

## **NEW Section added to Chapter 69**

**69.19 PARKING ON FRONT, SIDE AND REAR YARDS.** The regulations contained in this section apply to all residential zoned districts and residential real properties, regardless of zone, within the City.

1. Definitions. All other words and terms, not enumerated in this section shall be defined as provided in the Zoning Ordinance, any amendments thereto or any future zoning ordinances enacted by the City.

A. “Driveway” means an improved surface consisting of concrete, asphalt, seal coat, solid bricks, gravel, or crushed stone, constructed and maintained in quality, quantity and size to prevent the creation of ruts in, or deterioration or damage to, the driveway or soil beneath from the operation or parking of vehicles thereon, located within a yard and connected to an approved curb drop or entrance.

B. “Driveway extension” means that portion of a driveway which is in excess of the allotted driveway width, which is contiguous to a driveway, which shall lead to a curb drop, and which consists of concrete, asphalt, seal coat, solid bricks, gravel or crushed stone, constructed and maintained in quality, quantity, and size to prevent the creation of ruts in, or deterioration or damage to, the driveway extension or soil beneath from the operation or parking of vehicles thereon.

C. “Front yard” for a corner lot means any yard of a corner lot adjacent to the street. For any other lot, “front yard” means any yard adjacent to a street.

D. “Temporary” or “temporarily” means a period of time not to exceed 48 hours.

E. “Trailer” means every vehicle without motive power designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle. Whenever the term “trailer” is used in this section, it shall be construed to include semi-trailers.

F. “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, and does not include any device designed to be moved solely by human power.

2. Parking on Front Yards. It shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle, recreational vehicle, machinery or equipment, or trailer in the front yard of any residential lot, unless said property is parking completely upon a driveway or driveway extension. However, this shall not apply to vehicles, recreational vehicles, machinery, or equipment, or trailers being used to move, deliver and/or take articles to and from a yard or building or structure located thereon or used in connection with providing a temporary service thereon while in the active process of such uses.

3. Parking on Side and Rear Yards. It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, or legal entity to park a vehicle, recreational vehicle, machinery or equipment, or trailer in the side or rear

yard of any residential lot unless it is on an improved surface consisting of solid concrete, asphalt, solid bricks, crushed stone or gravel.

4. Exceptions. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the occasional parking on the unimproved area of the front yard for special events, for vehicles and trailers temporarily parked for transfer of property, for vehicles and trailers temporarily parked while actively servicing or maintaining the property, or to allow for snow removal in the parking areas.

5. Violations. Any violation of this section constitutes a threat to the health and safety of residents and shall be declared a nuisance within the meaning of Section 657.1 of the Code of Iowa. Any person, corporation, or legal entity who is the owner, whether the legal or equitable title holder, of property in violation of this section shall be prima facie liable for said violation. The City may abate said nuisance in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 50 of these ordinances or by issuing a municipal infraction in accordance with Chapter 4 of these ordinances.