where forty

percent (40%) or more of the frontage on such a highway for a distance of three hundred (300) feet or more is occupied by dwellings or by dwellings and buildings in use for business.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1[58])

5. "School District" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway for a distance of two hundred (200) feet in either direction from a school house.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1[59])

6. "Stand" or "standing" means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

7. "Stop" means, when required, the complete cessation of movement.

8. "Stop" or "stopping" means, when prohibited, 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 peace officer or traffic control sign or signal.

9. "Suburban District" means all other parts of the city not included in the business, school or residence districts.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1[60])

10. "Traffic Control Device" means all signs, signals, markings, and devices not inconsistent with this chapter, lawfully placed or erected for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1[62])

11. "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, street, or alley.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.1 [1])

60.03 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT. Provisions of this chapter and State law relating to motor vehicles and law of the road shall be enforced by the Police Department.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13 [4])

60.04 AUTHORITY OF THE POLICE.

1. Police to Direct Traffic. A peace officer, and, in the absence of a peace officer, any officer of the fire department when at the scene of a fire, is authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand or signal in conformance with traffic laws. In the event of an emergency, traffic may be directed as conditions require, notwithstanding the provisions of the traffic laws.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 102.4 & 321.236[2])

2. Emergency Regulations. The Police Chief is authorized to make temporary regulations or install traffic control devices to cover emergency or special conditions. Such regulations or devices shall be removed after the emergency or special condition ceases to exist.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.255)

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60.05 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: REPORTS. The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident within the limits of the 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 City for the confidential use of peace officers and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 321.271 of the Code of Iowa.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.273 & 321.274)

60.06 INVESTIGATION OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS. The Police Department shall investigate all accidents reported on public streets, highways and alleys only. If sufficient evidence of a violation is found, proper action will be taken to punish the violator.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13 [4])

60.07 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: STUDIES. Whenever the accidents at any particular location become numerous, the Police Chief shall conduct studies of such accidents and propose remedial measures.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13 [4])

60.08 FILES MAINTAINED. The Police Department shall maintain a suitable record of all traffic accidents, warnings, arrests, convictions and complaints reported for each driver during the most recent three (3) year period. Such reports shall be filed alphabetically under the name of the driver concerned.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13 [4])

60.09 HABITUAL TRAFFIC VIOLATORS. The Police Department shall study the cases of all drivers charged with frequent or serious violations of the traffic laws or involved in frequent traffic accidents or any serious accident, and shall attempt to discover the reasons therefor, and shall take whatever steps are lawful and reasonable to prevent the same, or to have the license of such persons suspended or revoked as provided by State law.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.201-321.215)

60.10 ANNUAL SAFETY REPORTS. The Police Department shall prepare annually a traffic report which shall be filed with the Mayor and Council. Such report shall contain information on the number of traffic accidents, the number of persons killed and

injured, the number and nature of violations, and other pertinent traffic data including plans and recommendations for future traffic safety activities.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13 [4])

60.11 PEACE OFFICER'S AUTHORITY. A peace officer is authorized to stop a vehicle to require exhibition of the driver's license of the driver, to serve a summons or memorandum of traffic violation, to inspect the condition of the vehicle, to inspect the vehicle with reference to size, weight, cargo, log book, bills of lading or other manifest of employment, tires and safety equipment, or to inspect the registration certificate, the compensation certificate, travel order, or permit of such vehicle. A peace officer having probable cause to stop a vehicle may require exhibition of the proof of financial liability coverage card issued for the vehicle.

(Ord. 759 - Feb-99 Supp.)

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.492)

60.12 OBEDIENCE TO PEACE OFFICERS. No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any peace officer invested by law with authority to direct, control, or regulate traffic.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.229)

60.13 PARADES REGULATED. No person shall conduct or cause any parade on any street except as provided herein:

1. "Parade" Defined. "Parade" means any march or procession of persons or vehicles organized for marching or moving on the streets in an organized fashion or manner or any march or procession of persons or vehicles represented or advertised to the public as a parade.
2. Permission Required. No parade shall be conducted without first obtaining permission from the Mayor or Police Chief. Permission granted to the person organizing or sponsoring the parade shall include all participants invited to participate therein.
3. Parade Not A Street Obstruction. Any parade for which permission has been granted, and the persons lawfully participating therein, shall not be deemed an obstruction of the streets notwithstanding the provisions of any other ordinance to the contrary.
4. Control By Police and Fire Fighters. Persons participating in any parade shall at all times be subject to the lawful orders and directions in the performance of their duties of law enforcement personnel and members of the fire department.

5. Cleaning Up After Horses. It is the duty of the owners of any horse or team of horses participating in a parade to clean up immediately any horse manure deposited on the street.