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Attention Prairie City Residents,

As we begin to enter into our winter months the Prairie City Police Department wants to remind residents of some of our regulations regarding snow and parking. Please see the below code sections of the Prairie City, City Code for an explanation of the City's ordinances.

**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, 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. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.

*(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, 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])*

**69.13 SNOW REMOVAL.**

It is unlawful to park any vehicle on any street between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. commencing November 1 of each year and terminating March 31 of the following year during periods of snowfall or within 24 hours after the termination of a snowfall.

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

**69.14 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])*

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS**

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**70.03 PARKING VIOLATIONS: ALTERNATE.**

Uncontested violations of parking restrictions imposed by this Code of Ordinances shall be charged upon a simple notice of a fine payable at the office of the City Clerk. **The simple notice of a fine shall be in the amount of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for snow route parking violations** and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all other violations except 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 for a fine for improper use of a persons with disabilities parking permit is two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

**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])*

Thank you and if you have any questions please contact either City Hall or the Prairie City Police Department at the below listed information.

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